



NEWS ADVISORY

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Second Harvest Expands Military Share – a Produce Express Program to Provide Food for Active Military and Veterans – to Franklin on April 2nd

Franklin, PA., April 2, 2019 – Second Harvest is expanding the Military Share Program to Franklin, PA for the first time. The Military Share - a Produce Express Program of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, is designed to include fresh, nutritious foods for families with at least one member who has served or is serving in the armed forces or National Guard. This distribution is open to all who meet the qualifications within Venango County.

Event details include:

- What: Second Harvest Military Share mobile food distribution
- When: Tuesday, April 2nd at 5 p.m.
- Where: Venango VFW at 411 9th St, Franklin, PA 16323

Individuals in need of food are asked to register for the event by calling Gerry Weiss at 814.459.3663 x 120

While the specific items distributed at the Military Share will vary based on Second Harvest's available inventory, each eligible, registered family will receive: fresh produce, one quart of fresh milk, one dozen eggs, cheese and a box of shelf-stable pantry staples such as soup, pasta, sauce and cereal. When available, meat, fish, and poultry products will also be included. For the convenience and privacy of the individuals and families served, Military Share mobile food distributions take place on site at VA Medical Centers and armory locations throughout Second Harvest's 11-County Service area.

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About the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania

The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is to provide food to those in need within 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger. Second Harvest provides food to 412 member agencies and distribution partners throughout the 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania. These organizations include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, Produce Express mobile distributions, Military Share – a Produce Express Program, School Pantries, Backpack Programs and Senior Box distribution sites. In the most recent year, Second Harvest has distributed 9.2 million meals to individuals in need. Second Harvest serves the

following 11 counties in northwest Pennsylvania:

Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango and Warren.