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staff spotlight

Christina Forino, Director of Volunteer Services

Christina has been with Food Share for 12 years and has been the Director of Volunteer Services for the past six years. She oversees the recruiting, training, and retention of quality volunteers who help Food Share to execute its mission of feeding the hungry of Ventura County.

GREATEST NEED FOR FOOD SHARE:

Your time and talents are needed in order to help Food Share keep its doors open. Last year, we had 2,448 volunteers who contributed 29,000 volunteer hours to Food Share. That is equivalent to hiring 14 full-time staff members! All it takes is two hours to make a difference in your community, all while making new friends. Volunteer once, twice, or as many times as you want.

BEST PART OF YOUR JOB:

I have the honor and privilege of working alongside hundreds of amazing people in our community. I am filled with joy every time I see people coming together for a great cause.

FAVORITE HOBBY:

Playing cards and crafting with my family and friends.

Save THE DATE

**Food Share Day of Giving
February 20, 2020**

Save the date! On February 20, 2020, Food Share will be holding its first Day of Giving! **We have a goal of \$60,000 with a matching pledge at \$25,000.** Stay updated on our social media channels and at www.foodshare.com.



imagine no hunger

**Reserve your FREE*
license plate today!**

**while supplies last*

1 in 5 kids in Ventura County goes to bed hungry each night. Proceeds from sales of this new vanity plate, which features a self-portrait of John Lennon, will be administered by the California Department of Social Services and distributed to the California Association of Food Banks to be utilized throughout the state of California for hunger-relief programs. Every person driving behind someone with an "Imagine No Hunger" license plate will know that person is leading the way to a California absent from hunger. **Working together, we can realize a hunger-free California.**

Make the IMAGINE plate a reality. Reserve your FREE plate online at imagineca.com.



upcoming events



DECEMBER 6-7, 2019

CAN-tree Drive

DECEMBER 7, 2019

Winter Wine Walk

DECEMBER 11, 2019

Food for Thought,
Lunch & Tour with CEO

JANUARY 9, 2020

CAN-tree Wrap-Up
Party and Awards

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Food Share Day of Giving

MAY 9, 2020

NALC Letter Carrier Drive

Visit foodshare.com/events
for more information.

A note from your CEO

Thank you to all our supporters who joined us at our 4th Annual Blue Jean Ball. This feel-good event never fails to bring out the best in our community. Thank you to all the restaurants, vendors, volunteers and donors that share our vision — because no one should go hungry.

Over the past two years as your President & CEO, I have been on a quest. I have visited nine different food banks, attended a dozen hunger relief conferences and scoured the legacy knowledge of fellow food bank leaders, consultants, employees and our Food Share founders. I have volunteered on a Feeding America task force and currently serve on the board of directors for the California Association of Food Banks. If someone out there has the answer to how we can solve hunger in Ventura County, I will find them.

I have some good news and I have some bad news on our progress.

First the good news...

Last year, through the collaborative network of Food Share's 190 non-profit pantry partners, over 13.2 million pounds of food was distributed to Ventura County children, seniors, veterans, and working families. This milestone sets a new record of hunger relief in Food Share's 41-year history.

Now for the bad news...

This shouldn't surprise you, but last year Food Share distributed 13.2 million pounds of food. This represents over two million pounds more food and a 17% increase in just 24 months. Over 30,000 families visited our pantries last year seeking fresh, nutritious food to help make ends meet.

To quote our COO, Susan Haverland, "Our ultimate goal would be to put ourselves out of business." How fantastic would it be to sweep the warehouse

floor, close the doors to the walk-in cooler, turn the sign on our front door to "closed" one last time and declare, "Everyone has been fed. No one is going hungry today."

But the fact of the matter is Food Share, along with every other food bank in America, is far from reaching that goal. The need for food only continues to grow year after year. I could fill a book with the heart-breaking stories behind the 75,000 individuals seeking help from Food Share each month. No matter what the circumstances that brought them to a pantry, hunger should not be the price they have to pay.

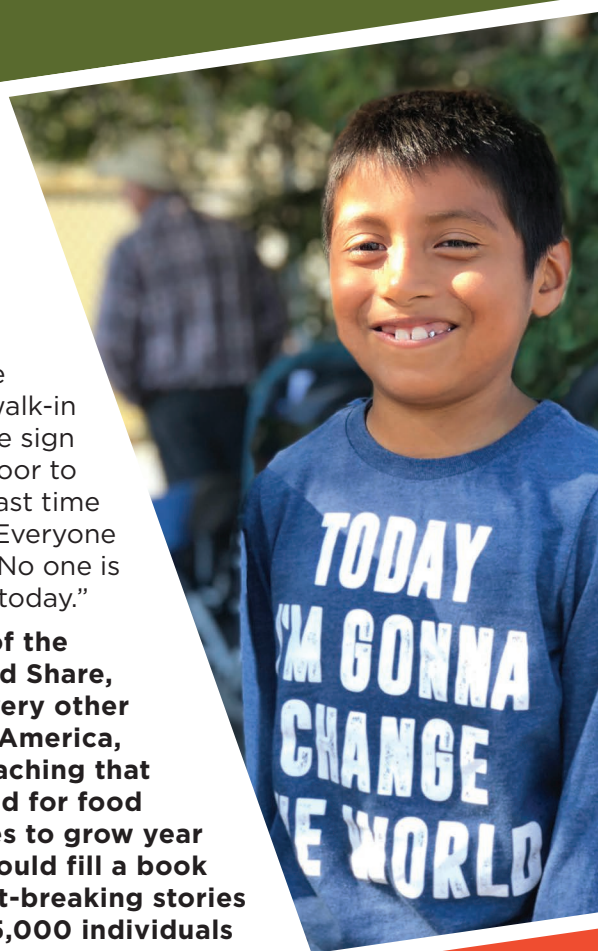
This is why we ask for your help in supporting those we may not know, but know we have the means to do so.

Your support is our strength and the reason we can continue to serve as Ventura County's largest hunger-relief organization.

Thank you for your support,

Monica White

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President & CEO





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Build a CAN-tree with us

Help feed our hungry neighbors this holiday season.

Collect & Build - Free!

Tree building instructions provided on site.

- Host a canned food drive: collect cans at your home or office to use for your CAN-tree.
- Each CAN-tree will require approximately 600-800 cans.
- Ideally the cans should be of the same height for structural integrity.
- Transport the cans you collect to the event site to create your team's CAN-tree.

Buy & Build - \$650

Tree building instructions provided on site.

- Send Food Share the donation to purchase the cans.
- The cans will be ready for you on-site; just pick your build time.
- Bring your team, family, or group to the event and enjoy the magic of building your CAN-tree together.
- Decorate and have fun with it!

Sponsor a Tree - \$750

- Have a CAN-tree named for you/your business and on display with tree signage throughout the weekend.
- Food Share builds it for you!

FOOD SHARE'S EIGHTH ANNUAL CAN-tree Drive

Friday, December 6th - Saturday, December 7th
Figueroa Plaza :: Downtown Ventura

Questions? Visit www.foodshare.com/cantree to learn more and register.