

**AMERICA'S SECOND HARVEST,  
THE NATION'S FOOD BANK NETWORK**

**36-3673599**

**FORM 990: PART III – PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Member Services**

**\$516,757,781**

America's Second Harvest is a national umbrella organization for more than 200 member food banks and food-rescue organizations. America's Second Harvest inspects each Network Member every 18-24 months, to ensure compliance with all food handling, management, governance and accountability standards. Comprehensive training and technical assistance are available to strengthen the skills of the staff and board members of member food banks and food-rescue organizations and the agencies they serve. America's Second Harvest maintains funding for grants for the initiation or maintenance of Kids Cafes and Community Kitchens in addition to providing guidance in opening and operating these national programs.

America's Second Harvest takes an active role in helping victims recover from domestic disasters. By coordinating the activities of the Network during major disasters, supplies are provided to emergency feeding centers, shelters and mass care sites serving disaster victims. The Network is an active member of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD).

**Product Distribution**

**\$ 5,748,255**

America's Second Harvest solicits and distributes donated food and grocery products through a Network of more than 200 Members. Management information systems are used to allocate goods to Members and to generate reports for every donor's corporate records. A specialized tracking system is maintained in case of product recall. The transportation industry participates in the Relief Fleet™ program, donating the transportation of food and grocery products. In fiscal year 2005, Relief Fleet™ donations totaled 11.5 million pounds worth approximately \$460,000 in savings to the Network. Vehicle grant and discount purchasing programs allow Network Members to move more food to hungry Americans. In fiscal year 2005, a total of 36 vehicles were provided to Network Members across America. Several other programs dramatically enhance distribution capabilities. A produce subsidy program lowers the cost of handling fresh fruits and vegetables. A seafood subsidy program encourages use of this nutritious protein source.

**Food Sourcing**

**\$ 7,383,627**

America's Second Harvest forges and maintains relationships with convenience store chains, distributors, food industry associations, food service operators, growers, manufacturers, processors, restaurants, retailers and wholesalers to obtain in-kind donations of food and other grocery products. In fiscal year 2005, national donors provided 486 million pounds of donated food and grocery products with 340 million

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pounds of that volume flowing through the national office. The in-kind donations of food and grocery product made through the national office represent a 12.9% volume increase at a value of \$506.4 million as reflected on the financial statements. Fresh fruits and vegetables continued to be the single largest food or grocery product category at 24.3% of national volume. Gains were achieved in the following product categories: fresh fruits and vegetables, meat and other protein products, fruit and vegetable juice, hot and cold cereals, rice and pasta, beverages, snacks, spices/sauces/condiments, and dessert items.

**Public Awareness and Education**

**\$ 1,201,709**

America's Second Harvest works to educate the general public and keep them informed about hunger in America by keeping the issue prominent in the national media. To that same end, the national office produces quarterly issue papers to spotlight how certain aspects of hunger affect our country. In addition, on June 7, 2005 America's Second Harvest supported the fourth annual National Hunger Awareness Day. Network Members and their agencies held events around the country to raise awareness about the issue of hunger in America. In all, millions of people participated in, saw, read or heard about National Hunger Awareness Day.

**Public Policy and Research**

**\$ 2,384,605**

By working with legislators, conducting in-depth research and testifying at hearings, the organization works to affect changes in public attitudes and laws that support or aid our Network and those we serve. America's Second Harvest and the Network completed data collection for the quadrennial comprehensive research study on emergency food providers and recipients with more than 52,000 face-to-face client interviews and more than 42,000 agency surveys. The study, *Hunger in America 2005*, will be released in the winter of 2005.

**Total of Program Service Expenses**

**\$533,475,977**