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staff spotlight

Andy Murphy, Warehouse & Logistics Manager

Food Share is tasked with receiving and distributing over a million pounds of food each month. For the past 14 years, Andy Murphy has been in charge of making sure food comes in and goes out to our agency partners quickly and safely.

GREATEST NEED FOR FOOD SHARE:

Monetary donations to purchase the type of food needed to complete our mission.

BIGGEST CHANGE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE:

We are continuing to distribute more and more food each year.

FAVORITE HOBBY:

Camping at the beach with my family and playing soccer.

BEST PART OF YOUR JOB:

The caring people I work with.

Join Us

4TH ANNUAL BLUE JEAN BALL SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

5PM TO 6PM VIP TASTING AND RECEPTION

6PM TO 9PM GENERAL ADMISSION

VIP RECEPTION PLUS ADMISSION

\$125 per person

Includes early admission with tastings from **Celebrity Chef Jamie Gwen** and premier cocktails from **1901 Speakeasy** during the VIP reception. Then, unlimited food and drink tastings throughout the event with a commemorative wine glass.

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$100 per person

A complimentary commemorative wine glass will be given to each guest. Guests will enjoy unlimited food and drinks throughout the evening.

To purchase tickets visit FoodShare.com/BlueJeanBall



imagine no hunger

**Help us get
to 7,500 pre-sold**

1 in 5 kids in California may go to bed hungry each night.

Proceeds from sales of this new vanity plate, which features a self-portrait of John Lennon, will be administered by the California

Department of Social Services and distributed to the California Association of Food Banks to be utilized throughout the state of California for hunger-relief programs. Every person driving behind someone with an "Imagine No Hunger"

license plate will know that person is leading the way to a California absent from hunger. **Working together, we can realize a hunger-free California.**

**Make the IMAGINE plate a reality
by pre-ordering online today at
Californialmagine.com.**



upcoming events



SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2019

Ventura Art & Street
Painting Festival

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

2019 Harvester's Lunch & Tour

SEPTEMBER 2019

Hops for Hunger

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Blue Jean Ball

OCTOBER 22, 2019

Food for Thought Lunch
and Tour w/ CEO

DECEMBER 6-8, 2019

CAN-tree Drive

DECEMBER 7, 2019

Winter Wine Walk

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Food Share Day of Giving

Visit foodshare.com/events
to find more info.



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2019

a monumental task

A note from your CEO

The minivan with a family of four, plus one on the way, pulled up at Food Share as I was leaving for the day. "We just drove down from Paradise," the mom explained with one hand on her baby bump. "We couldn't live with the ashes any longer. We had to leave." My heart went out to them, but I was relieved they had found Food Share at the end of their journey to find a better place to live "with neighbors."

As hunger relief workers, we are reminded daily of the hundreds of different families like the Paradise family that depend on Food Share to feed their families. **As Ventura County's food bank, Food Share is faced with the responsibility of sourcing and providing food to 75,000 hungry people every month.**

As we close our fiscal year, we would love to sit back and congratulate ourselves on a job well done. With a budget of \$3.5 million, 13.2 million pounds of food equaling nearly \$34 million worth of groceries was distributed. This is accomplished with a staff of 30 employees, 2,500 volunteers, and 190 non-profit partner organizations.

But the reality is that with the start of our new fiscal year on July 1, we once again face the task: of raising another \$3.5 million to acquire and distribute food. Most are surprised to learn that only about 25% of Food Share's revenue budget has a direct source. The remaining 75% comes through the generosity of our community through appeals, grants, donations — and some degree of serendipity.

A new fiscal year also brings some new, exciting changes to share; a new logo! Our brand has carried and supported us for the past 40 years and we are confident this new one will do the same: a new look but the same great heart.

Thank you for your support,

Monica White

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President & CEO



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senior kit program

FREE food for seniors 60+ years every month

Beverly M. and her husband live in Oxnard. They live on a fixed income and Beverly now takes care of her husband full time. There are some months where they fall a bit short and need that extra help. "I don't have to buy some of the food, because some things come in the senior kit box. It's a great supplement to what I am already able to get. It's really great food too," said Beverly.

The Senior Kit is a once-a-month, 30-pound box of shelf-stable food provided FREE to seniors aged 60+ who reside in Ventura County. The box has been a real help to Beverly and her husband. **"I really appreciate what the program does for the seniors as a lot of people I know are in a similar situation to me and the Senior Kit box helps them out a lot also. Thank you Food Share!"**

HOW TO APPLY

- ▶ To be eligible, applicants must be at least 60 years old, a resident of Ventura County and meet the federal income guidelines listed below. Applicants must apply in person.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$16,237	\$1,354	\$313
2	\$21,983	\$1,832	\$423
For each additional family member add:	\$5,746	\$479	\$111

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

- ▶ Photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)
- ▶ Proof of address (utility, water or telephone bill, rent receipt, or rental agreement)

For a list of distribution sites, call Food Share at (805) 983-7100 or visit www.foodshare.com/programs.

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