

THE SPOONFUL

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AGENCY RELATIONS TEAM

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Power of Choice

EMPOWERING NEIGHBORS WHILE MINIMIZING FOOD WASTE

As a food bank, we are proud to serve as a bridge between excess and access, rescuing and redistributing food that might otherwise be discarded. Pantries are essential in this effort.

Simple practice such as using a first in, first out method, monitoring product quality, and storing food correctly can reduce loss. Implementing neighbor choice is another powerful way to reduce food waste, allowing neighbors to select the foods they will use and enjoy.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can implement neighbor choice at your agency!



Volunteer Appreciation Week

CELEBRATING OUR AGENCIES & THEIR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS

In April, we celebrated our amazing volunteers across the agencies in our network! We recognize the countless hours, energy, and care that you give to help fight hunger in our community.

THANK YOU to EVERY volunteer across our network! You make a real difference in the lives of neighbors in need. We are grateful everyday for your dedication!



Agency Spotlight

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH FAITH WORLD

Since October 2018, **First Pentecostal Church** has been serving neighbors facing food insecurity in Lake County. Their mission is to reach their community with as much assistance as possible. The church hosts a food distribution on the third weekend of each month and also responds to emergency requests when they arise.

Today, the pantry serves 80–90 families each month, reaching approximately 250–330 individuals. Many of those served are elderly residents, individuals with low incomes, and some members of the unhoused community.



The pantry began as a small operation distributing dry goods to 10–15 families per month using a personal-choice model. As demand grew, the team added refrigeration and freezer units and eventually transitioned to pre-packed food boxes to better serve the increasing number of families.

First Pentecostal Church shares that their partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank has been essential to sustaining their work, helping them access affordable food, participate in food drives, and benefit from occasional grant opportunities. With the help of 25–30 volunteers each month, the pantry continues to provide meaningful support to their community.

We are grateful for their dedication and proud to partner with them in the shared mission of fighting hunger.

Around The Town

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Servant's Heart Ministry is a faith-based nonprofit organization that helps feed and support children, seniors, and families in need across Central Florida.

They provide weekly food deliveries and work closely with community partners to help families facing food insecurity. Through this work, they build strong relationships and offer hope, respect, and long-term support to their neighbors.

As part of their mission, Servant's Heart Ministry hosts the annual **Hearts Against Hunger 5K**, which helps raise funds for their hunger-relief programs and brings the community together for a great cause.

"I have had the opportunity to participate in this event for the past two years, not only through my role as their Agency Relations Coordinator but also by being involved in the event as a runner. This has allowed me to see firsthand the positive impact and the support they have from the community. See you all next year!" - Pablo Rivera Luna





For our **10th Annual Partner Agency Conference**, we're rolling out the welcome mat for Second Harvest University, a reunion-inspired gathering designed to celebrate the incredible network that makes this work possible.

Second Harvest University is all about honoring knowledge, collaboration, and innovation, while building momentum for what's ahead. Expect engaging sessions, meaningful connections, and plenty of moments to celebrate just how far we've come together.

East Coast Believers Church

3053 W State Rd 426

Oviedo, FL 32765

8am-4pm July 10, 2026

Scan the QR code to register now!

*You must be registered to attend. Registration is open from June 1 to June 22



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