



ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Volunteer Matters

The Volunteer Newsletter of the Alameda County Community Food Bank

Fall/Winter, 2007

Volunteer Numbers Continue to Rise!!!

This past June marked the end of the second year for the Food Bank in our new facility and for the second consecutive year, both the number of volunteers and the number of volunteer hours served rose more than 20%. During the past year more than 3,100 volunteers served over 25,000 hours to help to alleviate hunger in our community.

Recently initiated projects such as bagging fresh produce and preparing food bags for school students continue to require a lot of volunteer help. We are fortunate that so many of you have come and continue to come forward to volunteer.

The hard work of volunteers is vital to accomplishing the Food Bank's mission. A huge **THANK YOU** to all past and current volunteers, and a warm welcome to those who are new!

VOLUNTEER BASICS

Schedule: Volunteer opportunities in the Food Bank warehouse and office are available during the week. Warehouse work only (food sorting is available on selected Saturdays.

Orientation: Individuals interested in weekday opportunities must first attend a one-hour orientation. Sessions are held every Wed. at 12:45 pm. Please sign up in advance to attend. *Groups and Saturday volunteers do not need to attend an orientation.*

Groups: The Food Bank is pleased to host groups of up to 25 people.

Contact: Charles Beyer, Volunteer Mgr, at (510) 635-3663 ext.308 or volunteer@accfb.org.

SATURDAY SORTS

Volunteers sort, screen, box and shelve donated food. Shifts are **9 am-noon** and **1-4 pm**. You do not need to attend an orientation before volunteering on Saturday.

Please sign up in advance.

November 17, 18 (Special Sun. Sort)

December 1, 15

Check www.accfb.org for scheduled dates in 2008.

TRANSITIONS

Welcome: new Helpline volunteers: Linda Bryant, Mynor Marroquin and Sharon Priven.

Welcome Back: Robert Cheeks after two years away from the Helpline. Robert has served nearly 900 hours since January, 1999.

Best of Luck: Ardella Richardson who is taking a break after having served almost 700 hours in our warehouse since September, 2000.

Congratulations: Bob Hasselbring who recently began as the Donor Development Coordinator at the Food Bank after having served as a Helpline volunteer for nearly 500 hours since September, 2002.

In Memory: Cleophas Wright had been one of our longest serving volunteers having contributed more than 1850 hours in our warehouse since November, 1999. Cleo's hard work, gentle smile and supportive attitude will be greatly missed.

Weekday Needs

Food Sorting

Sorting, screening, boxing and shelving donated food. **Shifts: Monday-Friday, 8-11 am and 11:30 am - 2:30 pm.**

General Office Help

Projects are scheduled on an as-needed basis **Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5 pm.** Tasks may include preparing mailings, phone calls, filing, data entry and special projects.

Food Helpline

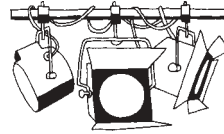
The Food Helpline is a toll-free, food referral service for Alameda County residents. Volunteers must be comfortable on the phone and have basic computer skills. Due to the training involved, a minimum **three-month** commitment of at least one shift per week is required. **Shifts: Monday-Friday, 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm.**



THANK YOU!

Volunteer Groups
April-September, 2007

Abbott Laboratories	Kaiser Permanente
Alameda/Oakland	Kehilla Community Synagogue
Home Learners	LDS Church
Alpha Phi Omega (UCB)	Life Academy
APL	Lifelong Medical AmeriCorps
Arroyo High School	Living Water Fellowship
Athenian School	Lynnwood VMC
Bentley School	Macy's
Beta Kappa Nu (UCB)	Moms' Club of Oakland
Boy Scouts	Montessori Family School
Building with Books	Moreau Catholic High School
CA Family Health Council	National Charity League
CA Emerging Infections Prog	Northern Lights School
Chevron	Oakland Association of Ins Agents
Church of the Beatitudes	Oakland Hebrew Day School
Clausen House	OUSD Community Immersion
Clif Bar	Occidental College Alumni
The Clorox Company	Oracle
Community Options	Parents Without Partners
Co-operative Support	Peet's Coffe & Tea
Contra Costa Chistian High Sch	Piedmont Community Service
Contra Costa Gospel Church	Crew
Crossroads	Principled Academy
Ecole Bilingue	Prospect Sierra School
Faith Network	Redwood Christian School
Fed Ex	St Mary's College High School
First AME Church	St. Paul Church Youth Group
Girl Scouts	State Farm Insurance
Give Something Back Business	Target
Products	Toolworks
Goldman Sachs	Union Bank of California
GrX Church	Union City Teen Camp
Hands On Bay Area	Wells Fargo
Holy Cross Episcopal Church	X/L Reinsurance
Julia Morgan School	Zion Lutheran School



VOLUNTEER Spotlight

VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Our annual event to recognize the hard work of our volunteers was held on August 11. More than 100 volunteers and members of their families were in attendance. It was a beautiful day...a good time was had by all. Special thanks to the following companies and individuals who provided appreciation awards for our volunteers: **Aidell's Sausage, Arizmendi Bakery, Chabot Space & Science Center, Children's Fairyland, Golden State Warriors, Parkway Theater, Renaissance Rialto Theaters, See's Candies, Vince Cotroneo and Yoshi's at Jack London Square.**

Sincere thanks to our many volunteers who are with us every week: Sharon Akahoshi, Dave Blount, Chris Brown, Linda Bryant, Jean Busch, Robert Cheeks, Dave Corson, Allan Crossman, Doris Davis, Rodney Davis, Suzanne Eldredge, Mary Feinberg, Gregory Ford, Beverly Grisham, Jessica Dasha Jex, John Jones, Daniel Juarez, Marlis Keller, Mari Lee, Rich Leres, Phil Liston, John Lyons, Mynor Marroquin, Barbara McPhail, Raven Obra, Ron Olsen, Lenora O'Neil, Marie Overton, Elaine Pecot, Sharon Priven, Miguel Rios, Harold Shaw, Lola Smith, Eric Sorensen, Willie Taylor, Susan Vinluan, Lesley Virgin and Bob Wise



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