

Volunteer Matters

The Food Bank's Volunteer Newsletter • Winter 2020



Thank you, volunteers ... all 16,875 of you!

Last year was a great year for ACCFB, thanks to your passion and support. From the warehouse to our helpline, fundraising events to A's games and Turkey Trots; volunteers make our work to help 1 in 5 county residents possible. Check out what you contributed last year:



54
FULL-TIME
EMPLOYEES

The hours you
contribute are like
having 54 more staff!



104,979
HOURS
SERVED

in our warehouse, our
helpline, and out in
the community



7,000,000
MEALS
PROVIDED

Every bag of oranges
and box of donated
food adds up...quickly!

ENSURING THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

As a volunteer, you know the difference three hours can make.

For Blue Shield of California, volunteering is about a commitment to our community. **Since 2015, Blue Shield employees have volunteered to prepare more than 20,000 meals worth of food for our neighbors.**

"Volunteering is a great way for co-workers to connect with each other and the communities where they live and work," said Chantel Johnson, a Blue



Shield employee and Food Bank volunteer. "It makes our communities a little brighter."

We share Blue Shield's values of making a positive impact on the health of our neighbors. That's why we were thrilled when Blue Shield moved their

headquarters to Oakland in November. To celebrate, they hosted a food drive as part of their commitment to the East Bay!

Ensuring our neighbors have healthy food is a year-round effort and we're grateful for companies like Blue Shield that volunteer

year-round. "The service organizations we partner with are always in need of resources, not just at certain times of the year," added Chantel.

Will you join Chantel and Blue Shield? Right now, our warehouse is brimming full of donations from the holiday season, but these early months of the year tend to be slower and we need your help.

Grab your family, friends, or coworkers and sign up for a shift at accfb.org/volunteer.

ASK VOLUNTEER MATTERS

“So, where does the food come from?”

Every year, 34 million pounds of food flow through our warehouse, to our partner agencies, and onto families’ tables—thanks in large part to volunteers like you! We often get asked: “where does all the food come from?” These are the main ways we get food you help sort:



We buy it. Most of it, in fact! And nearly all of the fruits and veggies you sort comes through our partnership with California Association of Food Banks. That’s why donations are so important: every \$1 donated helps us purchase \$7 worth of food.



Donations. Those barrels in our warehouse and scattered throughout the county are just one way we provide a variety of food to our neighbors. We also get donations from grocers like Safeway and Whole Foods, and manufacturers like Columbus Manufacturing and Bimbo Bakery Depot.



Uncle Sam. Food from the government makes up a small—but important—part of what we provide. Last year we got 37 truckloads of high quality items like meat and fresh produce.

Did you know? There are 5 million pounds of food every year you’ll never see in our warehouse? That’s because it goes straight from grocery stores to our partner agencies thanks to our **Food Recovery Program**—the largest of its kind in Alameda County.



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SAVE THE DATE!

National Volunteer Month Evening of Appreciation

Thursday, April 23, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

You stepped up in a big way through the **Together We Can Challenge,** helping provide **more than 350,000 meals.**



CESAR CHAVEZ VOLUNTEER DAY

Tuesday, March 31, 2020
8:30-11:30 a.m. & 12:30-3:30 p.m.



Join the Food Bank as we honor labor leader and civil rights activist Cesar Chavez.

Space is limited. Register by emailing our Volunteer Services Team at volunteer@accfb.org



*Handwriting
volunteers needed*

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

Email volunteer@accfb.org for more information.

Check to see if your employer matches volunteer service hours with donations: matchinggifts.com/accfb



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