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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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A note from your CEO



In my letter to you this time last year I wrote that I hoped the COVID-19 pandemic would be a short-lived 'new normal'. Little did any of us know back then of just how difficult the months ahead would be. News footage of the lines of cars at our emergency drive-thru distributions, and at distributions across the nation, were a visceral reminder of just how hard and deep the pandemic hit people financially, quite aside from the tragedy of losing a loved one that so many families have endured.

Although this is our fiscal year 2019-20 annual report issue, the numbers in our financial report don't reflect the extent of what was to come as 2020 unfolded. To give you an idea of the scale of need here in Ventura County, over the past twelve months, we've distributed more than 26 million pounds of food, or double the amount we distributed in 2019.



That's provided more than 21.6 million meals to people in our county, or the equivalent of feeding a sold-out Dodger Stadium three

meals a day for the entire baseball season, plus the playoffs AND the World Series!

Of course, none of this could be done without the tremendous support of you, our community. We held our second annual Day of Giving on February 12 and were overwhelmed with the level of support, raising just under \$100,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the Gene Haas Foundation for the generous match-funding.

We also couldn't have done any of this without the support of our volunteers, including the CA Air National Guard, who have been stationed with us since April 2020, packing more than 160,000 emergency food boxes for our drive-thru distributions.

On page 7, we highlight the contribution of more than one hundred of our most loyal volunteers, all of whom have been committing time and energy to our mission for five years or more. We truly cannot thank them enough. In recognition, we've created service pins, which we were excited to showcase on our recent volunteer recognition zoom call.

Even though we are now seeing signs of hope that the pandemic may be subsiding, we know the negative impact on the lives of our friends and neighbors continues and will continue to reverberate for months and years to come. Too many people continue to face issues of unemployment and underemployment, and too many have been forced to accrue debt that will not be quickly or easily paid off.

Of one thing we are certain. With the support of the community, we can and will continue to lead the fight against hunger in Ventura County. Whether it is through donating food, becoming a monthly financial donor, or joining our family of volunteers, on behalf of all of us at Food Share — THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Monica White

Monica White
President & CEO



GRANTS PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT TO FOOD SHARE'S PANTRY NETWORK

Thanks to support from Feeding America, Food Share has been able to provide grant funding to twenty-eight members of our food pantry network. The funding has enabled investment in items like refrigerators and shelving systems that directly support each pantry's operational capacity and their ability to serve the increasing number of clients they're seeing experiencing COVID-related hardship.

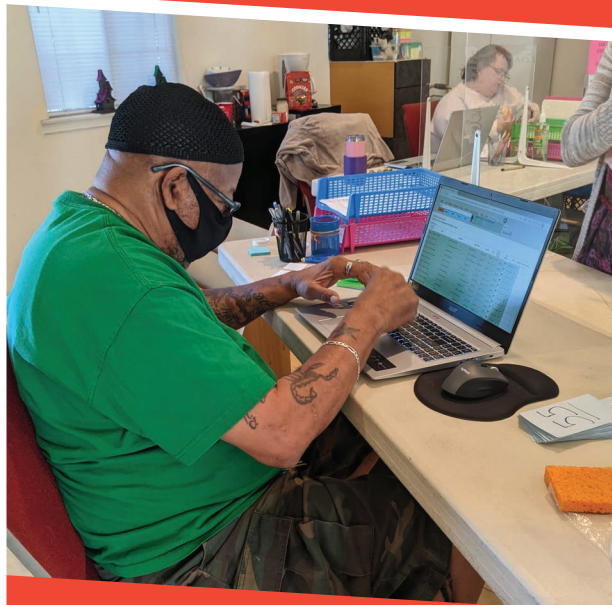
Among the pantry partners receiving funding was Adelante Comunidad Conejo (ACC), which operates the Adelante Shadows Pantry in a community room at the Shadows Apartments in Thousand Oaks. Commenting on the grant funding, Lilian Mendoza, President of ACC said, "Up until now, we have been staging the pantry using existing banquet tables and three residential refrigerators. This has made keeping up with the number of pantry visitors very challenging. Now we have a reach-in refrigerator and freezer, chrome five-tier mobile shelves, and hand trucks and platform trucks for the stocking of food supplies. We can stock the pantry with more food and that has meant few, if any, families are turned away without the items they were hoping to receive. Thank you, Food Share, for making these improvements possible."

