



WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

THE HARVESTER

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A note from your CEO



Thank you to everyone who attended our 3rd Annual Blue Jean Ball in September. It was an extraordinary night at Walnut Grove at Tierra Rejada Farms celebrating FOOD Share's 40 years of service to Ventura County.

What started in 1978 as a group of eight generous friends collecting food in their garage to feed the homeless has grown into a \$22 million organization that provides a community necessity — food for the hungry — and **nearly 12 million pounds** of it in the last year.

Today, FOOD Share remains strong and passionate about our mission. Our recent reorganization helped us to refocus, rebuild, and reaffirm our WHY — to **keep feeding nearly 75,000 hungry people every month in Ventura County.**

We can't do it without you and every action adds up. Whether you volunteer at FOOD Share, hold a community food drive, or help with a financial donation — it all helps.

A special thank you to everyone who proudly wore one of our orange bands in September in support of hunger awareness. We love the photos many of you posted for Hunger Action Month sharing our common belief **"Because no one should go hungry."**

The need continues however. In celebration of our 40th anniversary, we have set a goal of raising \$40,000 by the end of this year. **Please consider joining us with a pledge of \$100 to provide 83 meals to hungry children, seniors, and families.** Your contribution will make a difference.

With your support, FOOD Share will be here to help feed our hungry today, tomorrow, and for the next 40 years. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Monica White

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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 or 805-983-7100 ext 129.

Hunger Action Month Recap



Board of Supervisors Proclamation

On Tuesday, September 11, the County Board of Supervisors recognized FOOD Share and proclaimed September 2018 as Hunger Action Month. Thank you, CEO Mike Powers and Supervisors John Zaragoza, Kelly Long, Steve Bennett, Peter Foy, and Linda Parks for your continued support of FOOD Share and our work in this community.



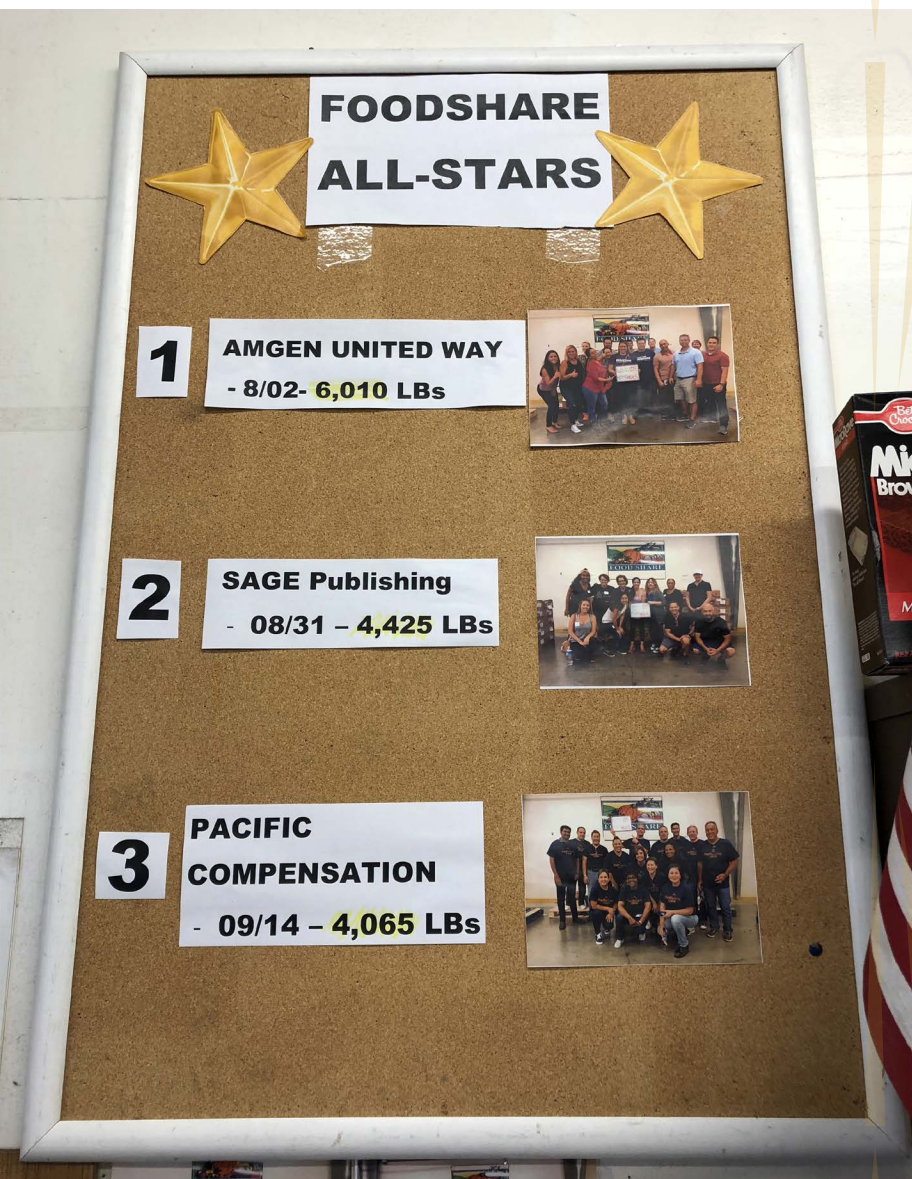
- 1 FOOD Share employees
- 2 Andrew Whitworth, Captain and Tackle for the Los Angeles Rams
- 3 Congresswoman Julia Brownley
- 4 Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
- 5 "Sheriff Geoff Dean" is even in on the action

Staff Spotlight:

Nam Dang

Rescue Food Sorting Lead

Nam has been a tremendous addition to the FOOD Share family. It also helps that he probably has the best job here; food sorting with our volunteers! Nam works with over 10 different organizations each week to help sort the food to be distributed out to the pantries. With the tunes playing and the conveyor belt going, you'll definitely want to come back for more!



Wall of Fame

Yes, volunteering at FOOD Share to sort food is fun, but also competitive! Our current Wall of Fame is strong but companies are vying every day to take the top spot!

Want your company or group to give it a shot?

Contact our Director of Volunteer Services, Christina Forino, to schedule your time! Email us at volunteer@foodshare.com or call (805) 983-7100 x104.



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FOOD SHARE'S SEVENTH ANNUAL CAN-tree drive

Friday, November 30 – Sunday, December 2, 2018
Figueroa Plaza :: Downtown Ventura

CAN-tree Team Build

- Sign your office or team up to build your CAN-tree together.
- Donate and build or host your own food drive and build!

CAN-tree Community Build

- Gather your family and friends to build your unique CAN-tree.
- Host your own food drive, deliver the cans and build a tree.

More Information

Interested in building a CAN-tree?
Please visit foodshare.com/cantree
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