



**FOOD SHARE**  
Ventura County's Food Bank

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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL REPORT

[www.foodshare.com](http://www.foodshare.com)

## The Year In Review

### One Year Later

As we close the books on our fiscal year on June 30th, I also wrap up my first year as CEO of FOOD Share. This past year was an eventful one complete with some tough organizational changes, new financial milestones, and plentiful new opportunities. Although this annual report covers our FY 2016-17, let's focus on our turnaround in FY 2017-18!

When I joined FOOD Share, in working with our Board of Directors, our first task was to set goals for sustainability. With our 40-year anniversary coming up in September, now more than ever, we needed to operate smarter, more efficiently and with a realistic budget in order to continue our mission for another 40+ years. I'm pleased to report we have made significant progress in reaching our goals:

### Feed the hungry

From day one, despite the necessary cutbacks, we vowed to feed "not one less person." Following last year's numbers, our goal was to distribute 11 million pounds of food. Preliminary reports project we surpassed that goal by distributing 11.7 million pounds of food this year. With the addition of a few local pantries and a large increase in our Senior Kit program, we are pleased our efforts have helped us reach even more hungry neighbors.

### Find the hungry

A friend recently asked me, "Have you fed everyone yet?" The question went unanswered, as we both know the need is still there. One in six of our neighbors in Ventura County is considered food insecure, meaning three meals per day for their family is far from guaranteed. And the need shifts. While FOOD Share helps to feed nearly 75,000 people every month, 70% of those families visit our pantries no more than three times per year. The car breaks down, someone loses a job, an unexpected medical

bill - when it happens, FOOD Share is there to help bridge that gap.

### Connect with our supporters

Through the ripple effect from the Thomas Fire, many of our neighbors are facing financial hardship as their income has been reduced. Our FOOD Share pantries have provided food support to more than 500 additional working families since the fires in December. The generosity of our community to help feed these families has been amazing. From individuals, corporations, foundations and even celebrity singers, your support has filled our warehouse with food and donations.

It's been quite a year and I am honored to continue to lead FOOD Share in our goal of feeding our hungry neighbors. Thank you all for your support. I look forward to another successful, yet hopefully less eventful, next year.

Sincerely,

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.

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## Charitable Citrus

It's the Annual Loh Orchard Pick! Over 150 volunteers spent a beautiful Saturday in Somis picking 13,390 lbs of oranges!!

Our pantries love fresh produce. Thank you to the Loh's for your continued support of FOOD Share and our mission!



## Staff Spotlight: Pam Castro – Agency Relations Manager

FOOD Share distributes almost 1 million pounds of food each month. We couldn't do that without the over 190 partner agencies and pantries all throughout Ventura County. For the past six years, our Agency Relations Manager, Pam Castro, has worked with her team to make sure the food gets distributed to those who need it each month.

### Biggest change since you've been here?:

The expansion of additional programs and new computer systems to improve efficiency and accuracy of data specific to each.

**Greatest need of FOOD Share?:** Ongoing and consistent donations and financial support.

**Best part of your job?:** Being part of an organization whose staff, partners, and volunteers work so very hard every day hoping that their efforts results in one less person in Ventura County going to bed hungry that night.

**Favorite Hobby?:** Shopping in second-hand stores for hidden treasures. I love a bargain!



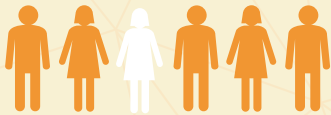
FY 2016-17

# ANNUAL REPORT

Together we can solve hunger!

1/6

people is  
food insecure



1,716  
volunteers

31,815  
donated hours



190+  
partner  
agencies



74,500  
people served  
monthly



9+ million  
meals  
provided



11+ million  
pounds  
of food  
distributed



## Sources of Food (in pounds) FY 16-17

Growers/Packers	3,265,413
Retail/Supermarkets	3,808,508
Federal Commodities – Gov't Source	2,675,075
Manufacturers	571,588
Purchased	333,712
Food Drives	664,788
Individuals	124,477

**TOTAL 11,443,561**



## Food Distribution by Program (in pounds) FY 16-17

Agency Distribution	7,419,901
USDA Distribution & CSFP	2,052,804
Federal Commodities – Gov't Source	95,304
Community Market	491,695
Senior Share	408,291
Kids' Farmers' Market	40,722
Mobile Pantry	128,483
Drought Box	369,600
Senior Nutrition	40,433

**TOTAL 11,047,233**



# 2016-17 PROGRAM REVIEW

From a family garage to two warehouses that provide 36,000 square feet of storage, FOOD Share, Ventura County's food bank, is now in its 40th year feeding the hungry. **In fiscal year 2016-2017, through multiple programs and over 190 pantry and program partners, FOOD Share provided food to 74,500 hungry friends every month.** FOOD Share's dedicated and committed staff and volunteers work together to feed the hungry, educate about hunger, and advocate for those who experience food insecurity.

