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## **Volunteers, Donors make Turkey Drive Possible** **Thousands of Families will receive hearty Thanksgiving meals**

**Sunnyside & Yakima Nov. 22, Kennewick Nov. 23:**

Two hundred volunteers and dozens of donors will make this year's Turkey Drive in the Mid-Columbia and Yakima Valley possible, said Jason Clark, President and CEO of Second Harvest.

"It's so inspirational to see how many people volunteer to help us get ready for the Turkey Drive and distribute the Thanksgiving meals," Clark said. "We couldn't do it without them."

Volunteers help Second Harvest's staff in Pasco put together the 35-40-pound boxes of food that include a turkey and all the fixings of a hearty Thanksgiving meal, and volunteers also are crucial at the distribution sites as well.

Lamb Weston is again the presenting sponsor of the event. "Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate family by sharing a meal together and this event helps make that happen for people experiencing food challenges," said Shelby Stoolman, Sr. Director of Communication and Lamb Weston Foundation President. "Lamb Weston is proud to partner with Second Harvest in our mission to end hunger. We are thankful for the work they do in the community."

Mark Forcum of U-Pull-It Auto Parts in Pasco and Yakima, concurred. "Many families in our area are unable to afford a Thanksgiving meal this year. We are happy to provide matching funds so that every dollar donated will make twice the impact on hunger in our communities."

Times and locations for this year's drive-thru distributions are:

Sunnyside  
Monday, Nov. 22  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Sunnyview Park  
31211 Yakima Valley Highway  
Up to 700 families, or while supplies last

Yakima  
Monday, Nov. 22  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
State Fair Park  
1301 S. Fair Ave., Gate (15)  
Up to 700 families, or while supplies last

Kennewick

Tuesday, November 23

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Toyota Center

7000 W. Grandridge Blvd.

Up to 1,100 families, or while supplies last. (This includes 200 boxes distributed by Ben Franklin Transit.)

“BFT is incredibly grateful for the partnership with Second Harvest,” said Gloria Boyce, Ben Franklin Transit General Manager. “Thanks to their generosity, BFT is able to provide 200 transit riders in Tri-Cities, as well as Benton City and Prosser with a Thanksgiving food box in support of their annual Turkey Drive. In addition, BFT team members will personally deliver the food box to their home.”

"Rising food insecurity caused by the pandemic and food prices are making a Thanksgiving meal more difficult to obtain for thousands of local families working hard to make ends meet," Clark added. "We're honored that generous volunteers and donors join Second Harvest year after year to support the Turkey Drive and make the holiday brighter for their neighbors."

Along with Lamb Weston and U-Pull-It Auto Parts, more than two dozen other community-minded businesses, farms, cities and organizations are helping to make the event possible.

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 280 partner food banks, meal sites and other programs—including our own Mobile Market free food distributions—providing food for more than 98,000 meals each day in Eastern Washington and North Idaho. For more on Second Harvest, visit [2-harvest.org](http://2-harvest.org).