



Mission: To End Hunger in Orange County

Vision: Together, we are creating a future in which no one goes hungry. Ever.

Second Harvest Food Bank's Incredible Edible Farm

Feeding America estimates that nearly 336,000 residents, including more than 141,000 children, are at-risk of hunger in Orange County. People struggling with hunger regularly have to make agonizing decisions about whether to pay for basic needs like medication and rent, or to buy food for their families. Despite the fact that we provide hunger relief to 200,000 hungry residents each month, we are still not reaching more than 136,000 who are struggling with hunger.

The Incredible Edible Farm is a wonderful example of a unique public/private partnership between the City of Irvine, the OC Great Park, Orange County Produce and Second Harvest. It was designed to be part of the solution to our county's considerable hunger problem. In the fall of 2016 the Farm moved locations to a new, larger parcel of land in the OC Great Park. This intensively-farmed 5.25 acre plot is a unique and innovative answer to the challenge of not just feeding the hungry, but providing them with highly-nutritious, top-quality produce. It also connects our volunteers, who supply much of the labor, to our mission and gives them an unforgettable experience that connects them to the agricultural elements of the OC Great Park and our county's agricultural roots. The Incredible Edible Farm continues to have a significant impact on our ability to nourish our neighbors in need while engaging the community in meaningful volunteer work.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS in FY 2016

- **Planted more than 13 different cool and warm season crops** including cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, zucchini, radish, cauliflower, onions, green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, assorted varieties of winter and summer squash, peppers and watermelons
- **Harvested 229,154 pounds of top-quality produce**, providing more than 217,621 meals to the hungry
- **Received 15,447 hours of volunteer support** from 6,058 volunteers



"For our clients, it's a wonderful relief to receive any food. They are always so grateful and they would never complain, but there is this huge sigh of relief when they get fresh produce. They know it's what they and their children need to be eating for their health."

Lara Fisher, Executive Director, South County Outreach

LOOKING AHEAD

Second Harvest looks forward to working with our volunteers to grow even more nutritious produce for the hungry. With the support of the City of Irvine and the support and advice provided by the OC Great Park staff and A.G. Kawamura of Solutions for Urban Ag, we will continue to provide the freshest, most nutritious produce for struggling children, families and seniors to supplement their all-too-often poor quality diets. For our supporters, volunteering at **the Incredible Edible Farm is a unique and extremely popular way for individuals and families to learn more about their less-fortunate neighbors in the community and to become engaged in the fight against hunger.**