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## **PORTAGE MOBILE PANTRY LOCATION MOVING**

**MADISON, Wis., March 2, 2015** – Since March of 2006 residents of the greater Portage area who struggle with hunger have been able to receive food the second Monday of the month from Second Harvest Foodbank at its mobile pantry stop located at St. Vincent de Paul Society (1311 West Wisconsin Street) in Portage. As of Monday, March 9 the location will change to the Veterans Memorial Field (Fairgrounds - intersection of Griffith Street and Superior Street) in Portage. Food distribution hours at the new location, 11 a.m. – 12 noon, are unchanged from the previous location.

With the help of volunteers from the Portage community, Catholic Charities and St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception church, the Portage mobile pantry serves about 150 households from the area each month. Each household receives a minimum of 60 pounds of fresh and non-perishable groceries.

Community members who wish to benefit from the Mobile Pantry Program are encouraged to bring bags, boxes, wagons or other containers to help transport the food they receive. No pre-registration, ID or proof of residency is required.

Second Harvest's Mobile Pantry Program is designed to supplement the work of partner food pantries, shelters and meal sites operating in fixed locations in the community. Currently, Second Harvest Foodbank operates 27 mobile pantries in 13 southwestern Wisconsin counties. The program accounts for one-third of the more than 11 million pounds of food distributed by Second Harvest each year.

### **About Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin**

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin began working with local hunger-relief agencies in 1986. It helps end hunger in 16 southwestern Wisconsin counties through food distribution to its partner agencies, promotion of outside food assistance programs like FoodShare, and raising awareness of hunger. As southwestern Wisconsin's largest hunger-relief charity it meets nearly one million requests for assistance each year. From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 Second Harvest, together with its partner agencies and programs, provided 12.3 million meals. It is one of 200 members of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. For more information, visit [SecondHarvestMadison.org](http://SecondHarvestMadison.org).

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