



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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This is one of our Wednesday crews. Each day has from eight to twelve crew members. We greatly appreciate all our 220 volunteers!

Auburn Interfaith Food Closet
"Sharing the Blessings"

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STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

The most important news is that the Food Closet finished 2015 in the black which was a great improvement over 2014 when we ended the year in the red. Much of this success can be credited to an increase in donations of produce from the Placer Food Bank Farm-to-Fork program and a decrease in the number of clients due to the improving economy.

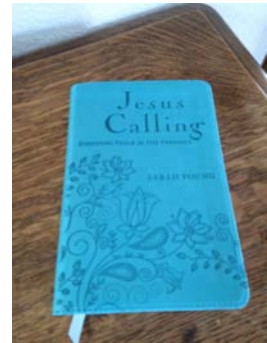
As a result, in November 2015 we redirected funds to providing frozen hamburger and cheese which we had discontinued in 2014 for financial reasons. We are continuing this into 2016 and have also added frozen broccoli or spinach to the menu.



We petitioned for a bus stop in front of our new location and the City of Auburn and Placer County worked together to provide the hourly service and the City provided this covered station! This benefits those who cannot drive.

Another highlight of the year was the donation of a new three-door freezer by the Placer Community Foundation through the Community Needs Fund. This new freezer allows us to store frozen foods near where bags of groceries are being filled and eliminates the need to go in and out of the walk-in freezer (thereby saving energy and reducing costs). This donation was a big boost to our morale!

We implemented a new program called “Bailey’s Books”. These inspirational and how-to books are intended to provide spiritual uplifting, guidance and encouragement. Many Bibles are being provided through this program. Bailey’s Books is a nonprofit that was organized in memory of a 13 year-old boy who took his own life. Opening a book can inspire, offer hope, or change a life! Donations are continually needed for these types of books as they are in great demand. We continue to provide copies of the Daily Bread courtesy of Our Daily Bread Ministries.



We initiated a Community Partner Program in September to create partnerships between local businesses and organizations and the Food Closet with the goal of reducing, alleviating or preventing hunger in our own community. As of this writing, there are ten Community Partners! A list is provided later in this document as well as being listed on our donor page at www.auburnfoodcloset.org.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

The Food Closet primarily relies on local organizations who make the Food Closet the beneficiary of its events or fundraising activities.

- The 5th Annual Walk to Stock the Closet held on Thanksgiving Day raised over \$6,028 and received 20 bags of groceries. This event was spearheaded by a seven-member committee of community activists.
- We participated in the Big Day of Giving 2015 and received \$15,255!
- We hosted four Stuff-A-Bus events. Many thanks to Grocery Outlet, Save Mart, Safeway and Raley's who allowed us to hold these events in their parking lots.
- We participated in Feeding America's September Hunger Action Month and sponsored a community-wide food drive. We had 33 teams that covered the entire community of Auburn. Many thanks to the Soroptimists International of Auburn and the Girl Scouts who helped us with teams. Approximately 6,700 food items were collected.



THE STATISTICS

We provided groceries for 238,371 meals in 2015 at a cost of \$1.86 per meal. These meals were provided for 26,771 individuals through 9,123 family visits. The number of individuals is down from 2014 (29,132) by about 8%. We believe this is a direct result of the unemployment rate dropping from 5.7% to 4.6% this year. This is really good news for our population. The number of homeless continues to be about 6% of our client base (rose to 6.4% from 6.1%). In 2015, there were only 707 new families enrolled compared with 822 in 2014 (14% decline).

Client Profile

Our clients are primarily adults, with only 29% being children under 18. Nine percent are seniors 65 and over. Age groups of clients:

| Age | Percent |
|-------|---------|
| 0-2 | 3.2% |
| 3-9 | 11.3% |
| 10-17 | 13.6% |
| 18-64 | 62% |
| 65+ | 9.9% |
| Total | 100% |

Frequency of Visits

The records from 2015 reflect how often **non-homeless** families visited the Food Closet. Years 2014 and 2013 included the homeless in the percentages. Depending on their needs, the homeless have the option of visiting up to three times a month, receiving one day of food at a time.

