

# THE NEED

**40,000** individuals suffer from chronic hunger in the SCV (Santa Clara Valley). **15,000** of these are children.

**60,000** more struggle to have enough food. **22,000** of these are children.

**65,000,000** additional meals are needed yearly in the SCV.

## THE SITUATION IS WORSE NOW

**POVERTY** is the main cause of food insecurity and hunger – in Santa Clara County, more than 1 in 7 children live in poverty (14.7% or 44,747).

Second Harvest Food Bank had a **17%** increase in those asking for assistance in 2009.

Second Harvest was **25%** short of their food goal for the 2009 holiday food drive.

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