



SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

# THE HARVESTER

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## Dear FOOD Share ambassadors,

Last week we hosted an informal open house. It was a small group of interesting and committed FOOD Share supporters, some of whom had never toured our facilities before. "I had no idea!" was the collective response we heard over and over again.

"I thought you were just a pantry," is also a common response. As Ventura County's food bank, our job is to coordinate the collection of over 11 million pounds of food at our

headquarters in Oxnard to be distributed and shared with our 190 pantry partners and agencies throughout Ventura County.

After a personal tour and short presentation, the cumulative feedback was powerful and uplifting. Seeing the operation, meeting our team members, and hearing the FOOD Share story led to, "What else can I do to help?"

We invite you to be our ambassadors in the broader community. Please come back and bring a friend. Share your FOOD Share experience and encourage others to visit. FOOD Share's work is critical to the well-being of our community: one in six Ventura County residents struggles to put food on their table. We are doing everything in our power to change those metrics and need your help. Please join us in this work.

This is your FOOD Share and we look forward to sharing our story with you.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Monica White*

Monica White  
President & CEO







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### Mission Statement:

FOOD Share is dedicated to feeding, nourishing and educating the hungry of Ventura County, educating the community on those who are hungry and why, and advocating for a reduction of the root causes of hunger.

### Vision Statement:

FOOD Share innovatively and efficiently gathers and distributes food, serving those in need through a network of charitable agencies. Our dedicated volunteers and staff fight hunger with compassion and commitment to ensure that people have ready access to nutritious food. FOOD Share responds to community emergencies quickly and effectively.

**Go Green** Please call or e-mail if you'd like us to communicate with you via e-mail to save on printing and mailing costs: [jcaldwell@foodshare.com](mailto:jcaldwell@foodshare.com) or 805-983-7100 ext 129.

# Volunteer Spotlight: Dave Orr and our Gleaning Program



**F.O.O.D Share: Food On Our Doorsteps.** It's how we started some 40 years ago. We started by seeing private orchards and homes with excess fruit not being picked. We picked it and delivered it to our hungry friends. Now, 40 years later, we are still helping our hungry friends and neighbors, just on a much larger scale with the help of heroes like Dave Orr.

Dave has been a FOOD Share volunteer for the past four years. After retiring from a career in software engineering, he wanted to stay active and involved. Through his church, Camarillo United Methodist, and a round of golf with our very own Rob Jankowski, Food Rescue Lead, Dave found FOOD Share! He started with driving on our bread runs early in the morning. Then, once he tried Gleaning, he fell in love with volunteering outdoors and he's been doing it ever since.

Now, our gleaning program is 100% volunteer led with Dave taking on the duties of scheduling and coordinating the picks of seven to nine homes a week with a crew of about 12.

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### Dave would like to thank his Gleaning team (and his wife, Nancy!):

Mike and Evelyn Burges  
(18 years volunteering!)

Mike Deddens  
David McKenzie  
Casey Koenig  
John Bravo  
Bill Garlington  
Roger James  
Mike and Deborah Wirth  
Conrad Kootz  
Don Vanasse  
Ben Duarte





## Staff Spotlight:

### Richard Guest – Inventory Control Lead

Rich has been with FOOD Share the longest: 14 years! He started in the warehouse unloading trucks and driving the forklift. Now, as our Inventory Control Lead, he helps make sure that all incoming and outgoing food is safe and accounted for.

**Q:** Biggest change since you've been here?

**A:** Definitely the amount of people we serve. It continues to increase.

**Q:** Greatest need of FOOD Share?

**A:** MONEY! As the need goes up, so does the cost of meeting it.

**Q:** Favorite hobby?

**A:** Riding my motorcycle.



## A Meaningful Birthday:

Andrew and Sansur use their birthdays to make a difference

Birthdays. They come only once a year and are supposed to be a day of celebrating you. Instead, Andrew and Sansur of Simi Valley wanted to use their birthdays to make a difference in their community. Instead of presents, they asked for donations on behalf of FOOD Share. With \$466 dollars, they raised enough money to provide almost 1,400 meals!



Food Share INC,

Andrew and I had our birthday party together. Instead of receiving birthday gifts, we asked for donations for your cause. Included in this letter is a total of \$466. Please use this to feed the needy.

Sincerely,

Sansur Borijin  
Andrew Chen

## Senior Kit Program (CSFP)

FOOD Share is helping feed hungry seniors in our community by providing boxed senior kits. The boxes are free for seniors who are 60 years and older and includes healthy food to supplement monthly food budgets. Foods provided may include canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, bottled juice, canned meat, shelf-stable milk, and cheese.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be 60 years of age or older
- Have photo identification
- Provide proof of residence (e.g., a phone or utility bill)
- Meet the following income requirements

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$15,782	\$1,316
2	\$21,398	\$1,784
3	\$27,014	\$2,252



These free senior kits are given out every month in various cities throughout Ventura County.

Please contact FOOD Share at (805) 983-7100 or visit [www.foodshare.com/programs](http://www.foodshare.com/programs) to locate a distribution near you.



# The 26th annual Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on Saturday, May 12



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## Letter Carrier Food Drive

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive will take place. Just set out your non-perishable food in the paper bag delivered by your letter carrier or with your newspaper. The earlier the better! Didn't get a paper bag? Your letter carrier will pick up any bag full of food that day! Note that he or she will be delivering and collecting mail as usual, on top of collecting food donations, so that pickup time could be slightly later than usual. Your letter carrier might also have helpers. A good rule of thumb is to have the bags by your mailbox by 9 a.m.



## Upcoming Events

**May 12:** 26th Annual Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive

**June 15:** Feed So Cal with ABC7

**June 24:** Conejo Food and Wine Festival

**July 21-22:** Taco & Tequila Music Festival

**August 2:** Feed the Need Day at Ventura County Fairgrounds

**September 2018:** Hunger Action Month  
(wear orange all month!)

**September 8-9:** Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival

**September 20:** 3rd Annual Blue Jean Ball

**October 5-7:** Harvest Festival

**October 26-28:** PGA TOUR  
PowerShares QQQ

**December 1:** 7th Annual CAN-tree Drive at Figueroa Plaza in Ventura

**Want to partner with FOOD Share on an event?**

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