In addition, several pantries including The Channel Islands Vineyard Church Pantry located in Port Hueneme, have used the grant funds to streamline their operation through improved technology. As Jim and Karen Amescua, pantry coordinators at the Vineyard Pantry explain, "The new computers have sped up the check in process and the required data reporting, plus our volunteers no longer have to use their own personal equipment."

Still others, like Community Action of Ventura County (CAVC), have used the funding to purchase heavy-duty lifting and loading equipment. As Susana Lopez-Garcia, CAVC's Executive Director explained, "[We have] moved from serving an average of 90 households to 400 households every week. With this new demand, the agency found itself in need of additional equipment. The biggest acquisition has been the forklift scale and pallet jack, which is needed to load and unload the increased amounts of food. We will no longer have to depend on borrowing one or be afraid that our pallet jack may break down. We thank you for this opportunity."



Adelante Comunidad Conejo



The Channel Islands Vineyard Church Pantry



Community Action of Ventura County

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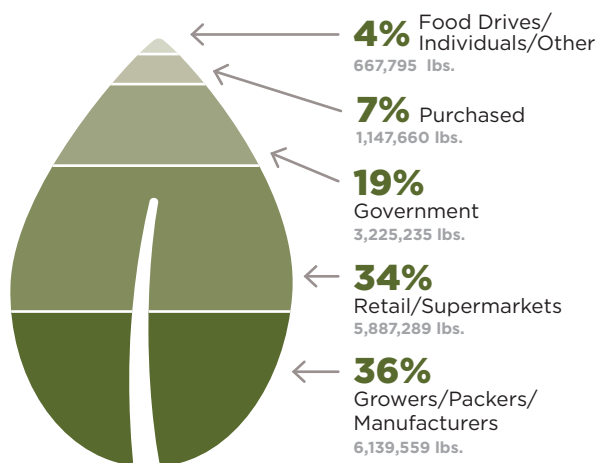
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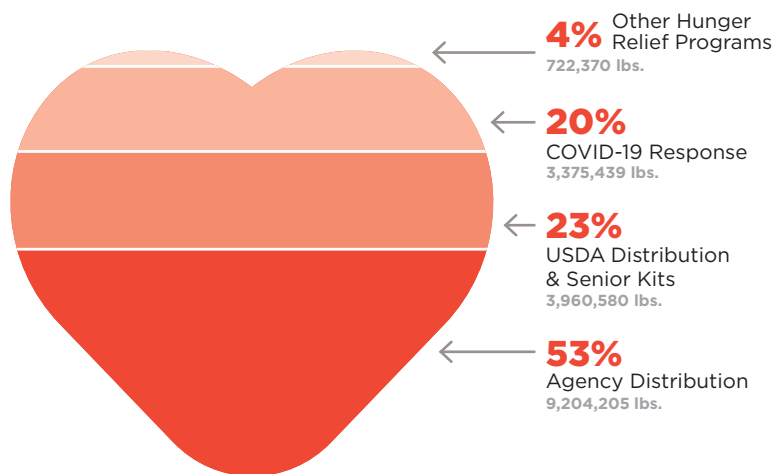
FOOD SOURCES

Total Pounds = 17,067,538



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Total Pounds = 17,262,594



FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE SOURCES

Donated Food	\$24,355,076
Public Contributions	5,114,094
Foundation & Organization Grants	1,614,996
Government Grants and Contracts	1,390,838
Other	26,557
Change in Beneficial Interest in VCCF Assets	15,041
Total Revenue	\$32,516,602

PROGRAM SERVICES*

Agency Distribution	\$20,510,405
CSFP, TEFAP, Other	7,756,526
Disaster Relief	403,324
Senior Nutrition	179,564
Kids' Farmers Market	37,487
Mobile Pantry	34,612
Total Program Expenses	\$28,921,918

*Includes value of donated food distributed.

