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# NAME ME\*

Newsletter for Volunteers



## HELLO AMAZING VOLUNTEERS,

\* We are proud to debut the first issue of FOOD Share's volunteer newsletter designed and laid out by our talented volunteer, Holden Wilkie. With its new look, our newsletter needs a new name, and we need your help.

Please submit your ideas for naming the newsletter by email ([volunteer@foodshare.com](mailto:volunteer@foodshare.com)), snail mail (FOOD Share, 4156 Southbank Rd., Oxnard, CA 93036), or drop them in the box in my office.



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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Camarillo youth group came out to pack 300 boxes of CAN-tree food and 6,642 pounds of senior kit food. Thank you so much for all your much-needed help!



Disney boxed up oranges for us!

# Volunteers help pack food for Senior Kit Program

FOOD Share was selected out of 18 applying counties to offer the senior program called Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This program works to improve the health of qualifying low-income persons 60 years of age and older. A box of 16 high-quality food items are packed at FOOD Share's warehouse and distributed to more than 2,800 seniors a month. This is a federally funded program run by the state and is part of the Farm Bill.

Volunteers assemble boxes, pack food into boxes, place packed box onto metal conveyor belt, weigh, tape, and palletize boxes, and break down boxes.



Dougherty Laser Vision packed 1,853 pounds of food or 1,462 meals!





United States Navy packed 7,980 pounds of food or 6,298 meals!



Monsanto packed 4,720 pounds of food or 3,725 meals!



Various volunteers packed 5,200 pounds of food or 4,657 meals!



Ventura County Credit Union packed 5,900 pounds of food or 4,657 meals!





Patagonia packed 3,658 pounds of food or 2,887 meals!



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints packed 4,779 pounds of food or 3,772 meals!



Anthem packed 7,587 pounds of food or 6,201 meals! A second Anthem group sorted an additional 7,263 pounds of food or 5,732 meals.



Dole Packaged Foods packed 6,944 pounds of food or 5,481 meals!





Another group of Anthem employees packed 9,676 pounds of food or 7,637 meals! Thank you Anthem!



Church of the Foothills packed 5,192 pounds of food or 4,098 meals!





SAGE Publications packed 17,874 pounds of food or 14,107 meals!

## Volunteers sorting rescue food



Farmers Insurance group sorted 1,235 pounds of food or 974 meals!



California Lutheran University students sorted 1,175 pounds of food or 927 meals!



United States Navy sorted 1,325 pounds of food or 1,046 meals!





Another United States Navy team sorted 1,690 pounds of food or 1,334 meals!



Linda Vista National Junior Honor Society sorted 1,125 pounds of food or 888 meals!



YOGA by the SEA sorted 1,405 pounds of food or 1,109 meals!



Briggs Elementary School students sorted 1,245 pounds of food or 983 meals!





A Farmers Insurance group sorted 860 pounds of food or 679 meals!



Another Farmers Insurance group sorted 1,680 pounds of food or 1, 326 meals!



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Camarillo sorted 1,075 pounds of food or 848 meals!



Dignity Health sorted 1,195 pounds of food or 943 meals!





Patagonia sorted 1,180 pounds of food or 931 meals!



Ventura County Credit Union shared the love by sorting 3,305 pounds of food or 2,609 meals!



Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin Robbins sorted 1,120 pounds of food or 884 meals! In addition to food sorting, the Dunkin' Donuts Joy in Childhood Foundation presented a \$12,500 donation to FOOD Share to help support hungry children in Ventura County. Their donation will provide 35,000 meals! Thank you for your support!!



Various volunteers sorted 1,140 pounds of food or 900 meals!



# Bread and Pastry Sorters



Jessica, Gladys, Griselda, Matt, and Melissa, pictured above, come to us from The Arc of Ventura County. They sort through the bread and pastries on a weekly basis. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

# FOOD Share Teaching Garden

If you are interested in helping to maintain these garden boxes or if you would like to donate any seeds or plant starters, please contact the Volunteer Department, [volunteer@foodshare.com](mailto:volunteer@foodshare.com) or call 805-983-7100.



## Upcoming Events

April 21: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

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

June 2018: Feed So Cal with ABC7

July 21-22: Taco & Tequila Music Festival

FOOD Share engages in a variety of events, including festivals, food drives, farm dinners and more, to support our efforts to alleviate hunger. To partner with FOOD Share on an event, please contact Jennifer Caldwell at [jcaldwell@foodshare.com](mailto:jcaldwell@foodshare.com) or call 805-983-7100 ext. 129



# Senior Nutrition Garden

If you enjoy gardening on a larger scale, we have a great opportunity for you! Help Program Manager, Giuseppe Scarpine, in our garden for seniors. FOOD Share partners with Ventura County Area Agency on Aging and the Juvenile Justice Center to make sure seniors at congregate meal sites get the bounty our volunteers harvest.

Yvonne weeding in the garden



CSUCI students Luisedmundo, Adrian, Eric, Thomas, and our volunteer Oscar finished weeding the garden.



Scott and Robert, also weeding



# Gleaning

**A big WOW to the track and cross country teams of Pepperdine University/Pepperdine Athletics for gleaning over 3,500 pounds of lemons!**



**Bank of America Agoura Hills corporate technology office employees picked at a local lemon orchard March 2018**

**If you or anyone you know would like to donate fruit from your backyard trees, we have volunteers willing and able to pick the fruit. If you like the outdoors, you will love this volunteer opportunity! For further information please call Food Share at 805-983-7100**



# Tours

CSUCI Leadership Class toured FOOD Share



If someone you know is interested in touring and learning more about FOOD Share, please contact the Volunteer Department to set up a date and time. We are flexible, and willing to accommodate your schedule. We encourage schools to come to visit and tour the facility. Please spread the word to any teachers or administrative staff you know in hopes of getting our youth more involved in helping to feed the hungry in our community.

## Volunteers by the Numbers

Last month 314 volunteers contributed 1, 651 hours of excellent service to help FOOD Share achieve our mission. We know there are many non-profits in our community that need help, and we are honored that you choose FOOD Share as your place to help.

# California State University Channel Islands Service Learning Program

Crystal experienced packing food for the Senior Nutrition Program.



Laura experienced food sorting

Every semester FOOD Share partners with Cal State University Channel Islands to help students experience the FOOD Share mission by allowing them to work alongside all of us. We ask you, our volunteers, to continue to take them under your wing, teaching them how to successfully complete each volunteer job duty and why it is important to volunteer at the food bank. Thank you for mentoring them!



# A Shout-Out of Thanks

A great big thank-you goes out to all the wonderful volunteers who faithfully come in every week to help us with our mission, and to the following: Accountemps, Anthem, Bank of America, C&S Landscape, Inc., California State University Channel Islands, Church of the Foothills, City of Oxnard, Community Memorial Hospital, Custom Awards & Engraving, Disney, Dole Packaged Foods, Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins, Farmers Insurance, Good Sam, Lions Club Camarillo, Monsanto, National Charity League, Northrup Grumman, People Creating Success, Patagonia, SAGE Publications, The-A-Team, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Camarillo, Oxnard, Ventura, and Thousand Oaks), United Methodist Church, United States Navy, Ventura County Credit Union, Ventura County Tri-Five Chevy Club, Villa Esperanza Services, Westview Vocational Services, and YOGA by the SEA.