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January 16, 2014

Dear Local Hunger Fighter,

As 2013 drew to a close, the Second Harvest Food Bank family looked back on another exhausting, but inspiring year. This past year required us to strengthen our resolve, as the number of people seeking food assistance continued to rise rather than decline in two of the wealthiest counties in our country.

Our ability to respond to that need and feed more people was only possible thanks to you **YOU!** With your help, we rescued and distributed more fresh produce than ever before, we continued our focus on operational efficiency and experimented with new ways of connecting hungry people to the food they need to thrive. More specifically, you helped us to feed real families like Amanda's. Read her story below to learn more about one family who was able to put food on the table this holiday season because of you.

Thank you for all that you do to fight hunger in our community!

In Partnership,

The Second Harvest Team

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## Meet Amanda and Felipe

**My name is Amanda. My husband Felipe and I believe that if you work hard, you should be able to earn enough to meet basic family needs,** save for emergencies and provide new opportunities for your kids. Felipe works long hours as a truck driver while I balance college, a full-time job, and three children (Christopher age 7, Mateo age 5, and Domenick age 1).

**We are struggling to keep a roof over our heads and put food on the table, yet we make too much to qualify for public support services.**

[Before Second Harvest] **my oldest son Christopher was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).** With the addition of fruits, vegetables and higher-quality protein foods, he is now able to focus and do well in school.

**Second Harvest was there for me and my family.** Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your caring and support.



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