



**Fallbrook Food Pantry**  
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 Hours Mon-Fri, 9:30am-12:30pm  
 www.Fallbrookfoodpantry.org



**March 2012 Newsletter**

Greetings – In 2011, through the generosity of individuals, businesses and grants, we were able to fulfill the most basic needs of the Pantry, e.g. adequate refrigeration and freezers, proper dry foods storage, sufficient storage for clothing and equipment, and providing hot water at our “deep” sinks. Although we pride ourselves on doing the most with the least, we are infinitely more efficient when we have the proper “tools” to accomplish our mission. As we move through 2012, we look forward to upgrading our computer system and adding more storage shelves. All these projects and improvements require cash, and we thank you in advance for all your donations.



**Thanksgiving Walk To Feed The Hungry** brought in record high numbers of participants and donations, just in time to give a

needed boost to the Christmas season. Please read on to the article telling how our community schools helped to brighten the holidays for our less fortunate neighbors and friends. *Pictured left to right, Aimee Steen, Julie Steen, P.J. Resare, Brad Resare, Patti Johnson, Ray Story, Marty Warner, Jean Dooley, Jim Dooley.*

**Making a Difference:**



Fallbrook Schools continue to be important contributors to the Food Pantry. December, the month of giving, is always a time of year that the Food Pantry counts on the local schools to bring in large contributions. Christmas 2011 was an especially good season thanks to the efforts of our local schools. Special thanks go to Fallbrook High School students for their donation of over 1600 toys. These toys were distributed to needy children Christmas week; just in time to prove to our clients that the community really does care about them. Also noteworthy, Fallbrook Street Elementary School students raised \$323.75 for the Food Pantry during their Fall Festival Turkey Trot. The festival also arranged a coat drive for the school families and the

extra coats were donated to the Food Pantry for distribution to local needy families. Not to be outdone, the La Paloma Elementary School food drive brought in almost 2,800 pounds of canned goods and other food items. Way to go Fallbrook Schools! It’s especially good to see that our children are learning the value, and the rewards, of giving to others.



*Teacher Arlene Poulos and Principal Diane McClelland along with students at Fallbrook Street School present a check for \$323.75 to Frank Russell at the Fallbrook Food Pantry.*

**Mission Oaks National Bank** – The Pantry is grateful for the donation boxes placed at the bank’s office inside Major Market. All grocery items collected are distributed to the needy.



**Fallbrook Family Shares a Heritage of Giving** –



The Galvan Family has been coming to the Food Pantry for assistance since 1995. Reynaldo and Maria Galvan have taught their five children that, even

though their need is great, that charity begins at home and that giving and sharing with others makes a heart happy. The Galvan family are good role models for us all, demonstrating that a generous heart is the key to happiness. Oldest daughter, Laura, remembers first volunteering at the Pantry when she was twelve years old. Since that time, all seven children continue to donate their time and effort for many of the Pantry events throughout the year.

**How do I get to the Food Pantry?** – Our address is 1042 Mission Ave, but if you’ve tried to enter from Mission, most likely you’ve been disappointed. Please enter the Food Pantry from Aviation Rd – just around the corner, it is much easier and safer access.

**Neighborhood Food Distribution** – Our newest



program, is held the last Wednesday of the month at First Baptist Church auxiliary parking lot. Not only have we had tremendous volunteer support – but thanks to the organizational skills and

individual effort of volunteer Arlene Rutherford, over 300 families each month are quickly and efficiently moved through the “line” of fresh vegetables and produce. Income requirements are not needed – no one is turned away from this opportunity to add healthy and nutritious foods to the diet.

**Food Pantry Volunteers Needed** –Thankfully we



*Volunteer Drivers*

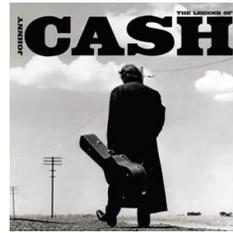
have a “mainstay” of volunteers who make-up the core of our staff. Unsung heroes like Frank and Sue Russell, Mike and Tony, and many others who are at the Pantry everyday some weeks, selflessly

giving their time and physical effort (there’s a lot of lifting!) every week. As can be expected, peoples’ lives change and many volunteers come and go. If you have the time and the heart, we always have a need for happy volunteers – we promise not to work you too hard. We are also currently recruiting for a new Board member. The ideal candidate would be able to attend our monthly Board meeting, would contribute a few hours each week with the Food Pantry (office, food distribution or warehouse), be available for occasional weekend fund-raising events, and bring positive, fresh ideas and energy to our Board “family”. Interested candidates should contact Arnie Willcuts, Board President.

*December 2011, we logged 937 volunteer hours.*

**Up Coming Events:**

**Live Concert. Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** , 7pm to 10pm at Bob Burton Performance Arts Center –Fallbrook High School and the Food Pantry will partner again this



year on a live concert. “Cashed In” is a tribute band that celebrates the music of the man in black – the unforgettable Johnny Cash. This is family entertainment at its best, music that transcends

all ages and backgrounds. We encourage our community to bring your family, bring your friends, bring your office – this is sure to be a fun night out. Tickets are \$15 and \$20, please contact Young Milton at 760-522-7481.



**CROP Walk,**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1pm** –This flat

and easy three mile walk begins and ends at the Food Pantry, 1042 South Mission Rd, Fallbrook. Donations can be made on location the day of the Walk, by pre-registering at the Food Pantry, or online at [www.fallbrookfoodpantry.org](http://www.fallbrookfoodpantry.org). The CROP Walk has proven to be a great team-building event for some of our local schools, churches and businesses over the years, as well as a super way for families and friends to spend some quality time enjoying a day together in the sun.

**The 20th Anniversary Postal Food Drive**



**Saturday, May 12, 2012** You can help! Please place non-perishable food items in a bag and place it by your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick up and deliver to the Pantry.

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***Your Tax-deductible Donation is always Appreciated***

\$25 Feeds 1 family of 4

\$50 Feeds 2 family of 4

\$100 Feeds 4 family of 4

\$ Other

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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