

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your continued prayers, donations, technical assistance, grant-writing and everything else. We are a small organization but we've done mighty things this week.

We served 94 people today which brings our weekly total to 228. That used to be what we served in a month. Given that the service model is brand new and there is a lot of behind the scenes work to make it happen, I'm extremely proud of how well we were able to serve our neighbors while maintaining the safety of all involved. We have lots of newly food insecure people coming out to find us I'm glad we've been here to serve them.

We've run very short on a lot of food items and I am having to make some substitutions, but we've also received an outpouring of donations.

Surfrider Pizza donated their entire freezer of bread and tater tots to us, for example, and we were able to get that food out to families and individuals with cooking facilities today.

Many people donated canned goods and fresh, local citrus.

Our friends at grocery outlet brought lettuce and bananas and fresh strawberries.

A navy chef made crates of gourmet desserts which she packaged individually and which we were able to hand out today.

Through our temporary partnership with First UMC were we're also able to secure a large quantity of canned goods from the San Diego food bank today to replace some of our supply. Ellen has just finished writing our application to partner with them and I'm hopeful that this will be approved soon and give us an additional avenue to get food for our clients.

There are things we are out of, and I will go to work ameliorating that tomorrow, but overall we are providing excellent service to our neighbors in need.

We have a great team of dedicated volunteers coming to work the distribution lines and they have been a tremendous help. We've even been able to deliver groceries to a few home bound folks in the OB area.

It's been an overwhelming week, but not overwhelmingly bad. Basically, I'd say it's been kind of miraculous.

Next week we move to our new once-weekly distribution schedule.

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