Our Mission: Alleviate Hunger & Malnutrition in Yolo County

Building on the Past

Now in our 41st year of serving the community. We are proud of our accomplishments in growing our programs to meet the increasing demand of our mission while keeping an eye on efficiency.

Future Focus is Now

In the last few years we have made some important strides in our focus on promoting nutrition and wellness, empowering those in need to make healthy food choices

Produce Distributions

The Enough to Eat program provides food to 70 non-profit agencies throughout Yolo County, including shelters, soup kitchens, schools, and food pantries. Food for this program comes from a variety of sources, including manufacturers, retailers and food drives. In 2011, we distributed almost 3 million pounds of food both directly by the Food Bank and to this network of agencies which, collectively, served a monthly average of over 156,011 (1,872,141) meals.

However, although this represents a lot of food, what we are most excited about is the continued growth in the amount of fresh produce we distribute, increasing by over 1,772% in 2011 from 2006.

Beginning in 2007, tapping into a statewide program, and setting aside money in our budget to purchase fresh produce, we continue to grow this distribution. From 50,000 pounds in 2006 to almost 700,000 pounds in 2011.

Tailgate Distributions

We started our first tailgate distribution in 2004 in Woodland at the Food Bank warehouse.

In 2008 and 2009 additional sites were opened in Woodland, West Sacramento,
We Serve Programs In:
Clarksburg       Davis       Dunnigan       Esparto       Guinda       Knights Landing       Madison       West Sacramento       Winters       Woodland       Yolo

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Moveable Market

The Moveable Market is a produce stand on wheels that provides fresh produce and nutrition education to families and seniors throughout Yolo County. The nutrition education includes food tastings, and where feasible, cooking demonstrations with a fresh locally grown produce featured each month.

Demonstration Garden

In 2008 the Food Bank started a small garden at its location on a small area that had been fallow for years. It was a perfect start for us to begin to integrate our broader nutrition focus goals.

Market

In 2011 operations began with the Quick & Fresh Market. By operating our own Store we will be able to provide the nutritious foods families with children receive through WIC, plus, we’ll encourage them to take advantage of other programs such as the Moveable Market, food stamps, and the Food Bank’s other regular food assistance distributions. We see this as a unique opportunity to widen our safety net for people in need.

Kitchen and Cooking Classes

We seek to empower families with the knowledge and skills to prepare healthy meals. The new kitchen, completed this year, allows us to provide cooking and demonstration classes.

Fruit Parfait
Salmon on Salsa

Staff Changes

This year a new position was created, Agency Relations, and was filled by Stephanie Sanchez. Stephanie came from the warehouse where she has worked for the past 3 years.

Looking Ahead

As in the past, we’ll guide our future, as we look ahead, with these values: integrity, mission, service, loyalty, collaboration, pragmatism, and efficiency.