



WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

THE HARVESTER

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Thank you, second responders,

Hats off to the first responders who risked life and limb to fight the devastating Thomas Fire and the Montecito mudslides. They are true heroes and we offer them our immense gratitude.

Hats off to you, too, the second responders, whose donations of food, funds, and time allowed us to bring some comfort to the many families affected by these disasters, and to the brave firefighters who toiled day and night to save our cities.

This was my first disaster. The Northridge earthquake in 1993 qualifies, but when experiencing overwhelming fear, helplessness and heartbreak - the Thomas fire was my first.

I'm not sure how, but our hillside home was spared and we were blessed to even find our outdoor cat, singed whiskers and all. In comparison to the hundreds of neighbors who are suffering heartbreaking losses, our family, plus one extremely mad cat, was beyond fortunate.

At FOOD Share, within hours of the fire, our team immediately jumped into action loading up trucks of food, water and snacks for the American Red Cross and Salvation Army to serve at the evacuation shelters. Then came the outpouring of donations

from the community. From manufacturers such as Dole Packaged Foods and Foster Farms chicken, thousands of pounds of food was generously donated to help those affected by the Thomas fire.

One month later, the devastating mudslides in Montecito have expanded our disaster operations. With the closure of Highway 101, the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County requested assistance providing supplies to food pantries in Carpinteria until access from the north was reopened.

We know the recovery will be long and the effect of this disaster will be wide. As second responders, your support to FOOD Share through volunteering and donations are vital as we commit to helping our community rebuild.

Thank you for your continued support,

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 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 for us to communicate with you via e-mail to save on printing and mailing costs: jwhite@foodshare.com or 805-983-7100 ext 122.

Volunteer Spotlight: David Bayer

The Los Angeles Rams and SoCal Honda joined together to celebrate long-time FOOD Share volunteer, David Bayer, a former Ventura City Firefighter who has been named the Rams' most recent Community Quarterback winner. The Community Quarterback Award celebrates outstanding individuals who display strong leadership abilities and a passion for bettering his or her community. The title of Community Quarterback was partnered with a donation to FOOD Share of \$10,000; with a \$5,000 donation from the Rams Foundation and a \$5,000 RAMdom Act of Helpfulness from SoCal Honda Dealers.



sure what it was until I noticed the check. It's awesome, and I'm proud to represent FOOD Share."

As the final recipient of the Community Quarterback Award, David was invited to appear on the field during a Los Angeles Rams game in December. He was honored with a video on the Jumbotron, highlighting his volunteer service with many Ventura County organizations, including FOOD Share, where he has donated more than 3,200 volunteer hours since 2002.

In November, LA Rams Defensive Back and Ventura County native Troy Hill visited FOOD Share in Oxnard to surprise Bayer with news of being selected as a Community Quarterback. "It was a big surprise," said Bayer. "I was volunteering, and they showed up with the award, and I wasn't really

Volunteer Spotlight: Matt

Meet FOOD Share volunteer, Matt. He consistently donates his time every Monday and Wednesday sorting through our bread and pastries; making sure they are safe to distribute. Matt comes to FOOD Share through The Arc of Ventura County and has volunteered for seven months donating 50 hours of time. He is an excellent worker that knows how his contributions help the people in our community. Thanks for your hard work!



Help after the Fire:

Your generosity helped neighbors in need.

In December 2017, the Thomas Fire ravaged throughout both Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties and is now considered the largest wildfire in modern California history. In response to this disaster, many companies began to donate both food and funds to FOOD Share to help in our efforts to aid victims of the fire.

Thank you to the following (listed right) corporations and organizations for their immediate and generous donations to FOOD Share in our efforts to support those affected by the Thomas Fire.

Westerlay Orchids is an example of the overwhelming generosity displayed by our local partners, and as residents of Carpinteria, they witnessed the devastation from the Thomas Fire firsthand. In response, the company quickly orchestrated a fundraiser to help FOOD Share and raised \$11,000 in three days.

We are dedicated to helping aid those affected by the Thomas Fire during the long recovery process, as well meeting the need we already had. Please call FOOD Share at (805) 983-7100 or visit www.foodshare.com for information on how you can help make a difference.

Disaster Relief Donations:

Metabolic Studios
No Kid Hungry - Share our Strength
Ventura County Community Foundation
Westerlay Orchids

Food Donations:

Anheuser-Busch (Water!)
Chobani Greek Yogurt
Dole Packaged Foods
Foster Farms
Kellogg's
Lundberg Family Farms Organic Rice
Ojai Valley Inn
Hueneme School District
Premier Nutrition PowerBars
Santa to the Sea
Thrive Market
West Coast Food Service



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 aged 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 (ex. a phone or utility bill)
- Meet the following income requirements

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$15,678	\$1,307
2	\$21,112	\$1,760
3	\$26,546	\$2,213



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/senior-programs/ to locate a distribution near you.



CAN-tree by the Numbers



Over 300
CAN-trees

203,000
pounds



150,000
meals provided



127 companies/
groups represented



150
volunteers



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You made the 6th Annual CAN-tree Drive a Success!

Our 6th Annual CAN-tree Drive was a fantastic success! In partnership with the Downtown Ventura Organization, Figueroa Plaza was transformed into a sea of 300 festive trees and two large marquee trees sponsored by Dole Packaged Foods and the LA Rams.

Your contributions made a huge impact, producing our biggest CAN-tree Drive to date! Over 203,000 pounds of food was collected which provides over 150,000 meals to our hungry friends and neighbors.

Upcoming Events

March 14: Donor Open House

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

May 19-20: California Strawberry Festival

June 2018: Feed So Cal with ABC7

June 24: Conejo Food and Wine Festival

July 21-22: Taco & Tequila Music
Festival

August 1-12: Ventura County Fair

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

Want to partner with FOOD Share on an event?

Contact us at jcaldwell@foodshare.com