

July 2018

WHAT'S NEW AT



The Lord's Pantry

From the Director:

We need YOU!

With busy lives it can be hard to find time for family, friends, and free time, much less to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and your community. The right match can help you learn new skills and even advance your career. Volunteering offers vital help to worthwhile causes and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you.

Volunteering and helping others can help you reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. The social contact aspect of working with others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being. Coming to the pantry just one time a week will broaden your connection to the community, and when you do good for others and your community, it provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Plus, your role as a volunteer can give you a sense of pride and identity.

Helping with the smallest of tasks can make a real difference in the people we see at The Lord's Pantry!

Mary DeHart



Stats for the months of:

APRIL

Total served:

Families: 1045
Adults: 1665
Children: 422
Seniors: 1005
Total ACS: 3092
Homeless: 280
Layettes: 14

MAY

Total served:

Families: 969
Adults: 1492
Children: 302
Seniors: 955
Total ACS: 2749
Homeless: 342
Layettes: 7

COME JOIN US

The Lord's Pantry's SWEET FIX CREAMERY Fundraiser!!



July 13, 2018
3PM - 9PM

2715 McKee Rd, San Jose
Donating back: 15%

You're One in a Melon!

Have you been a volunteer at the Lord's Pantry?

The pantry is having its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and wants you there! Whether it was last week or last year that you volunteered, please come and join us for Friendship, Food, Family and Fun.

When: Saturday, July 14, 2018
Where: Gloria Dei Church in Luther Hall
Time: 1:30 PM to 4 PM

RSVP: to Mary, 408-258-7563, no later than Monday July 9.



Lord's Pantry Board Meetings:
July 9, August 13, September 10 3:00 PM at the Parish House
Please join us to find out more about the Lord's Pantry!

“A generous person will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

Baby Layette News:



Our layette program is going extremely well at this time.

Many donations have come in and we give a big shout out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for their donation to the program that filled the shelves with diapers, clothes, wipes, blankets, baby oil, shampoo, baby wash and pacifier's. We are stocked well, so we can serve all who ask for supplies. We have even been able to give a crib away to a needy family with a baby to be born in a few weeks.

I have a different kind of request for you this month: if you know any families expecting, or belong to any organization, clubs or groups, please tell them about our program and have them tell those in need of baby items about us. We have added a new group of Public Health Nurses in Sunnyvale that we have formed a working relationship with and have given 5 layettes for their clients over the last 2 months.

Thank you for your support of the Layette program

Aggie Reed, Coordinator

Homeless News:



The Homeless Outreach Program is going strong, we are sorry to say, and we have seen 342 Individuals for the Month of May. This is the largest number of Homeless we have seen since this program started. During May, we had enough supplies to give out only 75 Hygiene Bags, but it is our hope to give out one bag per man, woman, and child.

Around your house you may have some of these items and do not know that we could use them daily: paper shopping bags, empty pill bottles that you can see through (these are used for shampoo, conditioner, etc.) and brown paper lunch bags.

Items we need all the time are toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, travel size shampoo, lotion, conditioner, wash cloths, socks (men, women and children) body wash, packages of Kleenex, hand sanitizer and sunscreen for the summer months.

If any of you are knitters or in a knitting group, maybe you could start a project to knit caps for the winter months for the homeless clients.

Thank you to all who give to the Homeless Outreach Program. We are all aware that each of us might be one paycheck or family situation away from being in the same spot as many of our clients, and we must always remember the words of Evangelical preacher and martyr, **John Bradford**: "There but for the Grace of God go I."

Aggie Reed, Coordinator



Backpacks for School

Now that summer is starting, we are looking to gather supplies for the backpack program for the fall school year. Backpacks have already been donated and now we are collecting the supplies for inside of them. Needed items are package of rules paper, pens, pencils, erasers, white out, ruler, three subject notebooks, color pencils and crayons and other school items to get their education off to a great start.



The Lord's Pantry would like to share our deepest sympathy on the passing of one of our own. Lily Cabrera started working at the pantry 5 years ago during the holiday season. She then became fond of not only the work but the volunteers & clients. Soon after, she began working several hours a week up until her last day on earth. Lily will be greatly missed by all here who encountered her presence. Our thoughts and prayers continue with The Cabrera Family

Volunteer time



Give finances



Donate food



Donate hygiene products



The Lord's Pantry is a nonprofit, emergency food program that serves clients from 9 zip codes on the east side of San Jose. Partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank, we're one of the largest food pantries in Santa Clara County.