TOTAL ORGANIZATION

Administration	\$443,347
Fundraising	1,019,928
Programs	28,921,918
Total Expenses	\$30,385,193

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Current Assets	\$5,155,341
Inventory - Food	1,613,616
Net Property and Equipment	3,508,647
Endowment Funds	1,288,705
Total Assets	\$11,566,309

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$219,758
Accrued Expenses	237,185
Paycheck Protection Program Loan	330,200
Net Assets	10,779,166
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$11,566,309



FOOD SHARE ANNUAL REPORT *highlights*



Food Share has diverted **over 581,455 pounds of food** from the landfill with the support of a new truck and driver, made possible by a grant from CalRecycle.



Via our USDA-funded Senior Kits Program, we provided **41,611 boxes**, containing **1.4 million pounds of nutritious food**, to low-income seniors.



More than **3,000 volunteers** have given **58,700 hours** of their time



Over 1,500 school children received food and nutrition information through our Kid's Farmers Market Program.

17.2 million pounds of food including **7 million pounds** of produce was distributed to our agency network. That's **11 million meals** for children, seniors and families in need.

Our Volunteer gleaners have done **261 picks**, picking more than **104,000 pounds of fresh produce** including oranges, tangerines, avocados, guavas, limes, and pomegranates.





staff spotlight

JENNY GAMEZ

Jenny is Food Share's Office Administrator, and the cheery face you'll see greeting you if you visit us. She has worked at Food Share for a little under three years.

Why I work here: I'm here because I am for the mission 110%. I see the people who come to our offices looking for food and the stress on their faces. Hunger is not something anyone should have to experience.

Best part of your job: I love to know that together with my coworkers, volunteers, and donors, we are here to help give food to those that are less fortunate. Seeing how grateful the recipients are is priceless.

One thing you didn't know about me: I worked at the Ventura County Star newspaper for 20 years, some of it at the same time as Monica White, Food Share's President & CEO, who was then marketing director at the Star. Monica took this photo of me for a promo piece for Food Share's 3rd annual food drive. Seven years later we're both working together again at Food Share and are still as passionate about the mission as ever.

welcoming

NEW BOARD MEMBER, PETER FIRESTONE

We're delighted to announce the appointment of Pete Firestone to Food Share's Board of Directors. Pete is a long-time management consultant, having assisted some of the world's most recognized companies with improving performance. He is currently a Senior Managing Director at Protiviti, within the firm's Business Performance Improvement Practice. Prior to Protiviti, he was a Partner in Accenture's Management Consulting practice and before that, a Consulting Partner at Deloitte and Ernst & Young.

A resident of Thousand Oaks for the past 17 years, Pete has coached several years of youth soccer, basketball, and baseball, in addition to serving as Board Member, Development Committee Chair, and Advisory Trustee for the ALS Association.

"I'm thrilled to join Food Share at this time and to help Monica and her outstanding team as the financial fallout of COVID-19 continues to push hunger to record levels."



in memoriam

MARK MILLER

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Mark Miller. Mark had recently joined the Food Share Board of Directors and was looking forward to using his many talents in support of our mission. A music lover and passionate cook, Mark worked for several years at Interconnect Systems and LEDing Edge Lighting where he built lifelong relationships with everyone he encountered. Most recently Mark was deeply involved as a trustee in the Bill and JoAnne Miller Charitable Trust.



