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staff spotlight

Aaron McMillan, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator

The Senior Nutrition Program provides home delivered, frozen prepared meals and supplemental food to over 200 home-bound seniors age 60 and over in Oxnard. Through funding from the Area Agency on Aging, the City of Oxnard provides these programs for seniors and for the past 14 years, Aaron has delivered those meals.

GREATEST NEED FOR FOOD SHARE:

Funding is always a major need for non-profit organizations. With more funding more of the communities in need can be assisted as well as fortifying Food Share's infrastructure to accommodate the task.

FAVORITE HOBBY:

I love my family! I am a full-time father and grandfather! They get ALL my spare time and I love it!

BEST PART OF YOUR JOB:

I feed someone everyday I work and that is a reward in itself!



Food for Thought

LUNCH & TOUR WITH THE CEO

Want to learn more about the Food Share operations?

What started in a two-car garage is now a 36,000 square feet, 30-person staff operation feeding 75,000 people each month. So much has changed but we've still got a lot of work to accomplish.

We invite you to attend a short tour and lunch (on us!) with our President and CEO, Monica White on the following days:

Thursday, February 13 (11:30am - 1pm)

Friday, March 20 (breakfast, 7:30am - 9am)

Tuesday, April 14 (11:30am - 1pm)

Saturday, May 2 (11:30am - 1pm)

Friday, May 15 (11:30am - 1pm)

Thursday, June 25 (evening, 5:30pm - 7pm)

Register for free at www.foodshare.com/foodforthought

Save
THE DATE
DAY OF GIVING
2/20/2020



On February 20, 2020, Food Share will be holding its first Day of Giving! The need in Ventura County is growing and we need your help to meet it. Donations of \$20, \$200, \$2,000, \$20,000(!) are encouraged to help fight hunger in Ventura County. Visit www.foodshare.com/give to learn more.





A note from your CEO

HAPPY NEW DECADE!

One of my childhood memories of the holidays wrapping up and a new year beginning was my Dad asking me “So, what are your goals for this year, Monica?” As a teenager, I recall responding with an audible gulp and a squeaky, “Goals?”

Despite the cold sweat the word instilled during my youth, four decades later the tradition of “Dad’s goals” has wonderfully prevailed and continued.

Today, the gulping has been replaced with an excitement of tackling new opportunities to face challenges head-on at work, home, and in life. One can’t help but feel buoyed with optimism at the idea of a clean slate at the start of a new year. Combine that with the start of a new decade — we’re talking some serious positive energy.

In the hunger relief world here at Food Share, our number one goal is sustainability. In the past “solving hunger” was our mantra, our mission and our ultimate goal. Even as an eternal optimist, I find this concept daunting and frankly, unattainable in our lifetime.

The fact is, the need for healthy, nutritious food every single day for our hungry neighbors is not diminishing — it only continues to grow. What we can do is continue to fight hunger by ensuring we are set up to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible for as long as our services are needed.

With the support of our board of directors, Food Share has developed a 3-year strategic plan to help

us reach our goal of sustainability. We are halfway through and progressing well, but we still need your support to reach our goals.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP IN 2020:

Visit! Attend one of our monthly open houses called Food for Thought: Lunch and Tour with the CEO. They are fun, free, informative, and we provide lunch! Sign up at www.foodshare.com/foodforthought.

Volunteer! We are 30 employees strong, but in order to collect and distribute over 1 million pounds of food each month, we need hundreds of extra hands. Come sort food, build senior kits, work in the garden or even drive a truck. Sign up at www.foodshare.com/volunteer.

Donate! Food Share’s first ever Day of Giving will be held on 2/20/2020. Donations of \$20, \$200, \$2,000, \$20,000(!) are encouraged on this auspicious day to help fight hunger in Ventura County. Donate at www.foodshare.com/give.

Thank you, Dad for the gentle (yet subtle) push each new year to set goals and to be our best. Thank you for helping me and my siblings learn that goals aren’t meant to be scary, but as a means to guide our aspirations.

Happy New Decade. And thank you for including Food Share and the hunger relief work we provide to thousands in our community in your goals for 2020.

Thank you for your support,

Monica White

Monica White
President & CEO



upcoming events



FEBRUARY 20, 2020
Food Share Day of Giving

MAY 9, 2020
NALC Letter Carrier Drive

Visit foodshare.com/events for more information.



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Thank you!

Over 100 different community organizations and businesses came together in December and raised enough money to build 352 trees, which helped to bring in **over 350,000 pounds of food!**

DECEMBER 4-6, 2020
Figueroa Plaza,
Downtown Ventura

