



# America's Second Harvest- The Nation's Food Bank Network Fact Sheet



## Organization

America's Second Harvest -The Nation's Food Bank Network is the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through its network of more than 200 member food banks, America's Second Harvest annually provides assistance to more than 25 million people in need, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each year, America's Second Harvest secures and distributes more than 2 billion pounds of food and grocery products to support feeding programs at approximately 50,000 local charitable agencies, including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and Kids Cafes.



## Funding

The America's Second Harvest network depends entirely upon the support of individuals, corporations, foundations, food banks, and food-rescue organizations for funds. A full 98% of all product and financial donations made to the America's Second Harvest network goes directly to support hunger-relief assistance.



## Advocacy

A core strategy of the the America's Second Harvest network is advocating for public policies that help hungry Americans access more food. You can be a voice for the more than 35 million Americans who do not have regular access to safe, healthy foods. Visit the Hunger Action Center at [www.hungeractioncenter.org](http://www.hungeractioncenter.org) to learn more.

## Partnerships

The America's Second Harvest national office works with more than 500 national grocery and food manufacturers, retailers, and prepared food establishments to secure food and grocery products. Corporations like The Kellogg Company, Tropicana, Kraft Foods Inc., ConAgra Foods, Kroger, General Mills, Procter & Gamble, and Sysco help America's Second Harvest feed and assist an estimated 25 million Americans each year, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors.



## The Need

- 35.1 million Americans are food- insecure. 12.4 million of these are children (USDA Economic Research Services, *Household Food Security in the United States, 2006*).
- 35% of households served by the America's Second Harvest Network reported having to had to choose between paying rent and buying food (America's Second Harvest, *Hunger in America 2006*).
- The America's Second Harvest Network has a charitable commitment rating of 98% as reported by *Forbes Magazine's* annual survey of 200 major charities.