Thank you, volunteers!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

When we say that volunteers are the backbone of our organization, we truly mean it. In the past year, volunteers, including the National Guard, have given 76,000 hours of their time to help Food Share serve the thousands of additional people who have needed our assistance. That's equivalent to 36 full-time staff! We also deeply value the loyalty that so many of our volunteers have shown to our organization. The people listed here and in our story highlights have all volunteered with us for at least five years and some for more than 20 years! We cannot thank them enough for their dedicated support of our mission to ensure no one in Ventura County goes hungry. We'll be highlighting the stories of more of our volunteers in future issues.



The five years plus club!

Maria Acosta	Lisa Dobson	Eddie Leighton	Sandra Reyes
Les Allen	Ben Duarte	Karen Lough	Cindy Rivera
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	Meredith Kruger	Chris J. Reinhart	
	Jan Ledbetter		



celebrating LYNN!

Lynn George has volunteered with Food Share since 2015. She spent 26 years in the Navy, retiring as a chief petty officer, following which she was the Administrative Officer at the Naval Construction Training Center in Port Hueneme until 2014. "Pay it forward" is her motto and she says helping feed people in need in Ventura County has been one of the great joys

of her life. Lynn has certainly brought a lot of joy to others with the many delicious, homemade, baked goods she has brought into the volunteer room over the years. Thank you, Lynn, for everything you do and have done for our community and country!



celebrating JUDY!

Judy Carnahan has volunteered with Food Share since 2015. She has been involved in numerous different volunteer activities from working in the garden, to bagging fresh

produce, to packing emergency boxes, to helping out at events, often with the additional assistance of her husband of 46 years, Mike. Wow! Judy has a long history of helping others, including being a founding member of the Ventura Humane League, now known as the Canine Adoption & Rescue League. On behalf of our human and animal friends, thank you so much for everything you do, Judy!



in memoriam DON BELLESS

One of our longest serving volunteers, with more than 20 years of service, Don Belless passed away peacefully late last year. Don

came in every Monday to sort bread, often with his son, Terry. For many years, Don also drove our bread truck, collecting leftover bread from supermarkets that we distribute to our network of pantry partners. Don, who was in his 90s when he died, grew up in Iowa during the depression. That formative experience is something he never forgot and was the source of his huge compassion for people struggling with hunger. When he wasn't helping out at Food Share, Don enjoyed square dancing and tending roses both in his garden and at the Olivas Adobe, where he also volunteered. He is greatly missed by everyone whose lives he touched.



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



SUSTAINING DONOR

Become a sustaining donor with a monthly or quarterly donation. Becoming a sustaining donor helps us establish a reliable revenue stream throughout the year. Having income we can rely on allows us to plan ahead and spend more time developing programs to reach those hardest hit by hunger.



VOLUNTEER

Join our family of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of our work. We can't operate without the thousands of people who give their time to us each year.



HOST OR DONATE TO A FOOD DRIVE

Donate canned food at a food drive. Donated cans are critical to our operation. They help reduce the amount of food we need to purchase, which in turn helps us plan ahead and avoid the vagaries of price fluctuations in the open market.

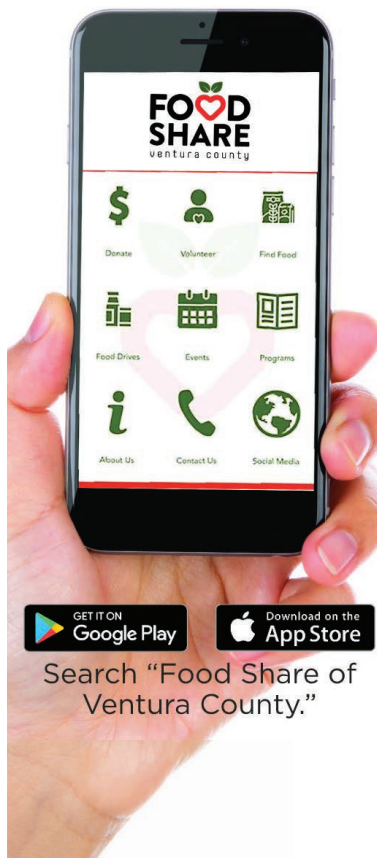
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