Tulane Dining donates $8,000 in food to Second Harvest

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Tulane Dining has donated $8,000 in shelf-stable foods such as nutritious bars, cookies and snacks to Second Harvest, a food bank that fights hunger in South Louisiana.

Second Harvest provides food and support, including food access, advocacy, education and disaster response, to over 700 community partners and programs across 23 parishes. Its staff and volunteers distribute the equivalent of more than 32 million meals to over 210,000 people a year.

During the last hurricane season, Tulane Dining purchased these shelf-stable foods for students so they could shelter in place during the storms. The surplus of individually wrapped items were donated to Second Harvest in late January.

“Tulane University Dining Services has a long-standing relationship with Second Harvest Food Bank, and I am glad we can put our leftover product to good use,” said John Lange, assistant vice president, Dining Services and Event Services at Tulane University. “Especially during a time when so many are experiencing food insecurity, we are grateful for the opportunity to support such an important cause.”

Willie George (right) of Tulane Dining Services helps Second Harvest driver Franklin McKinnis
Willie George from Dining Services moves pallets of food to donate to Second Harvest as driver Matt Turner looks on. Dining Services donated two and a half pallets of shelf-stable products, including cookies, granola bars and fruit cups. (Photo by Sally Asher)