

# LifeLine

## FOOD FOR LIFE MINISTRY, INC.

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

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### **A Brief History**

From a dream an idea was formed. The idea became a plan, the plan developed into a ministry. Fifteen years later, the ministry has flourished beyond expectations.

It was difficult to convince anyone that Food for Life Ministry was viable and worthy of support. We had no track record, no money, and no facility, just desire—a desire to serve our community and to honor our Lord.

That two-fold goal has not changed. Providing food for the working poor prevents homelessness. Sharing Jesus feeds the soul. Those two have a growing effect on our community and on the local churches.

We rely on these churches to supply the volunteers who are willing to pray and share Jesus with our clients. Because of that we are known as the food pantry that cares and treats the clients with kindness and respect.

It is because of Jesus living in these volunteers that we have never needed to hold a class on how to treat people. Kindness is a hallmark of knowing Jesus.

We are one hundred percent volunteer. Anyone may volunteer, but only those who attend a church that ascribes to The Apostle's Creed pray with the clients. Some of our volunteers have never heard a prayer or been told about Jesus, so our ministry even helps volunteers.

When we began we served about one hundred families once a month. That has increased over the years. Last year we served about two hundred families each week. With the current inflation the need has exploded. We now serve nearly four hundred families every week. The awesome thing is that as the need grows the, food supply increases as well! God really knows how to take care of business. We see it and are grateful.

We always seem to have enough food, but sometimes are short of the staples such as rice, beans, and cereals. So we have a choice—only give what we have, or buy those staples. So far we have opted to buy the rice, beans and cereals. We are thankful for our donors who make it possible to purchase what we need.

Thank you for your support. We keep growing and blessing others.

—Albert Vande Steeg

# Called to Serve

In the first 3 months of last year Food for Life Ministry gave out food to 3068 families. This year, in the same period, we gave out food to 4400 people. That is approximately a 45% increase. As prices continue to rise in the grocery stores the need will only get greater. At FFLM God continues to supply the food and the workers. Food is mentioned over 1200 times in the Bible. In the book of John, Jesus refers to himself as the Bread of Life. Food is obviously important to all of us.

At Food for Life, we have many volunteers who give of themselves, and none are given a penny. We give of ourselves because we are called to do so. We have over a dozen drivers who drive all over the valley to pick up food, and we have a volunteer who coordinates them all. We have those that unload the trucks and place the food in the walk-in freezer or walk-in refrigerator. We have volunteers who come and sort food. Others put food on the shelves. And then on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and on Saturday mornings, we have volunteers who come in and put the food out on the tables. They stock the smaller refrigerators and freezers that we serve from. The process is beautiful to watch. After a time of prayer, we open the doors and invite the public in where they are greeted by a friendly smile and words of encouragement. Then someone helps them pick out their food and walks them to their vehicle. The volunteers load the food into their vehicle, and ask them if they would like them to pray with them. Very often the prayer time is more valuable than the food. It makes me happy to see the peoples' countenances lifted during these times.

How can you help? We always need more drivers or people to ride with the drivers to pick up food. We need people who would like to help organize and sort the foods that come in. We need people to help write grants or call businesses to see if they would like to donate food. You could be someone who passes out food. You might want to be a person who helps people to their cars and prays with them. People who want to do this is our most pressing need. You can donate money to help us pay the rent and energy bills. Most of all, pray for our ministry to be a light into our community. I have seen God do miraculous things at the ministry. I have faith He will continue.

–Carl Hampton





Donations from Mariposa Elementary School. Thanks to Elisa DeAnda who headed up the food drive, and Wendy Wood of the Lions Club.



Food drive at Howard Cattle Elementary. Thanks to Carla Vande Steeg for heading this up.



Food drive at Butterfield Ranch Elementary.



Special thanks to the Brookes family who organized their own neighborhood food drive!

### Save the Dates



Our 15th Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser will be held on Friday, August 9.

Our annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, October 25.



Put these important dates on your calendar.



### Thank You Volunteers



Our annual volunteer recognition dinner was held on March 4. We had a pasta dinner catered by Cannataro's and desserts from the Boys Republic bakery. Hymns of gratitude were sung, and Pastor Mike Spradlin, from Valley Christian Church gave a devotional.



## Warehouse and Offices

4712 Cheyenne Way,  
Chino, CA 91710

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Website: [www.foodforlifeministry.org](http://www.foodforlifeministry.org)

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 ten thousand square foot facility with fenced yard, and have budgeted \$2.5 million 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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