2015 ANNUAL REPORT  
fighting hunger

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Here at Second Harvest, our goal is to create a Northland free of hunger. We work toward this goal each and every day rescuing as much nationally and regionally donated food as is available to feed people in need throughout our eight-county service region of NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin. We have depended on your generosity - our food and financial donors, our volunteers, our network of 180 regional non-profit partner programs, our dedicated board and staff to accomplish this incredible work over our last 32 years.

As you review our 2015 Annual Report you will see highlights of the work that you’ve helped us accomplish including another impressive year of food rescue and distribution. You’ll see that we’ve committed ourselves to not only distributing more food but ensuring a more healthful and nutritious supply. We continue to focus on being good stewards of your charitable support by engaging even more volunteers in our work and stretching your food and funds to feed as many people as possible in our region. And, most importantly you’ll hear first-hand how you’ve impacted people right here in the Northland who struggle with hunger on a daily basis.

We are grateful for your support and the work that you’ve helped us accomplish. As we look to the year ahead, we will continue to work toward a Northland free of hunger — and we hope you will continue your support of this important regional work.

Sincerely,

SHAYE MORIS
Executive Director

MISSION
Feed the hungry of NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin

VISION
A hunger-free NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin
YOU HELPED US PROVIDE OVER 10,700 BOXES OF FOOD TO SENIORS

“The food we receive fills in the gaps. We appreciate the healthy options too.”
Jan & Bill (military veteran)
Virginia, MN
Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS)

YOU HELPED US PROVIDE NEARLY 30,000 BAGS OF FOOD TO CHILDREN

“I love having food at home.”
Student,
Two Harbors, MN
Backpack Program

YOU HELPED US PROVIDE 500,000 MEALS TO FEED INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

“My mom will love this. She likes to make salads.”
Derrick, Duluth, MN
Mobile Food Pantry Program

2015 AT A GLANCE

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank is the region’s only “food bank” and rescuer of nationally and regionally donated food for distribution to NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin food shelves, soup kitchens, shelters and other charitable non-profit programs. In addition, we provide food directly to people in need as part of our own direct service programs including; our Hermantown Area Food Shelf, our Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors, our Mobile Food Pantry Programs and our BackPack Program.

44,000 PEOPLE FED

1.2 Million POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE SERVED

4.2 Million MEALS PROVIDED

3.3 MILLION MEALS
Food Bank/Agency Partners

321,141 MEALS
Hermantown Area Food Shelf

290,355 MEALS
Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors

175,188 MEALS
Mobile Food Pantry Programs

72,873 MEALS
BackPack Program

1,417 REGIONAL VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED

13,542 Volunteer Hours Secured

6.6 Full-Time Positions Fulfilled by Volunteers

$182,817 Staff Expense Saved

10,848 FOOD AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS
Healthy Revenue & Support
Our healthy revenue stream allowed us to enhance programs and nourish Northland communities.

Funded Expense
Our focused expense allowed us to target underserved communities ensuring our distribution of food which equaled 4.2 million meals for Northland individuals and families in need.