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Second Harvest in Need of Volunteers

Erie, Pa., August 18th – The Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is in need of volunteers to help pack boxes of food for those in need. With the added social distancing guidelines implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative now more than ever that Second Harvest fill each space available within each volunteer shift. The shifts take place Monday through Friday 9 am to 12 pm, as well as Tuesday afternoons from 1 pm to 4 pm. In total, 84 volunteer spaces are available each week.

Those interested in volunteering will work with Second Harvest staff and other volunteers to pack and sort through product for Second Harvest's various programs. Second Harvest programs include; the Senior Box program designed to help low income seniors, the Backpack program to help feed children over the weekends and the Produce Express and Military Share programs that provide fresh, healthy produce to those who normally would not have access to it.

Media Information

What: Warehouse Volunteers
Where: 1507 Grimm Drive Erie, PA 16501
When: August- September 2020

"Knowing that somebody is going to get that food we're packing keeps me coming back each week," says Pam, a volunteer at Second Harvest for over 14 years. "We get the job done and we are always there for each other; new people join, and they just fit right in like they've been a part of our little family for years."

Volunteers are required to follow the current CDC guidelines. If you are sick or not feeling well, Second Harvest asks you to stay home. Families are welcome to volunteer with children over the age of 10. Corporate and small groups are encouraged to volunteer with their group members as it is a rewarding teambuilding experience.

If you are interested in assisting Second Harvest by volunteering during this critical time, please visit <https://nwpafoodbank.org/get-involved/donate-time/become-a-volunteer/> to view available shifts and schedule for a session. Please contact Andrea Velez at avelez@nwpafoodbank.org should you have specific questions.

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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. Last year, Second Harvest distributed 9.6 million meals through an anti-hunger network of 399 partner organizations. Second Harvest serves the following 11 counties in northwest Pennsylvania: Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango and Warren.