

# Volunteer Matters

The Food Bank's Volunteer Newsletter • Fall/Winter 2018

## Networking together

For so many of our volunteers, their time spent at Alameda County Community Food Bank is about making connections. Connections with their community, with shared values, and often, with each other.

It's that sense of community and friendship that keeps Mary Henderson and her son Brian coming back week after week.

After working as a produce clerk for 16 years, Brian recently decided to leave his job. Looking for something meaningful to do, he and Mary began volunteering weekly.

"The employees and other volunteers made us feel

welcome immediately," Mary said. That welcome soon turned into connections with new friends like Arlene and Greg.

Brian met Arlene, a fellow volunteer, who helped match him with tasks that suited his skills. At the annual volunteer appreciation picnic, Arlene introduced Mary to Greg, a lead volunteer and former produce manager. As you can imagine, Greg and Brian have plenty in common – and have even started golfing together!

For Brian, volunteering is a way to use his professional skills, as well as an opportunity to gain new ones.



**Brian and Mary bagging plums at the Community Engagement Center**

"We think it's terrible that children go to school and to sleep feeling hungry," Mary said. "ACCFB is becoming quite an important part of our lives."

A few hours a week make a big difference when it comes to fighting hunger. As we work toward a hunger-free Alameda County, it's our shared connection to this community that makes it stronger and brighter.

*Handwriting  
volunteers  
needed*



Help our development team with important mailings and other vital communications.

Email [volunteer@acafb.org](mailto:volunteer@acafb.org) for more information.



**Wells Fargo employees bagging fresh produce at the Food Bank**

## SUPPORT WE CAN BANK ON

It takes a lot of time and energy to distribute the equivalent of more than 5 million meals through our Community Engagement Center each year. That's why we're thankful to our longtime supporter, Wells Fargo, which has been critical to getting that nutritious food out into our community.

Wells Fargo has sent volunteer groups to the Food Bank for *more than two decades*. And, over the past 10 years,

*1,300 team members* have logged nearly *6,000 volunteer hours* here.

In addition to donating their time, Wells Fargo's Community Investment Program awarded ACCFB a grant that provided the equivalent of *95,200 meals* to the 1 in 5 people we serve.

Thanks to Wells Fargo for helping Alameda County families secure a brighter future.

# TRANSITIONS



Remembering a vibrant volunteer

**Missie Emberton**

Missie Emberton started volunteering at ACCFB in 2012 and became a lead volunteer in 2014. As a longtime PG&E employee, Missie was an internal champion for the Food Bank, organizing large groups of volunteers and spearheading other PG&E efforts to support our mission.

Sadly, Missie passed away on Sept. 18 at the age of 64. To honor her legacy, the Food Bank devoted a special volunteer "Day of Commemoration" for her PG&E colleagues and family members.

Missie was an integral member of our Food Bank community and will be greatly missed.



May luck and success always be with you!

**Judah Godoy**

After 9 years of service, the Food Bank's Volunteer Logistics Coordinator, Judah Godoy, has left ACCFB. Judah played a key role in the success of our volunteer engagement efforts. We thank him for his hard work and dedication to our

mission. Please join us in wishing Judah all the best in his new endeavors.



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SAFEMART'S FOOD DRIVES

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Help us make one of our **biggest food drives of the year** a success. We need volunteers to encourage donations at local Safeway stores.

Sign up for a store near you at [accfb.org/volunteer](http://accfb.org/volunteer).

## YOU'RE INVITED!

**Annual Winter Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

Tuesday, November 6, 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to [volunteer.rsvp@accfb.org](mailto:volunteer.rsvp@accfb.org) by Friday, November 2.

A huge thank you to **Grand Lake Theater** and **AAA**, who helped make our Volunteer Appreciation Picnic a success!

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