**Community Market Distribution**, a monthly mobile delivery, distributed 491,695 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.

**The Senior Share Program** provided bi-weekly supplemental bags of groceries including protein, bread, canned items, and fresh fruits and vegetables for 1,900 low income seniors throughout the county the past fiscal year. In 2016-17, various Senior Share sites were transitioned to "super pantries" that offer a wider range of food, and in some cases, special hours for seniors.

**Senior Kit Program (CSFP)** is a USDA-funded nutrition program that provides monthly supplemental food boxes to 2,800 low income seniors aged 60 and over. FOOD Share administers the program at 35 distributions sites every month throughout Ventura County.

**Kids' Farmers' Markets** is a fun, interactive program that teaches children the

# Statement of Activities

fiscal year 2017

7/1/2016-6/30/2017

## Revenue Sources 16-17

		% of Revenue
Public Contributions	\$ 1,083,738	5%
Foundation and Organization Grants	1,232,605	5%
Government Grants	1,125,601	5%
Fees	211,965	1%
Other	206,723	1%
Food Donations	18,717,311	83%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 22,577,943</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Program Services (Expenses) 16-17

		% of Expenses
Senior Share	\$ 804,855	4%
Mobile Pantry	279,422	1%
Kids' Farmers' Market	119,132	1%
Senior Nutrition	152,235	1%
Agency Distribution	18,676,680	87%
CalFresh Outreach	537,590	2%
Community Distribution	949,168	4%
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,519,082</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Total Organization (Expenses) 16-17

Administrative	\$ 899,802	4%
Fundraising	1,350,348	6%
Program	21,519,082	91%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,769,232</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Statement of Financial Position 16-17

Current Assets	\$ 468,092
Inventory - Food	1,415,491
Net Property and Equipment	2,735,647
Endowment Fund	1,219,756
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,838,986</b>
Accounts Payable	\$ 271,122
Accrued Expenses	134,578
Short Term Loans	475,000
Deferred Revenue	27,614
Net Assets	4,930,672
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,838,98</b>

Complete audited financial statement & Form 990 are available on our website, [www.foodshare.com](http://www.foodshare.com), or by request.

importance of healthy eating and active living. The program includes a monthly nutrition education lesson, recipe preparation, taste testing of healthy dishes, and a farmers' market "shopping experience" in which children take home free fresh produce and recipes. In fiscal year 2016-2017, our sites served 40,722 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.

**The Senior Nutrition Program**, which is run through funding from the Area Agency on Aging, provides Oxnard homebound seniors with home-delivered meals. In FY 16-17 23,560 meals were delivered.

**Nutrition Education:** FOOD Share's nutrition education team taught children and adults about healthy eating, shopping and cooking on a budget, nutrition labeling, and other important

dietary information. Nutrition education was delivered at health fairs, cooking demonstrations and tastings.

**CalFresh Outreach Program:** The FOOD Share CalFresh team provided individual application assistance at more than 200 sites throughout Ventura County. CalFresh benefits assist in meeting client hunger needs and generate economic activity for the county. This program was unfunded in fiscal year 17-18.

**FOOD Share & Friends:** FOOD Share's mobile pantry is a 28-foot commercial kitchen trailer. Its purpose is to "bring hope to the hungry one neighborhood at a time," by visiting local neighborhoods and bringing nutrition education and free produce. Collaborators bring health screenings and more to underserved neighborhoods throughout Ventura County.



# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

4Kids2Kids  
 Aspiranet  
 Associated Students of Ventura College  
 Beach Side Fellowship  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters  
 Boys & Girls Club - Camarillo  
 Boys & Girls Club - Moorpark  
 Boys & Girls Club - Oxnard  
 Boys & Girls Club - Piru  
 Boys & Girls Club - Saticoy  
 Boys & Girls Club - Simi Valley  
 Boys & Girls Club SCV - Santa Paula  
 Bread of Life - All Saints Episcopal Church  
 Calvary Community Church  
 Camarillo Community Church  
 Camarillo Health Care District  
 Casa de Esperanza  
 Catholic Charities - Moorpark  
 Catholic Charities - Ventura  
 Cabrillo Economic Development Corp.  
 Channel Islands Vineyard  
 Children's Learning Center  
 Christian Church of Thousand Oaks  
 Church of the Nazarene  
 City Impact - Cabrillo Village  
 City Impact - El Rio  
 City Impact - Nyeland Acres  
 Clinicas de Camino Real, Inc.  
 Coalition for Family Harmony  
 Colonia Tenant Village Association  
 Community Action Ventura County  
 Community Assistance of Santa Paula  
 Community Bible Church  
 Community Presbyterian Church  
 Community Pregnancy Clinic  
 Conejo Pregnancy Center  
 Conejo Valley Food Resource Network  
 Downtown Ventura Organization  
 El Centrito Family Learning Centers  
 Evangelistic Missionary Baptist Church  
 Family to Family  
 Fillmore Active Adult Center  
 Fillmore Church of Christ  
 Fillmore Police Storefront  
 First Baptist Church - Ojai  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Fleet Reserve  
 Fountain Of Life Apostolic Church  
 Genesis Sober Living Inc.  
 Goebel Senior Center  
 Grace Bible Church  
 Grace Harvest Ministries  
 Harbor Missionary Church  
 Health Care for the Homeless -  
 Ventura One Stop  
 HELP Of Ojai  
 Hermandad Mexicana  
 Iglesia del Nazareno Vida Nueva -  
 Santa Paula  
 Journey the Church  
 Khepera House  
 Kids To Kids

