

Lifeline

FOOD FOR LIFE MINISTRY, INC.

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

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

November 21 was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for our Thanksgiving Distribution. First United Reformed Church hosted the event in their parking lot. It was a new venue for us and for those coming for food.

The Covid19 virus caused the change in location. The Senior Center was closed, but the church parking lot was great for hosting this event. Since the virus had brought a new surge of clients to the warehouse this year--nearly a forty percent increase—we wondered if we would see that increase in our Thanksgiving Distribution as well. We prepared for 700, making sure we would have enough food and turkeys for all who came.

The food and turkey money came from many sources. Many contributed for the first time. It was obvious that God stirred hearts as so many people came with car trunks loaded with groceries and checks came from as far away as Michigan to buy turkeys.

A special thank you to all the volunteers, most from partnering churches: Cross Point, Valley Christian, Living Word Assembly, Chino Valley Community, The Bridge, and of course our host, First United Reformed. The cadet club provided free hot dogs and the Chino Mounted Police provided security and traffic control. What a blessing these fine folks were.

Three hundred eight families came for food. So we have turkeys for Christmas. Everyone was introduced to the various churches and invited to attend Thursday evening dinner and Bible Study at the warehouse.

We thank the Lord for seeing us through this year of change and anxiety. But Jesus is our Rock and we will be ready again next year. Thanks to all!

FOOD FOR LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Third Annual Golf Tournament was again a huge success. This year we raised \$18,000 for the ministry, and we have many people to thank for their involvement, the golfers most importantly.

This year's winning foursome was composed of Dave Kooiman, Neil Robinson, Eric DeGroot, and Don Vanden Berge, representing Arena Staffing. They shot a round of 48.

Two teams tied for second place with scores of 51. They were Curt and Clay Kindred, and David and Kelly Liebhart on one team, and Dean Mesman, Dave Stienstra, Marty Sleeper, and Wade McMullen on the other. Closest to the Pin winners were Doug Basset on hole 2, Brad Verhoeven on hole 7, and Rod Bollins on hole 14. Loren Struiksma won the Senior Division Closest to the Pin award. The Longest Drive winner was Brandon Steffins, and Mike Seifert won the Longest Drive Senior Division.

Two women who went above and beyond to make our tournament a success were Erinna Gabrielse and Cynthia Knutson. Erinna took care of the behind-the-scenes financial work, and also helped with the raffle. Cynthia worked tirelessly to make our raffle a success, bringing in over \$6000 worth of raffle gifts.

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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

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We want to thank our six Event Sponsors and our 34 Tee Sponsors. These supporters really helped us raise extra funds, and they were a big part of our tournament. We also want to thank El Prado Golf Courses and Kevin Knutson for their help as well, and the part they played in making this a fun event under some very trying circumstances.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to another successful golf tournament in October of 2021.