| Families Frequency of Visits in a Year | Percent | | |
|--|---------|-------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Once only | 25.7% | 32.1% | 29.62% |
| Twice | 18.0% | 16.3% | 18.1% |
| Three times | 14.1% | 10.7% | 12.2% |
| Four times | 11.1% | 8.4% | 9.3% |
| Five times | 8.9% | 7.7% | 7.0% |
| Six times | 6.9% | 4.6% | 6.0% |
| Seven times | 5.3% | 5.0% | 5.0% |
| Eight times | 3.8% | 5.0% | 4.3% |
| Nine times | 2.8% | 5.0% | 2.6% |
| Ten times | 1.9% | 2.6% | 2.1% |
| Eleven times | 1.2% | 2.4% | 1.2% |
| Twelve times | 0.4% | 1.3% | 1.9% |

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Focus on Nutrition

Our partnership with the UC Cooperative Extension has been very beneficial. Every month, their representative, Carrie Yarwood, prepares a healthy version of a dish using the types of foods we distribute and offers a sample to our clients as they wait for their groceries. She also provides the recipe and a nutrition chart to encourage clients to learn more about nutrition and to be willing to prepare it themselves.



In addition, we feature a separate recipe of the month and provide copies of the recipe to clients as well as post the recipe on our website and



on Facebook. We continue to run nutrition based videos for clients to watch while they wait.

In the summer, plant seedlings were distributed for clients to grow their own tomatoes and peppers. These plants were provided by Food Full Circle and were very well received.

We continue to rely on produce donations from local farmers and gardens. Our goal is to provide a recipe for each type of produce so that our clients will be encouraged to prepare it and try new types of food.

Board of Directors

The expiration date for board members was changed from January 31 to June 30 to avoid having the changeover in board members and officers so near the holidays. The term of office remains two years for a board member and one year for officers.

A new Governance Committee was established and assigned the task of recruiting congregations and recommending officers (replacing prior Membership and Nominating Committees) as well as providing a mechanism for evaluating board performance so that we can continually be improving our effectiveness.

Summer Youth Program

For the second year, we hosted a six-week summer youth program where youth entering high school and above could volunteer in our daily operations. They were trained to fill grocery orders, stock the shelves, and to repackage bulk foods as well as to deliver the grocery bags to clients. Sixteen youth participated this year.

Food Donations

A substantial amount of food is donated to us by members of the Auburn community and the Placer Food Bank. The following chart reflects the sources of food in 2014.

| Source | Percent |
|---|--------------|
| Donations from Auburn community | 31.3% |
| Donations from Placer Food Bank (includes USDA food) | 45.1% |
| Purchased by AIFC | <u>23.6%</u> |
| Total | 100% |

More than 137,000 food items were donated by our Auburn community. Food donations were slightly down compared to 2014. We track food donations and record them as in-kind income with an average value of \$1 each.

Most of the food donated from the Placer Food Bank is from the USDA Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP). In 2015, the Placer Food Bank also began donating a substantial amount of fresh produce (potatoes, onions, apples or oranges). This has provided a substantial benefit to the Food Closet. In 2015, the Food Closet spent a total of \$103,757 purchasing food or an average of \$8,646 per month. As stated earlier, the Food Closet was able to again purchase hamburger and cheese as a direct result of the Placer Food Bank fresh produce donations. Recently, we began purchasing frozen broccoli and substituting it for a can of vegetables to provide higher quality vegetables.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Food Closet total assets and equity as of December 31, 2015 were \$290,584.19. Total assets include fixed equipment assets of \$42,394. There were no outstanding liabilities. We operate on a modified cash basis.

In 2015, the average amount spent each month averaged \$13,449. Food purchases averaged \$8,646 per month. We expect costs to be about 5% higher in 2016 as a result of purchasing higher quality food.

Statement of Income and Expenses

Revenue by Sources

| Category | Amount | Percent |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Placer Food Bank In-kind Donations | \$198,651 | 34.8 |
| Community In-kind Donations | \$137,988 | 24.2 |
| Individuals | \$65,380 | 11.5 |
| Sponsor A Family | \$59,896 | 10.5 |
| Grants | \$35,452 | 6.2 |
| Corporate/Organizations | \$23,434 | 4.1 |
| Fundraising | \$23,391 | 4.1 |
| Congregations | \$20,011 | 3.5 |
| Community Partner | \$5,000 | 0.9 |
| Memorials | \$695 | 0.1 |
| Interest | \$57 | 0.1 |
| Total | \$569,955 | 100% |