Kingdom Center Oxnard  
 Las Islas Family Medical Group  
 Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic  
 of Ojai Valley, Inc.  
 Lighthouse Bible Church of Simi Valley  
 Lighthouse Bible @ Camarillo Senior Center  
 Lighthouse - Oak View  
 Lighthouse Rescue Mission  
 Living Oaks Community Church  
 Many Mansions - Shadow Hills  
 Mercy Housing  
 Mixteco Indigena Community  
 Organizing Project  
 Morning Star Church  
 New Beginnings Christian Fellowship  
 New Heart Foursquare Church  
 New Life Community Church  
 Newbury Park First Christian Church -  
 Five Loaves  
 NFL - El Rio  
 NFL - Moorpark  
 NFL - Santa Clara Valley  
 NFL - Simi Valley  
 NMCB 4 Family  
 Nucleus. CA Inc.  
 Ocean View Jr. High  
 OLA - Many Meals  
 One Step A La Vez  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe - Oxnard  
 Our Lady Of The Assumption  
 Oxnard Central Foursquare Church  
 Oxnard College - Sociology Club  
 Oxnard Community Food Pantry  
 Oxnard Family Circle (OFC)  
 Pacific Camps & Family Resource  
 PAL Westpark - Ventura  
 Palm Vista  
 Path Point - Life Skills  
 People's Self-Help Housing  
 Piru Community Church  
 Plaza Vista  
 Pleasant Valley Senior Center  
 Port Hueneme 1st Assembly of God  
 Pro Youth Center  
 Project Access, Inc.  
 Project Hope at St. Columba's  
 Episcopal Church  
 Project Understanding  
 Prototypes Women's Center  
 RAIN  
 RC Charities  
 River Community  
 Sacred Heart Food Pantry at Cabrillo Village  
 Salvation Army Church  
 Salvation Army Oxnard  
 Salvation Army Simi Valley - Care and Share  
 Salvation Army Ventura  
 Samaritan Center Simi Valley  
 San Salvador Mission  
 Santa Paula Senior Center  
 School on Wheels  
 SDA Camarillo Church

SDA Community Health Services - Oxnard  
 SDA Ventura  
 Senior Recreation Center  
 Shepherd Of The Valley  
 Simi Church Of Christ  
 Simi Community Church  
 Simi Second Missionary Baptist Church  
 Simi Senior Center  
 Sisters, Servants of Mary  
 Somis Pantry  
 Somis Union School District  
 South Coast Fellowship  
 Spirit of Camarillo - St. Mary Magdalen  
 Spirit of Camarillo - Trinity Presbyterian  
 Spirit of Santa Paula - Many Meals  
 @ First Presbyterian Church  
 Spirit of Santa Paula - Mill St. Pantry  
 Spirit of Santa Paula -  
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church.  
 Springs of Life Baptist Church  
 Sri Venkata Krishna Temple  
 St. John's Health Ministries  
 St. Mary Magdalen  
 St. Paul's Baptist Church  
 St. Peter Claver Church  
 St. Rose Of Lima / Christian Services  
 Step Up Ventura, Inc.  
 SVDP - St. Anthony's Church  
 SVDP - St. Francis Of Assisi  
 SVDP - St. Julie Billiart  
 SVDP - St. Mary Magdalen  
 SVDP - St. Sebastian  
 SVDP - St. Thomas Aquinas - Ojai  
 Sycamore Senior Village  
 Teen Challenge  
 Temple Beth Torah (VCJC)  
 The Arc of Ventura County - Arcade - Ventura  
 The Arc of Ventura County -  
 A Street. Oxnard  
 The Arc of Ventura County -  
 10th Street -Santa Paula  
 The Arc of Ventura County - Walker St. - Ventura  
 The Arc of Ventura County -  
 Cochran - Simi Valley  
 The Church Of God / Iglesia De Dios  
 The Fellowship House  
 The Wishing Pot  
 Turning Point - Oxnard Club House  
 Turning Point - New Visions Center  
 Turning Point - Our Place Shelter  
 Turning Point - The Wellness Center  
 Turning Point - Riverhaven  
 Turning Point - Veteran's Transitional  
 Housing Program  
 United Farm Workers  
 United Methodist Church - Thousand Oaks  
 Valley Community Foursquare  
 VC Rescue Mission  
 Ventura 1st Assembly of God  
 Vocational Skill Services  
 Westminster Free Clinic  
 Wilson Senior Center

Your support of FOOD Share helps these agencies and programs provide  
 meals to our hungry friends in Ventura County.

