Our Mission: Alleviate Hunger & Malnutrition in Yolo County

A Year of Change

2012 saw the retirement of Jose Martinez after eight years as the Executive Director. His successor, Kevin Sanchez, began leading the Food Bank in March.

Kevin spent over 30 years in the for-profit sector, first in advertising and later in specialty food manufacturing and marketing. In both industries, he created and ran his own companies.

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The Enough to Eat program provides food to 60 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 2012, 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.

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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, and Davis.

At all sites, we’re seeing new faces as more families struggle to make ends meet in this difficult economic climate.

Tailgate Distributions

We Serve Programs In:

Clarksburg  
Davis  
Dunnigan  
Esparto  
Guinda  
Knights Landing  
Madison  
West Sacramento  
Winters  
Woodland  
Yolo

Professional Staff

Kevin Sanchez  
Executive Director  
Amanda McCarthy  
Director of Programs  
Valerie Dennis  
Bookkeeper  
Shawn Kramer  
Community Outreach  
Stephanie Sanchez  
Agency Relations

Summer Lunch Program

In June the Food Bank was contacted to see if we would be interested in participating in the Summer Lunch Program at Casa del Sol (mobile home park). The program director was short of funding to conduct the program on Friday’s, so we stepped in and began a fresh produce distribution each Friday morning, reaching approximately 100 families each week for the 7 weeks that we participated.

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. The program continues with Master Gardeners from UC Davis conducting classes in composting, planting and maintain a vegetable garden.

Staff Changes

This year, following the retirement of Roger Jimenez a new warehouse manager, Dave Hernandez was hired. Dave came from Las Vegas where he worked for the past 8 years in warehouse management.

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.