

Lifeline

FOOD FOR LIFE MINISTRY, INC.

IN GRATITUDE TO GOD WE ARE HERE TO SERVE THE
PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE HUNGRY

Volunteering at Food for Life

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Food for Life Ministry. It doesn't take a lot to be a volunteer—just some time and a heart willing to serve.



Volunteers praying moments before a distribution.

One of our wonderful volunteers is Cindy Lower. Cindy has been a volunteer for more than eight years. She works every Thursday afternoon and most Saturday mornings.



After retirement she wanted to help people and heard about FFLM through her church. What she enjoys most about being a Food for Life volunteer is making people happy with the food they need. She also enjoys working with the other volunteers.

Cindy says, "I like serving and doing it for God." She works hard, knows what needs to be done, and will do whatever that is. She is great with people, both volunteers and clients, and has a heart for the clients.

The Ragers are a whole family of volunteers—Denise, Eric, and sons Matthew and Cade.

When COVID started the Rager family needed things to do and heard about FFLM at church. Other

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volunteer opportunities had ended and they wanted to continue helping.

The family serves because they “know they will be helping and showing Jesus’ love to others.”

Cade says he likes helping people and we get “good snacks.”

Cade and Denise work every Thursday afternoon and most Saturday mornings when there is a regular distribution. Eric works Saturday mornings, and Matthew whenever he can.

They have lots of ambition and seem to be tireless! The family is a “good fit” for FFLM.



Notes from a few of our partners and volunteers:

Hello, I'm one of your older volunteers, but due to the pandemic I'm unable to do so at this time. I truly miss volunteering! Enclosed is a check for \$50, my donation to help with this very important ministry. Love & Blessings, Desrine



Hi! Thank you for all you do! I'm so blessed! Since I can't go shopping at this time, here's a donation to get what you need. In His Love, Barb

Thank you for all the good that you do. Thank you for the inspiration to be kind and to continue caring. May the enclosed be of a little help to someone today. Take care and stay safe. Praying for you, Liz

In the past few times that I have been given the opportunity to serve others, I have truly learned so much. From the first time, not even daring to open my mouth, to the most recent time, walking people out with the carts, I have discovered a true passion within me of wanting to serve others. I have found this experience extremely valuable and am more eager than ever to serve others. Sophie

Though I've only been volunteering at FFLM for a few months, I have come to love my time there. The clients are so happy to receive food, and so grateful we are there. It is a privilege to serve at Food for Life Ministry. Terri

Clerical Help Needed

Do you have a heart to serve for a few hours a month? We have a spot for you to volunteer. We need someone to organize volunteer information, file correspondence, write thank you notes, do the monthly expense reports, create and print flyers, and provide photocopying for our Thursday Bible study. All of this takes only about 3-4 hours a month. You might be just the one to help with some or all of this. Please call Cindy Vande Steeg at 909-576-3427.

scripture
**DO JUSTICE
love mercy
walk humbly**

Looking Back

The past months have been referred to as “challenging.” When Food For Life Ministry looks back we say, “Look at what God has enabled us to do!”

In March of 2020 the Board made the choice to stay open. FFLM accepted the challenge to provide for our regular clients and we expected a surge in people needing food. We prayed with each group of volunteers and placed our trust in God. He had provided for every crisis and situation in the past so our confidence was well placed. This time we had double needs—the food we would need and the health of the volunteers.

A few of our volunteers felt that they needed to isolate, but most continued to serve. They showed up to work knowing the need was great and trusted Jesus to protect us. What we did not expect was how many new volunteers would show up. The new volunteers came from a variety of sources—many students, people who could not go to work, and others that just wanted to help those in need.

As more people came the food supply increased as well. The need grew forty percent and the food supply increased fifty percent. Food poured in. Food came from individuals, businesses, stores, churches and neighborhood groups. Many of these donors were new to FFLM and some came from as far away as Long Beach, all professing they wanted to help. Obviously, God was taking care of business.

Our volunteers did not contract the virus at our site. The few that became ill contracted it elsewhere. This group of great people just continued to serve and bless everyone who came. It became very clear that the Lord answered our prayers and multiplied our requests.

Thank you Lord for helping us through this challenging time. Your name is great and greatly to be praised!

Mark your calendar for the second Annual

FFLM Golf Tournament

Friday, October 22

8 AM

Prado Golf Course



If you have questions, or wish to be a sponsor, please call Bernie Gabrielse at 909-917-3491.

We invite you to visit our website for sponsorship opportunities and other details at FoodforLifeMinis

WILL YOU HELP?

Food For Life Ministry needs help with:

- Coordinating the warehouse
- Contacting food sources
- Creating and maintaining relationships with churches
- **Driving trucks (on call or scheduled)***
- Maintaining the website

All of these are volunteer positions. If you can help, contact a board member, or Carl Hampton at
carl_hampton@chino.K12.ca.us

*Drivers are a critical need at this time.

FFLM would like to buy a warehouse so we can save the money now going to rent payments. Do you have a warehouse or know of a warehouse? Will you contribute to the purchase of a warehouse?

We need a six thousand square foot facility with fenced yard, and have budgeted \$900,000 for the purchase.

Contact Albert Vande Steeg at 909-553-6189 for more information about partnering with FFLM in this way.

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Warehouse hours:

Tuesday 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

