



—Yorba Linda—
Food for Families

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Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary

In 2014 Yorba Linda Food for Families saw the number of families we serve level out at 65 and our homeless numbers increase from four to six. The number of people served remained at over 300 including adults, children, seniors and homeless. This amounted to packing and distributing in excess of 2500 bags of groceries, valued at over \$125,000. We also presented \$10 Kmart gift cards to each family's child and a \$10 Stater Bros. gift card to each family for Christmas amounting to over \$2000. This effort required 100's of volunteer hours to gather, sort, pack and operate the Food Bank.

A slow economy, coupled with a greater demand for food by Orange County Food Banks, less available food from Second Harvest Food Bank and smaller government USDA food shipments brought about the need to expend additional funds on costlier food products from Second Harvest Food Bank. These additional food expenses began in September and continue to the present to supplement our bags with more nutritious food. These food expenses include:

- 30 Cases (24/Case) of Beef Stew - \$350
- 20 Cases (24/Case) of Canned Green Beans- \$250
- 15 Cases (20/Case) of Cereal -\$200
- 20 Cases (24/Case) Canned Chicken Noodle Soup- \$250
- 15 Cases (24/Case) of Canned Tomatoes-\$250
- 15 Cases (24/Case) of Canned Fruit-\$300
- 10 Cases (24-1#/Case) Dry Beans - \$150
- 10 Cases (24-1#/Case) White Rice - \$150

In addition we purchased toiletries through The 99 Cent Store here in Yorba Linda. Over the last year we spent approximately \$2,500 for toilet paper, laundry detergent and hand soap. We also purchased pork sausage products from T&J Sausage in Anaheim, at a cost of \$750 (Wholesale Cost), to supplement the lack of USDA meat shipments for our families that return for additional food multiple Tuesdays each month.

We continue to purchase as many food products as we can from Second Harvest Food Bank at \$.14 per pound. However, variety and availability has been less than what is needed for our families.

We expect food demand and the number of families we serve to remain fairly constant through the remainder of this year, leading to increased food costs. With so many families dependent upon our Food Bank, we maintain a reserve fund for emergencies and loss of revenue (donations) and strive to keep the fund at approximately \$15,000, which equals the amount needed to keep our doors open for several years with no incoming revenue.

The First Baptist Church of Yorba Linda continues to allow us to use their facilities and pays all utilities and The Salvation Army of Orange County allows us to be also insured on their liability insurance policy. Without this continued support from these entities Yorba Linda Food for Families would be unable to continue operating.

It is through the generous support of your Rotary Club and other supporting entities that Yorba Linda Food for Families is able to purchase the needed food, meat and toiletry products that help support the families we serve. And always know 100% of every dollar donated goes to feed and serve our families.

Thank you for all your help and the difference you make within our community.

Regards,

Michael Beverage

President, Yorba Linda Food for Families