

Loaves & Fishes Teams with Second Harvest Heartland Teams to Create “The Hub”



We want to share some exciting news about an innovative collaboration between Loaves & Fishes and Second Harvest Heartland. To better serve the hunger relief network, Second Harvest Heartland has contracted with Loaves & Fishes to become a redistribution center to other metro meal programs, such as homeless and domestic violence shelters and after-school programs. The new distribution center is called The HUB.

Loaves & Fishes already has in place an efficient and responsive food pipeline to serve hungry families in their expansive community meal programming. The organization will now use their high-capacity warehouse and inventory system to serve smaller agencies and meal programs that may be struggling to meet Second Harvest Heartland’s minimum ordering and frequency requirements. Going forward, meal programs may partner with either Loaves & Fishes OR Second Harvest Heartland to ensure that their programs continue to receive the food needed to serve their clients. The benefits to these small- to mid-size organizations includes cost savings when compared to retail, the ability to order just the right amount of food and access to a wider variety of food including farm-fresh produce.

Beth Cheeley-Baynes is the Facilities Coordinator at Casa de Esperanza, a 12-bed women and children’s shelter that was part of a pilot transition to partner exclusively with Loaves & Fishes. “It has been a great benefit for us to be able to order smaller quantities of items, especially fresh produce and fruit,” she said. “We were unable to get those products before because they were only offered in large quantities. Loaves & Fishes staff has also been very helpful and friendly, which I appreciate. I hope that we can continue this partnership.”

Please contact your Account Specialist if you’d like more information about Loaves & Fishes new distribution center.