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## **Second Harvest featured in November edition of ‘Murfreesboro Storytellers’**

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** –The November episode of “Murfreesboro Storytellers” highlights Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, a central distribution center to help provide food for the hungry. The November 2016 episode can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/oHQBLEagCEw>. “Storytellers” is hosted by John Hood.

Featured guests in this month’s interview are Second Harvest President/CEO Jaynee Day and Development Manager for Rutherford County Taylor Loyal, the former editor-publisher of the *Daily News Journal*. The ‘Storytellers’ interview with Day and Loyal feature the following topics:

- Jaynee Day has served with Second Harvest for 28 years, arriving in July 1988. Second Harvest in Nashville began with a group of people dealing with the issue of hunger in the community. The public and private sectors came together in a partnership to tackle the problem based on a food bank, the first of its kind, in Arizona.
- Food banks solicit food from the food industry and individuals, such as farmers, then redistribute the food to other individuals and 501c3 non-profit agencies.
- While Second Harvest operates independently, the food bank is one of over 200 member-affiliates of a national organization, Feeding America. There are four other member food banks in the state, including Chattanooga, Mid-South Food Bank in Memphis, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee in Knoxville, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee in Kingsport.
- In 2015, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee distributed 31 million pounds of food to 46 counties in middle and west Tennessee, equating to 26 million meals provided to 20,000 square miles of service area.

- There are over 20 agencies in Rutherford County that work with Second Harvest Food Bank to help provide food to those in need, including Greenhouse Ministries, the Salvation Army, churches, and the school systems.
- Through his work at the *Daily News Journal*, Loyal became increasingly aware of the people who were in need in Rutherford County and the assistance Second Harvest provides.
- Of the 46 counties served, Rutherford County has the second highest number of food-insecure people, 37,000. More than 3 million pounds of food is distributed annually in Rutherford County.

Founded in 1978, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee works to feed hungry people and solve hunger issues in Middle and West Tennessee. Second Harvest has a network of over 490 Partner Agencies working together to feed hungry men, women and children throughout its 46 Middle and West Tennessee counties. Second Harvest collects, sorts and distributes food and personal care products to over 450 partner agencies throughout 46 Middle and West Tennessee counties. Second Harvest partner agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, foster care facilities, senior centers, group homes and youth enrichment programs.

This month's 'Storytellers' was recorded on location at Second Harvest Food Bank, a 72,000 square foot warehouse, located at 331 Great Circle Road in the Metro Center of Nashville. "Murfreesboro Storytellers" is produced by award-winning video producer Michael Nevills.

For information on Second Harvest Food Bank, visit <https://www.secondharvestmidtn.org>. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Second Harvest. To volunteer for Second Harvest, visit <http://secondharvestmidtn.org/act/volunteer/>.

"Storytellers" can also be seen on CityTV Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. You can watch "Storytellers" on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99) or view the program online by visiting [www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers).

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**Photo attached:**

1. *Exterior of Second Harvest Food Bank.jpeg.*