



SecondHarvestMadison.org

VOLUNTEERSCOOP

April - June 2015

Ending hunger in southwestern Wisconsin through community partnerships



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - APRIL 12-18

As our nation “celebrates service” during the 41st National Volunteer Week, Second Harvest Foodbank will celebrate YOU and your valuable donation of time! Your efforts are a critical part of the effort to end hunger as together we respond to nearly 1,000,000 requests for service each year. Whether you serve as an individual or part of a group, please accept a heartfelt “Thanks a million!” Volunteer this week at the warehouse and receive an extra smile from staff, treats in the break room, and a little giveaway, while supplies last.

However, we can’t limit our celebration to just one week! Did you know April is National Volunteer Month?

Watch your email closely. We’ll announce a weekly prize drawing (prizes donated, of course). You’ll be invited to respond to have your name included in the drawing. Stop by the Foodbank to volunteer during the week and you can enter your name again! Winners will be notified by email.

What a great time of year to invite a friend to become an individual volunteer by filling out the simple, online volunteer application at SecondHarvestMadison.org/VolunteerApp or by organizing a volunteer group of 2 or more by calling 608.216.7214. ■

Celebrate Service

National Volunteer Week
April 12-18, 2015

POINTS OF LIGHT
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

SAFETY HIGHLIGHT

Your safety is important! Fire drills will be conducted at Second Harvest in coming weeks and months. Please review the following points:

- Remember to sign in and out properly so we can account for you in case of an emergency
- An air horn and/or PA system announcement will signal the need to evacuate the building
- Calmly leave the building immediately
- Gather in the parking lot so we can take roll and make sure everyone is safe ■



Questions? Contact Pam Higham, VolunteerServices@shfbmadison.org, 608-216-7214

HELP SECOND HARVEST THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Madison Marathon Half Marathon & Twilight 10K Volunteering

Give time as a Madison Half Marathon & Twilight 10K volunteer over Memorial Day weekend (May 23-24) and you can also raise funds for Second Harvest Foodbank - \$9 for every hour volunteered!

Sign up online

SecondHarvestMadison.org/VolMarathon

To designate the Foodbank, first, register as a volunteer and set up a username and password. Then select "Events" and "2015 Madison Marathon" to register your volunteer availability and choose "Second Harvest Foodbank" from the charity drop-down menu.

View step-by-step directions at
SecondHarvestMadison.org/MarathonDirections

Brat Fest

Give time as a Brat Fest volunteer over Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25) and you can also raise funds for Second Harvest Foodbank - \$8 for every hour volunteered!

Sign up online

SecondHarvestMadison.org/VolBrat

To designate the Foodbank, first create a profile with a username and password and select "Second Harvest Foodbank" as your "Group". Brat Fest will confirm your profile and email you within 48 hours to sign up for your desired shifts.

View step-by-step sign-up directions at
SecondHarvestMadison.org/BratDirections

GET TO KNOW **MARY**

Mary Curtin fits regular volunteering into her full schedule which also includes walking, sewing, quilting, reading, gardening, and grandmothering. She used to care for her grandchildren fulltime but when they started school she looked around for volunteer opportunities close to home. It's wonderful that Mary found Second Harvest Foodbank.

Mary's first impression of Second Harvest was that everything was so organized. She remembers that staff showed her right to the aprons, gloves, and caps, and got her started in Product Recovery. Another volunteer showed her the ropes that first day and she's continued sorting, labeling, and packaging food into family-friendly portions since October 23, 2012.

Fellow volunteers have also made an impression. She has enjoyed the stories and laughter shared by all the volunteers during her shifts, learning where different volunteer groups are from, and has noted that individuals from the Huber Volunteer Program are "just fabulous" and "work so hard."

Mary has been surprised by the "absolute volume of food" that goes through Second Harvest. She'd like others to "know how many people volunteer here. So many people come together to make it work." Mary's observations speak to the need in southwestern WI where 1 in 9 individuals struggle with hunger and how it will take all of us to end hunger in our area.

If you're thinking about volunteering at Second Harvest, think of how Mary feels whenever she has come in: "Great!" Mary would tell you to "try it!" Scheduling is flexible and there is always a need. ■

