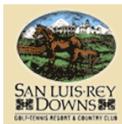


Greetings! from Fallbrook Food Pantry December 2011

Celebrating 20th Anniversary



On Saturday October 8th the Fallbrook Food Pantry celebrated its 20th anniversary with an "Open House" that included refreshments and tours of the facility. Thanks to the generous support system of volunteers, donations, and grants, the Fallbrook Food Pantry is now serving thousands of low income and disadvantaged seniors, adults, and children, every month. As our economy continues to struggle, so the number of needy continues to increase. To the individuals, groups and numerous organizations that recognize the need in our community to help the less fortunate, our heartfelt thanks go out for your ongoing efforts. As we at the Pantry strive to be good stewards of your generosity, please take a look at our newsletter and learn about some of the people, activities, and great programs, which demonstrate the success of the Fallbrook Food Pantry.



First Annual Golf Tournament

Held at San Luis Rey Golf Resort on October 28th, was a big success for the Pantry. This was a day of fun for novice to expert golfers, followed by a celebratory banquet, silent auction, and raffle of donated items. At the end of the day, the Pantry netted \$3,375. Based on the first year's success, we look forward to doing this fun event every year!

Thanksgiving 5k Walk/Run to Feed the Hungry



Saturday November 19th was our annual Thanksgiving fund raiser which brought over 200 participants and ten event sponsors. It is one of our primary fund raisers. Participants may donate any amount of money, and are encouraged to solicit sponsors, who donate on the participant's behalf. This fund raiser, coupled with our spring **Fallbrook Crop Walk**, provides an opportunity for the community to come together and show support for their less fortunate neighbors.

Teacher Becomes Role Model for Former Student



Jean Dooley is a tireless volunteer for the Food Pantry and her contributions of time, initiative, and experience, have indeed inspired all of us. It came as

no surprise when Rudy Bautista was inspired to volunteer when he met Jean at the Food Pantry, some nine years after their time as teacher and student at La Paloma School in 1992. Rudy started by donating salsa for the 20th Anniversary festivities. Rudy then brought a check for \$250 from his Vista company, *Sabra Salsa*, which entitled *Sabra Salsa* to be an official T-shirt sponsor for our November 19th **Thanksgiving Walk to Feed the Hungry**. Event day, the Pantry was overwhelmed when *Sabra Salsa* donated \$25 for each of the 31 *Sabra Salsa* employees who participated in the **Walk**. Rudy still lives in Fallbrook and his efforts to reach out and help those in the community where he grew up, demonstrates just how much one person can do. Neighbors like Rudy are the backbone of Fallbrook Food Pantry and validate the true spirit of giving – it comes from the heart.



Adopt-A-Family As the holidays approach, our clients worry about how they will provide Christmas cheer for their families. When the total income to provide for a family is at or below the national poverty level, holidays can be especially stressful. The Adopt-A-Family program seeks groups and individuals who would like to pair with a family in need, and provide the ingredients for a holiday meal as well as a gift for each child, or member, of the family. Last year over 200 families were approved for the program and 75 of these were "adopted". This program is an ideal way to embrace the true holiday spirit of giving. The numerous stories of relationships and bonds that have developed as a result of this program are heart-warming. Interested donors contact the Pantry directly, and if needed, the Pantry will assist if there is language barrier. Requests need to be received by December 15th. Please contact Onelia Lopez at (760)451-3296.

***Fallbrook Food Pantry is open Mon-Fri 9:30 – 12:30 to accept donated food, clothing, toys, etc. We love your excess locally grown fruits and vegetables!**

"I never thought that I would see days like this in America, after working nearly forty years. I appreciate the couple of bags of beans and veggies that I receive each week; most of all the cheerful greetings and warm comments from the giving staff. Thanks again!!" Karla, Fallbrook Food Pantry Client, Village News September 15, 2011

Fallbrook Neighborhood Food Distribution



Started this past August and is operated the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. Located at the First Baptist Church auxiliary parking lot, in October this growing program served 2,341 Fallbrook and Bonsall residents. Based on a four person family, this translates into over twenty pounds of fresh produce being distributed to each family! Distribution is open to everyone, no documentation is required and there are no income or asset restrictions. The monthly program is made possible through \$14,400 of funding by the Community Development Block Grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

New! A 700 cubic foot “walk-in” freezer was installed in October, just in time to store those holiday turkeys! It is such a bonus to have adequate storage for the many frozen items that the Pantry distributes. Now that it’s here, we wonder how we ever managed without it. Thanks go to the funds approved through a San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant. **Our local Albertsons is offering a holiday special “Buy one turkey, get one free” – please keep the Food Pantry in mind as we now have plenty of space for you to donate that extra frozen turkey.*



Our good neighbor Major Market

started their annual customer donation program for the Fallbrook Food Pantry on November 1st. As customers checkout, they are asked if they would like to donate \$1 or \$5 to the Food Pantry. The \$1 and \$5 vouchers are scanned, and at the end of the program

Major Market then makes the donation to the Food Pantry. The donated dollars are used to enhance the food giveaway for all clients. The program has two phases – one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. Last year the Thanksgiving appeal netted \$2,372 and fifty turkeys; the Christmas appeal netted \$1,804.



Albertsons will again support us at Christmas time with a similar donation program. With their donated dollars, **Albertsons** will provide the Food Pantry with frozen “family meals”. Last year the Food Pantry received 183 meals that were distributed just in time for the holiday tables of the needy. ***If you can think of a way your group or organization could participate in a similar “win-win” partnership with the Food Pantry, please contact us and we’ll happily help work out the details.**



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\$100.00 will feed 4 families of four.*

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