



MEDIA ALERT

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania Adds Produce Express Distribution in North East

Erie, Pa., June 29, 2020 – Second Harvest continues to expand its services to reach families in need of food within northwest Pennsylvania. On Monday, June 29th, Second Harvest will host a **new** Produce Express Drive Thru Food Distribution at Gravel Pit Park in North East. This distribution will bring food to 140 pre-registered families who reside in North East.

Participation in the Produce Express is free. By making fresh, healthy produce available to those who normally would not have access to it, Second Harvest is working to encourage the community to eat healthier and make better nutritional choices. When available, Produce Express distributions also include other grocery items and non-food essentials.

Media Information

What: Produce Express Mobile Distribution
Where: Gravel Pit Park, 10300 W Main St, North East, PA 16428
When: Monday, June 29th at 2:30 p.m.
Who: Karen Seggi, CEO, will be on site for media interviews

Extra safety measures are being taken by Second Harvest to ensure the health and protection of those involved. These include:

- Staff and volunteers will only load food items into the trunk of the vehicle during the distribution, and not inside the vehicle. Clients need to keep the trunks of their vehicles empty and clean.
- Food will be distributed in a no-touch, drive-thru only format.
- Those receiving food need to be in a vehicle only. Walk-up clients cannot be served.
- For safety reasons, Second Harvest strongly encourages as few people inside the client's vehicle as possible.
- Everyone inside the vehicle must wear a mask or face covering during the duration of the distribution. If anyone inside the vehicle is not wearing a mask or face covering, they must pull their vehicle over to a designated area and load the food items into their vehicle.

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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.