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## **Farmers and Businesses Step Up for Turkey Drive**

### **2020 – Same Mission, New Venues**

#### **Pasco, Wash., Nov. 9, 2020:**

The mission remains the same, but this year the days and locations of Second Harvest's Turkey Drive presented by Lamb Weston will be different.

"The need is greater than ever, and fortunately it's being met by inspiring generosity," said Jason Clark, president and CEO of Second Harvest. "Like everything else, the pandemic is prompting changes to the event, but our goal of providing healthy Thanksgiving meals to families in need remains the same."

The key changes for the fifth annual Turkey Drive, serving the Mid-Columbia and Yakima Valley, are that all three holiday meal box distributions will be on weekdays, and at different venues than last year. Here are the details:

- Monday Nov. 23
  - Sunnyside
    - Sunnyview Park, 31211 Yakima Valley Hwy.
    - 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
    - Drive through
    - 600 families. One box per vehicle
  - Yakima
    - Yakima Valley College, S. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Nob Hill Blvd.
    - 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
    - Drive through
    - 600 families. One box per vehicle
- Tuesday, Nov. 24
  - Kennewick
  - Toyota Center, 7000 W. Grandridge Blvd.
  - Drive through
  - 1,000 families. One box per vehicle

Due to the pandemic, all three distributions will be drive-through, and each vehicle will be limited to one box, while supplies last. The free holiday meal box will include a turkey and all the fixings. No documentation is required.

“While so much has changed this year, one heartwarming constant is the generosity of our partners,” said Jean Tucker, a Second Harvest philanthropy manager. “The farmers and business leaders of our region are the ones who make this all possible.”

This year’s Turkey Drive is presented by Lamb Weston, Tucker noted. Donations are still being accepted, and the first \$5,000 in donations will be matched by our community sponsor, Exponential Ag, LLC. Your \$30 donation provides a box of food with the ingredients for a holiday meal, including a turkey. Go to [2-harvest.org/turkey](https://2-harvest.org/turkey) to make your donation.

Additional community-minded sponsors of the event are: AgriNorthwest, Corwin Ford Tri-Cities, Dairy Farmers of Washington, Darigold, Domex Superfresh Growers, Packaging Corporation of America (PCA), RDO Equipment, Tree Top, United Healthcare, U-Pull-It Auto Parts, Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS), Walmart, and Syngenta Seeds, Inc.

Food and in-kind donors this year are Columbia Basin Blends, Easterday Farms, Chelan Fruit, and Gebbers Farms.

#### **About Second Harvest**

Second Harvest was founded in 1971 as a central warehouse for a handful of emergency food pantries in Spokane. Today, hunger solution centers in Spokane and the Tri-Cities supply donated food to 250 partner food banks, meal sites and other programs—including its own Mobile Market free food distributions—to feed more than 55,000 hungry people each week in Eastern Washington and North Idaho. **Food pantries Second Harvest supplies have reported 30 to 50% increased demand related to the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis.** For more on Second Harvest’s COVID-19 pandemic emergency response, visit [2-harvest.org](https://2-harvest.org).