



SPRING 2025 BREAD BOX REPORT

Hunger in
northwest Pennsylvania



IN THE PAST YEAR,
YOUR GIFTS HELPED
PROVIDE:

10,430,940
MEALS



87,598
PEOPLE
WITH FOOD



155
MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTIONS



2,742
AT-HOME FOOD
DELIVERIES



YOU'RE BRINGING JOY BACK TO MEALTIME.

Any day Ann can get all her kids around the dinner table together is a good day. Unfortunately, sports, after-school clubs, and busy social lives aren't the only thing standing in the way.

Despite working, budgeting, and saving tirelessly, the high cost of living is making it nearly impossible for Ann to afford all her family's basic needs — including food.

"There are things we've had to go without before, but food has never been one of them — that's new," Ann said.

Thanks to you, Second Harvest has a number of ways to get Ann's family the nutritious food they need — including through the Backpack and School Pantry programs at her children's school.

"Each meal we get to share together truly feels like a gift," Ann said.

Please continue helping families like Ann's with your ongoing support of Second Harvest.

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YOU'RE NOURISHING MULTIPLE GENERATIONS.

Before coming to Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, Marissa and her mother Patricia got by with what they called “an open pantry policy.”

“The fact is that neither of us could afford a week’s worth of groceries on our own,” Marissa said. “So, we shared. When either of us found something at a good price, we always made sure to get enough for two.”

Recent health concerns put Patricia in the hospital. There she learned about ways Second Harvest can help both her and her daughter access the nutritious food they need.

“We were so used to leaning only on each other, so to know there’s an entire community of people who want to help was very moving,” Marissa said.



YOU ARE MAKING GREAT THINGS POSSIBLE!

- Our new OrderAhead pilot program is an easy, private, and fast way for our neighbors to order free groceries from a smartphone or computer.
- The Service Insights data collection app is now helping us understand how to better meet the needs of our neighbors.
- Our Third Annual Empty Bowls event in October 2024 raised more than \$23,000. Special thanks to Presenting Sponsor Lamar Advertising Company.
- Erie Insurance made possible the distribution of 3,000 Thanksgiving meal boxes through the annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.

“Erie Insurance is proud to continue our partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. Together, we create a powerful force for good, turning financial support into nourishment and hope for those in need in our communities.”

Thank you for taking action to provide for our neighbors in need in northwest Pennsylvania.

You Can Alleviate Hunger for Years to Come

Gifts in wills have put food into the hands of our friends and neighbors for decades. They’ve helped improve our facilities, expand our reach, and feed more people every year.

When you make a legacy gift to Second Harvest in your will, you’ll become a permanent part of the alleviation of hunger in northwest Pennsylvania.

To include a gift in your will, you will need our legal name and Tax ID number:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania
Tax ID #25-1405798

Learn more about legacy giving. Contact Breanna Watts at (814) 459-3663 ext. 114 or BWatts@NWPAFoodBank.org.