

# We Are The Food Bank

Partner Agency Newsletter  
November 2025



**Dear Partner Agency,**

As we start the season of “Giving” on behalf of our team, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your partnership and support.

We have faced multiple challenges, and together we have risen to the occasion and supported our community when they were at their most vulnerable. Thank you for standing up to support our community and ensuring that they all have food on their table.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

**With deep gratitude,**

Adriana Mata

## Agency Network Updates

### Diaper Partnership

Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County is proud to be in our **second** fiscal year of being a member of the National Diaper Bank Network. We are thankful to everyone, including our Development Team and leadership at Second Harvest, who advocated at both the local and state levels for the need for continued funding support.

If your agency is interested in distributing diapers to the community, we encourage you to reach out to our team to discuss program

requirements.



## Pickup Etiquette Reminder

We wanted to remind our agency network to please retrieve any pickup orders that are submitted to us on the date that they are requested. Orders that are not picked up create challenges and disrupt the workflow of our Operations and Programs staff.

- If your agency places a pickup order, please ensure that it is collected promptly.
- If you encounter a scheduling conflict, please communicate the delay to our Agency Network Team as soon as possible to make the arrangements needed for a new pickup date.

Communication is essential, and we will be scheduling a meeting with agencies that have missed consecutive pickup orders.

## Community Spotlight

### Community Food Co-op at Pajaro Middle School:

We are excited to share that, as part of our partnership with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District and the Monterey Community Foundation, we will now be able to support families that have students enrolled at

Pajaro Middle School. We have officially opened a Community Food Co-op at the Pajaro Resource Center, similar to the one that has been successfully supporting families who have a child enrolled in the PVUSD school system at the Wellness Center by EA Hall Middle School.

For information on eligibility and hours of operation, feel free to call our **Community Food Hotline (831.662.0991)** during our business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.).



## Network Action Spotlight

### **Holiday Closures:**

We appreciate all of our partners who are mindful of updating our Agency Network Team concerning their holiday closures, dates shifts, or special events so that our staff can communicate with and guide our neighbors with accurate information.

We ask that our partners continue to be mindful of our upcoming closure dates so that they can preemptively plan accordingly. Please reach out to our team with any questions, comments, or concerns.

### November Closure Calendar - 2025

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Final Day to Order for Monday the 1st	Final Day to Order for Tuesday the 2nd	Food Bank Closed: Thanksgiving	Food Bank Closed: Thanksgiving	
30	December 1	2	3	4	5	6

**Food Bank Open:**  
Regular Deliveries and  
Pickups Begin

### December & January Closure Calendar - 2025

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Final Day to Order for Friday the 26th	Final Day to Order for Monday the 29th	Food Bank Closed	Food Bank Closed	Food Bank Open: Regular Deliveries and Pickups Begin	
28	29	30	31	January 1	2	3
		Final Day to Order for Friday the 2nd		Food Bank Closed: New Year's Day	Food Bank Open: Regular Deliveries and Pickups Begin	

## Save the Dates

Please add the following events to your calendar!

We ask that agencies notify us of any changes or cancellations to their distributions.

### Holiday Closures - No Delivery or Pickup Orders Available

- Thursday, November 27
- Friday, November 28
- Wednesday, December 24
- Thursday, December 25
- Thursday, January 1

## 2026 Hunger Fighter of the Year

Know someone making a difference in fighting hunger in Santa Cruz County? Here's your chance to celebrate them!

Nominate an educator, advocate, activist, or volunteer who's dedicated to helping feed our community.

The Hunger Fighter of the Year will be honored at Second Harvest's Holiday Food & Fund Drive Awards Dinner in March.

Thank you for helping us recognize our community heroes!

**Nomination closes Friday, January 9, 2026.**

**[\(Nomination Link\)](#)**



## We need YOU to... Nominate the Hunger Fighter of the Year!

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond  
in their efforts to help feed members of our community?

This is your opportunity to recognize that special person who is actively involved in the mission of Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County. Your nominee may be an educator, advocate for the hungry, activist seeking food policy change, or volunteer who is using their time, energy and/or resources to fight hunger in our community.

The Hunger Fighter of the Year is recognized at our annual Holiday Food & Fund Drive Awards Dinner in March.

*Thank you for helping us honor these individuals.*



Please scan the QR Code to nominate someone special

*Deadline for nominations is Friday, January 9, 2026.*



## Necesitamos que USTED... ¡Nomine al Luchador contra el Hambre del Año!

Conoces a alguien que haya trabajado arduamente  
para alimentar a los miembros de nuestra comunidad?

Esta es su oportunidad de reconocer a esa persona especial que está activamente involucrada en la misión del Banco de Alimentos Second Harvest del Condado de Santa Cruz. Su candidato puede ser un educador, una persona que lucha contra el hambre, un activista que busca un cambio en la política alimentaria o un voluntario que está utilizando su tiempo, energía y/o recursos para combatir el hambre en nuestra comunidad.

El Embajador del Año en la lucha contra el hambre será reconocido en Marzo 2025, en nuestra Cena Anual de Premios de nuestra campaña de Fondos Navideños.

*Gracias por ayudarnos a honrar a estas personas.*



Escanee el código QR para nominar a alguien especial

*La fecha límite para las nominaciones es el viernes 9 de enero de 2026.*

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