

LifeLine

FOOD FOR LIFE MINISTRY, INC.

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

Thanksgiving Distribution 2024

On Saturday, November 23, Food for Life Ministry hosted its fourteenth annual Thanksgiving Distribution. More than 650 families arrived at the Chino Valley Adult School early on Saturday morning to receive a turkey, a bag of food and fresh bread. Volunteers from eight local churches gathered to help with everything from hot coffee and cocoa for clients (provided by Starbucks) while waiting in line, to walking each client out to their car with an offer to pray and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



**A big thank you
to all who
participated!**

This outreach, which takes several months and many volunteers to plan and organize, would not be possible without the support of our churches: The Bridge/The Bridge Espanol, Chino Valley Community Church, CrossPoint Church, First United Reformed Christian Church, Living Word, One NewMan, Valley Christian Church and Victory Baptist Church.





In addition, many local schools spearheaded canned food drives, which ensured each family received a full bag of groceries. Generous monetary donations covered the cost of the turkeys purchased for the distribution. We are grateful to God for giving us a beautiful day, for generous donors and volunteers which ensured we were able to provide food to all who came, and for the support of our churches. "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Schools and other groups that participated in food drives for our special distribution: Butterfield Ranch Elementary, Calvary Chapel Chino Valley, Foothill Baptist Awana, Glenmeade Elementary, Howard Cattle Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Walnut HS, and Ontario Christian HS.





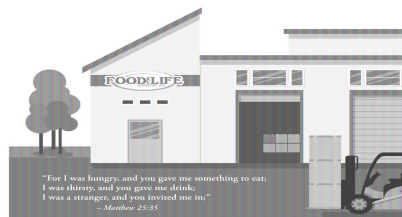
Summarizing the year

Albert vande Steeg

The year has been another year of growth. The high inflation has brought many new families who need what we have—food and encouragement. Another growth area was in having more volunteers come to walk with the clients and pray with them. Most of them are men; we could use more ladies to pray with the women clients.

A huge walk in refrigerator was installed just in time for the increased amount of produce being donated. God has a great sense of timing and we get to be part of it.

We had our first fund raising dinner to celebrate 15 years of service, raising \$87,000 towards the purchase of a warehouse in the future.



*Artist's rendering
of new warehouse*

We hit a high mark for the amount of food provided. Over 300,000 pounds of food was given to our clients. This helped many of them stay in their homes and prevent homelessness.

The Thanksgiving distribution was a huge success. I was privileged to greet the people as they waited in line. I was surprised at what they told me. Many of them had not eaten that day and were looking forward to a Thanksgiving with a turkey. A few only eat one meal a day. All of them were invited to attend the weekly Bible Study. Many appreciated the invite and some turned away, not wanting anything to do with God. But they all experienced the love of Jesus through our volunteers.

Since it is the end of another year, I want to remind you that your gifts are tax deductible and are needed to continue this ministry. Maybe you can include Food for Life Ministry in your estate planning? We are able to continue our ministry however, only with monthly gifts from dedicated donors. Any amount is greatly appreciated.



Warehouse and Offices

4712 Cheyenne Way,
Chino, CA 91710

Phone: 909-627-FOOD (3663)

Website: 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. The cost of a warehouse is \$4 million.

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



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