Missions Report –
Skyland Church Food Pantry Prepares for the Holidays



Giving Tree

In 2022, Skyland Community Church and community members generously donated over $12,500 for holiday gifts for 26 families and 46 children who need a helping hand at the Loma Prieta School District for CT English Middle School, Loma Prieta Elementary School and Building Blocks Preschool. **Can we raise that much money again in 2023?**

Thanks to many generous donors we were able to give $25 - $50 gift cards to 100 food insecure neighbors last year and we are hoping to do this again if possible.

Please help us make a local impact by scanning the QR code above or donating online at the

PayPal Giving Fund Skyland Giving Tree Donation Link

Please note that 100% of your donation to the PayPal Giving Fund will go to the **Skyland Giving Tree**.

The PayPal Giving Fund is a registered 501.c.3 charity and absorbs all credit card fees and transaction fees.

You will receive a tax deductible receipt by email from the PayPal Giving Fund stating that your donation will be sent to Skyland Community Church.



Food Distribution

Second Harvest of Santa Cruz County and Second Harvest of Santa Clara County have cut back on protein, and we are now having to buy food. **We need coffee, oil, cereal, chili, soup, canned single meals with pop tops, can openers, paper products and toiletries if you would like to donate.**

We have lovely produce now. Bread from Sumano's Bakery is also donated in large quantities. Our 50 volunteers are amazing, and we are feeding at least 100 families now.

Volunteer Needs

We need new volunteers to help on Fridays at 12pm, Wednesdays at 1:30 and on Thursdays at 9am. Can't commit to one day? Please reach out to Carol David at caroline.a.david@gmail.com if you are willing to be a substitute worker.

Watsonville Center for Farmworker Families

We deliver extra produce, dried beans, rice and produce to farmworker families on the second Friday of the month.In addition, they would like us to bring children's books for their farmworker distribution. They want board books and picture books with only a sentence or two on each page for non -readers.



Central Valley Book Distribution

On Oct. 26th, we sent the 300 extra books from the Africa Library Project to the Central Valley Empowerment Project for their students. The office bookshelves are now empty! Please contact Shannon Edwards at shannonedwards14@gmail.com if you are interested in helping the grassroots groups in the Central Valley.

Thank yous:
This month we received lovely gifts from our church members and our community including many apples.

- Gerald Alonzo and Carol and Ricardo David gave extra staples.
- Jeanne Tillman and Ron Ronconi donated towards our security system and new foldable wagons.
- Brian and Patricia Wood donated brochure holders that allow our clients to pickup paperwork on where to go for help.
- Ken Chambers repaired the lights in the shed.
- John Conkle sent emergency lights for the shed.
- The Loma Prieta Club donated $1,000 towards food plus many staples.
- Tina Murray made about over 60 lovely meals for our clients and our 50 volunteers greeted our clients with love and filled our shelves and refrigerators for all to use.
- We especially treasure the notes that we find on the doors and refrigerators thanking us for the food that we provide every day for our neighbors who need a helping hand.