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To find Second Harvest Food Bank's website, one must visit curehunger.org

Tim Kean discovered his passion for Second Harvest's mission while serving on its board and has been a leader of the organization since 1986. Its mission is threefold: feed the hungry, demand community dialogue about hunger, and find a cure for the problem.

Second Harvest was connected with the FirstPerson Butler MBA Board Fellows Program through board member Jill Lehman. "She brought the idea to our board and it was well-received," Tim recalls. "And, it was well worth it."



Second Harvest's Fellow, Marcus Ritter, was a "breath of fresh air," according to Tim. "He hit the ground running, ramped up quickly, and brought some questions to our board that were important to consider."

Tim sees the contribution of the Fellows program as much more than orienting students to the fiduciary responsibilities of non-profit management.

"Like Butler, a primary goal of ours is education," he says. "Yes, we serve the immediate needs of hunger, but a focus for us is bringing understanding about the causes of hunger such that we can 'shorten the line of need.'" That is, finding a solution to the need Second Harvest serves.

Tim hopes that students participating in the MBA Board Fellows Program will learn that an effective board member contributes vision. "Too many join boards to oversee what I would call 'housekeeping details,'" he comments. "But an understanding of the mission, the ability to identify ways to help others discover an entry point for participation, and working on solutions to the need—those are true contributions."

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