Expenses by Type

| Category | Amount | Percent |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Administrative | 8,436 | 5.2% |
| Fundraising | 4,575 | 2.8% |
| Program | 148,374 | 91.9% |
| Total Cash Expenses | 161,385 | |
| Non-Cash Expenses | | |
| In-Kind Food Donations | 336,639 | 94.2% |
| Depreciation | 20,735 | 5.8% |
| Total Non-Cash Expenses | 357,374 | |

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We want to thank all of our donors who support the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet (AIFC) with monetary donations, food donations, and produce from their garden. Our wonderful donors who are "Sharing the Blessings" and who have joined the fight against food insecurity in the greater Auburn area, include, but are not limited to, the following:

| BOARD MEMBER CONGREGATIONS | ASSOCIATE CONGREGATIONS |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Auburn Presbyterian | Auburn Grace Community Church |
| Baha'is of Rocklin | New Faith United Church of Christ |
| Baha'is of Placer County | Our Savior Lutheran Church |
| Bethlehem Lutheran | |
| Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints | |
| Faith Lutheran of Meadow Vista | |
| First Congregational Church of Auburn | |
| Parkside Nazarene | |
| Pioneer United Methodist | |
| Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalists | |
| St. Joseph's Catholic | |
| St. Luke's Episcopal | |
| St. Paul Lutheran | |
| St. Teresa of Avila Catholic | |
| Unity of Auburn | |
| Upper Room Community Church | |

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Partners

Platinum Level: \$1,500 and above

Placer Community Foundation
Quality Housing Development Corporation
Smart and Final Charitable Foundation



Gold Level: \$1,000 - \$1,499

Mark Berg
Soroptimists International of Historic Auburn

Silver Level: \$500-\$999

Auburn Alehouse
Auburn Lodge # 7 Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I. O. O. F.)
Community Needs Fund at Placer Community Foundation
Soroptimists International of the American River

Bronze Level: \$350-\$499

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Megan & James L. Smith
Pat. Tavare
Chuck & Bonnie Vrooman
Todd & Martha Warner
Joe & Margarita Wilcox
Ken & Sharon Winter

Service Clubs

Auburn 49er Lions
Auburn Host Lions
Auburn Rotary
Catholic Ladies Relief Society # 6
Daybreak Rotary
Gold Country Rotary
Kiwanis Club of Auburn

Moose Lodge Auburn
Seroptimists Club of Historic Auburn
Seroptimists International of the
American River
Seroptimists International of Auburn

Bakeries and Specialty Foods

Baker & CakeMaker
Beach Hut Deli
Dutch Brothers Coffee
Flour Garden
Mad Willys

Panera Bread
The Salsa Factory
Starbucks
Truckee Sourdough Company

Grocers and Farmers

Ann's Orchard
BelAir
Grocery Outlet
Miller Honey Farms
North Fork Mandarins
Pepperidge Farm

Raley's
Rock Creek Elementary School Garden
Safeway
SaveMart
Local Farmers

Other Businesses and Organizations

AIM & Associates
American River Physical Rehabilitation
Auburn Area Republican Women
Auburn Jeep Club
Auburn Journal
API Marketing
Auburn Transit
Auburn Recreation Park
Bank of America
Battered Women
Beta Sigma Phi
Boy Scouts
C Horse Ranch Healing Pastures
Community 1st Bank
Crossroads Community Church
Curves
FCCLA at Bear River
Fitness By Design
Foothill Quilters Guild
Friends of the Community
Friends of Placer County Animal
Shelter
Gold Country 4-H Club
Howell's Sew & Vac

H&R Block
Hardman Chiropractic
Hewlett Packard
KAHI radio
KCRA Kids Can Drive
Kidz Kount
Lyon Real Estate
Placer Arts
Placer County
Placer Grown
Placer High Leo and Key Clubs
Dr. Reynold Donovan, DDS
Rock Creek Mobile Home Park
St. Joseph's Catholic School Garden
St. Vincent DePaul of Auburn
Sierra College Nursing Student Club
Sutter Medical Foundation
Sutter Hospice Thrift
U.S. Bank
USPS Letter Carriers
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Wilson & Wilson & Taylor
Woodside Village Mobile Home Park
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