

LifeLine

FOOD FOR LIFE MINISTRY, INC.

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

We have a lot to be thankful for at Food for Life Ministry. On April third we had our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with 90 people in attendance. We celebrated God's goodness to the ministry and the volunteers that make everything work. It made me appreciate our drivers who pick up the food and the person that organizes them. I thought about all the people who hand out food and those who walk our clients to their cars and pray with them. I'm thankful for those who keep the shelves stocked, for those who donate food to Food for Life, for those that pay the bills for us, and for those that contribute financially to us. I'm thankful to Metz Air Control for donating our new heater and AC unit to us, to Marty Sleeper for donating and installing our new hot water heater, and to Todd Lorenz for donating our outdoor lighting. I am incredibly thankful for the churches and individuals who donate the money to pay the rent and utility bills. The churches that participate financially with us are Chino Valley Community, First United Reformed, Living Word, Crosspoint, Victory Baptist, and Valley Christian. Overall, we have a lot to be thankful for. We are serving more families than ever before—250 to 270 per week.

But we have needs as well. We need more food in order to provide for the hungry in our community. Some food is donated, but we also have to buy quite a bit. Inflation has caused food prices to soar. We need your help. Through the first quarter we have spent more than we have brought in. Not one person here makes a dime; every penny donated goes to feeding our community. If you're already giving, thank you. If you're not, please consider a monthly gift. We want to do what we are called to do. We know God will provide. It is His ministry, not ours.

—Carl Hampton

*For I was hungry and you
gave me something to eat.
Matthew 25:35a*



SAVE THE DATE!

Our 6th annual golf tournament will be held on
Friday, October 20.
Mark your calendar and look for more information
in the coming months. You don't want to miss it!

Food for Life Ministry at Chino Days

This year Food For Life Ministry, Inc (FFLM) helped the City of Chino kick off its inaugural community celebration called “Chino Days” on March 18-19, 2023. This event was created to celebrate Chino’s rich history in agriculture and its cultural diversity. As a member of the Chino community since 2009, FFLM hosted an information booth and was one of 55 vendors at the event. One of the biggest blessings which occurred that weekend was seeing 14 of our amazing FFLM volunteers step up and fill the call to work the event. Our volunteers didn’t just sit behind a table waiting for onlookers to come to them, they were out in front of our beautiful, newly branded easy up tent, passionately engaging any one who was willing to listen. They handed out flyers, old FFLM newsletters, and business cards, and solicited people to sign up for our 6th annual golf tournament fundraiser.



It was heartwarming to hear from one individual who stopped by our booth to say she had previously received food during her spouse’s difficult health battle, but she now was in a position to consider volunteering as a way to give back. What a blessing! We met a few others who testified to receiving services from Food for Life and told of their appreciation for the help that was provided free of charge.

In typical SoCal fashion, the weather was a bit unpredictable. While Saturday’s weather was perfect and brought out large crowds, Sunday’s event attendance was surprisingly large given the intermittent rain. Attendees still enjoyed the fresh air, food, shopping, games, and music through raindrops and under umbrellas. In addition to spending time in the FFLM booth, our volunteers also got a chance to do a bit of sightseeing and shopping, all while trying out some of the fun new foods like Asian-fusion tacos, visiting the petting zoo and listening to bands like 2 times Grammy winning ‘Mariachi Divas’ and ‘No Duh’, a No Doubt tribute band. They also got to see butter churning events, Chino history exhibits, and some Mexican dress dances with colorful Jalisco dresses.

Visitors to the Food For Life booth not only got to hear about our food distribution to approximately 270 households per week, as well as about our volunteer opportunities, they also heard about our weekly English and Spanish bible studies, and the ReBoot Trauma Classes, which help individuals work through past trauma using a biblical foundation. Both the weekly bible study classes, as well as the Trauma Reboot classes, are free and offer dinner for attendees. Chino Days attendees were the first to hear the date of this year’s 6th Annual FFLM Golf Tournament, which will be on October 20, 2023. The celebration was a great way to solicit new golfers for the fundraising tournament, by reaching a previously untapped group of golfers in the area.

If you are an outgoing person and would like to be a part of planning and serving in future community and fundraising events, please reach out to Jennifer Davis at 714.742.1777 or JenDavisRN@gmail.com.



Thank you Volunteers

Our annual Volunteer dinner was held April 3 at First United Reformed Church in Chino. The dinner was catered by Cannataro's restaurant, Pastor Brian Pattison gave a devotional, and music was provided by Carla Vande Steeg and Caroline Pattison.



You are
Appreciated



thank you

Volunteers, we
couldn't do it without
you!



Warehouse and Offices

4712 Cheyenne 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



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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