# SEPTEMBER = HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Help us fight hunger by going **ORANGE** in September for Hunger Action Month! Visit our website at [www.foodshare.com/HAM](http://www.foodshare.com/HAM) to learn how you can participate.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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**TAKE ACTION**

[www.foodshare.com](http://www.foodshare.com)



1

**Start**

Start collecting your change. At the end of the month donate to FOOD Share.

2

**Share**

Share this calendar on your church bulletin board and spread the word about hunger.

3

**Change**

Change your Facebook profile picture or cover photo to an image of orange for the month.

4

**Check It Out**

Visit [www.foodshare.com](http://www.foodshare.com) and get acquainted with us and learn about our mission.

5

**Food Drive**

Host a food drive at your school, work, or faith community.

6

**Volunteer**

Sign up for a volunteer day with family or friends.

7

**Go Online**

Start an Online Food Drive! Ask your family and friends to support you.

8

**Experience**

More than three billion of the world's population lives on less than \$3/day. See if you can meet your nutritional needs on that budget.

9

**Honor**

Today is Grandparents Day. Make a donation in their honor to FOOD Share.

10

**Take a Selfie**

Take a selfie with an empty plate, share it on your social media pages, and tag us.

11

**Plant**

Consider planting a garden and donate the produce to FOOD Share.

12

**Give Up**

Give up coffee, soda or vending machine snacks for one week and donate that money to hunger relief at FOOD Share.

13

**Turn Orange!**

Wear Orange today to show your support for hunger-relief efforts.

14

**Walk**

Organize a Hunger Awareness Walk.

15

**Talk**

Talk about hunger with your family.

16

**Donate**

Take a special collection today for FOOD Share. \$10 = 28 meals.

17

**Tweet**

Send out a tweet about hunger in your community and tag us.

18

**Pack a Lunch**

Pack a lunch and donate what you would have spent to FOOD Share.

19

**Set an Empty Plate**

Let this be a reminder to you and those at your table of all those who are at risk of hunger.

20

**Blue Jean Ball**

Our biggest fundraising event of the year! Buy a ticket and join us in celebrating our 40th Anniversary of serving Ventura County.

21

**It's Not Too Late!**

Find out what events are coming up and volunteer.

22

**Spread the Word**

"Like" FOOD Share on your social networks.

23

**Discuss**

Host a potluck. Discuss how you can fight hunger.

24

**Prepare**

Build two emergency food boxes—one for your family and one for another in need, in case of a disaster.

25

**Challenge**

Take the SNAP challenge. See if you can meet your nutritional needs on \$5/day.

26

**Tour**

Schedule a visit and join us for a behind the scenes tour of FOOD Share.

27

**Join**

Contact FOOD Share and have your organization added to our email list.

28

**Invite**

Invite a FOOD Share representative to speak at your place of worship.

29

**Host a Party**

Ask your guests to bring a bag of non-perishable items to donate to FOOD Share.

30

**Continue**

Help us work to end hunger in Ventura County and beyond all year long.

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH™**



## Community Hunger Heroes



Institution Ale Co.

Through the Piece of the Pie Fundraiser in the month of June, Institution Ale Co. raised \$3,431. With every pizza and pretzel purchase, IAC donated a meal back to FOOD Share! Thank you to all who participated and helped make this possible.

On June 24th & 25th, Stonefire Grill in Ventura, in partnership with FOOD Share, invited family, friends, and community members for a pre-grand opening, complimentary meal. Guests were invited to make a donation to FOOD Share through tips which were then matched by Stonefire Grill. Through the community's efforts, \$26,250 was raised and donated to FOOD Share! Thank you, Stonefire Grill!



Stonefire Grill



Join us for the 3rd Annual Blue Jean Ball on Thursday, September 20th at the Walnut Grove in Moorpark as FOOD Share celebrates its 40th Anniversary. Ventura County's finest eateries and local "saloons" will be providing delicious grub, suds and sips!

General Admission is \$75 per person. A complimentary commemorative wine glass will be given to each guest. Guests will enjoy unlimited food and drinks throughout the evening. Guests must be 21+ to attend.

**Tickets can be purchased at [www.foodshare.com/BlueJeanBall](http://www.foodshare.com/BlueJeanBall).**

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## **Upcoming Events**

**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 Invesco QQQ

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