

# Second Harvest Feeds Hope

Food Banks

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## Expansion Program Continues with New Offices and Community Facilities

WATSONVILLE — Thirty percent more working poor families, seniors, and children need food bank services this year than last year — many of whom have never needed food aid before. One of the many ways Second Harvest is addressing this increased call for help is by beginning phase two of their expansion program. This long-anticipated construction includes a new training center, nutrition education kitchen and offices. Phase two also includes the continuation of Second Harvest's Feed Hope campaign, including a new truck design and photo contest.

Deconstruction of Second Harvest's old offices has already begun; making space for a new office complex that will house the entire staff in one place. The staff is currently in three separate locations. Once complete, it will be easier to coordinate the many programs and services that Second Harvest provides.

The new complex will also include community rooms for nutrition education and outreach, meeting space for businesses and organizations, and a nutrition education kitchen, which will be especially useful in providing space to do training ses-

sions around healthy eating and food preparation.

Dominican Hospital provided the creative vision and design for Second Harvest's new truck signage that is also part of phase two of the expansion project. The truck signage is courtesy of generous donors to our capital campaign: Dominican Hospital, Martinelli's, Santa Cruz Memorial, and SunRidge Farms.

"We are thrilled to showcase our passion for produce and healthy eating with the new design on our trucks," says Executive Director Willy Elliott-McCrea, "and we are grateful to our sponsors, who have made it all possible."

To mark the launch of the Feed Hope trucks, Second Harvest is announcing a photo contest: Be one of the first five people to send a photo of one of the new Feed Hope trucks seen out in the community and we will send you a Feed Hope t-shirt. Send your photos to [Sheree@thefoodbank.org](mailto:Sheree@thefoodbank.org). ■

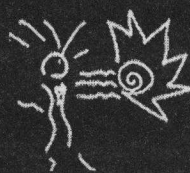
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