



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



2016 COMMUNITY TURKEY DRIVE

Auburn Interfaith Food Closet
"Sharing the Blessings"

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INTRODUCTION

AIFC completed its 18th year serving hungry families. We were fiscally prudent, raising about an equal amount of money as we spent. We did receive a large bequest in 2016, which we have not spent until we can decide the most appropriate uses of this generous donation. We remain a 100% volunteer organization. We remain a highly efficient nonprofit, with over 97% of our expenses being returned as services to our clients.

This has been an eventful and exciting year for the Food Closet!

Our Goals for 2016:

1. Provide frozen meat each month.
2. Provide cheese each month.
3. Substitute frozen or fresh leafy dark green vegetables (i.e., broccoli or spinach) for equivalent canned vegetables every month.
4. Continue to teach how to prepare foods nutritionally and cheaply by providing recipes, videos, and tasting demonstrations.
5. Continue Spice-It-Up program.

We met all of our goals for 2016 and received positive responses from our clients. A different nutrition video for each month was developed to highlight the types of food and produce available during a particular month. Recipes and tastings were provided each month. The Spice-It-Up program was available many months of the year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Auburn Community Turkey Drive: With sponsorship from Wells Fargo Bank, Auburn Grocery Outlet, Auburn Moving Company, the Auburn Journal and Advantage Printing, we held a one-day turkey drive in November and collected 527 turkeys donated by the community then followed it up with a one-day distribution to 221 families of three or more who had registered for a turkey. The extra turkeys were given to AIFC families of three or more throughout the month of December! Grocery Outlet was such a blessing. They stored turkeys for us until we could accommodate them in our walk-in freezer. It was such a success that we plan to do it again in 2017. Many in our community were happy that we were providing an opportunity for them to donate, and those receiving turkeys were especially appreciative.

September Hunger Action Month: For the first time, the City of Auburn City Council and the Placer County Board of Supervisors proclaimed September as Hunger Action

Month! We collaborated with the Auburn Salvation Army and the Auburn Community Service Day to hold a community-wide food drive and distributed grocery bags with flyers to 44 neighborhoods in the Auburn area. Thanks to our generous community we collected 857 grocery bags filled with 9,881 food items which were divided between our two agencies. Also, for the first time, individuals, congregations, organizations, including Boy Scout Troup 287, registered for teams to help us include nearly every neighborhood in Auburn.

Walk to Stock the Closet: In 2016, we co-hosted the Walk to Stock the Closet with the group of women who have been running this event for several years. This is the first year we were the co-hosts although in 2015, we assisted in publicity efforts. This Thanksgiving morning event has raised between \$6,000 and \$9,000 each year. The founders have passed the baton to the Food Closet to be the official host beginning in 2017.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A new committee, Client Outreach, was created in July 2016 to reach out to organizations in our community who serve clients who may need our services. The goal of the committee is to identify where our gaps of service are as well as to learn reasons why some are not utilizing our services. The initial research identified homebound seniors and members of the Latino community as groups for future focus. Both Seniors First and the Latino Leadership have other nonprofit groups who are willing to partner with AIFC to assist in getting additional food resources into their clients' homes. Collaboration to provide groceries to the homebound began with Seniors First in early 2017.

Two New Refrigerators: The Food Closet was able to purchase two new refrigerators to replace existing ones that were requiring continuing repair or that were very old. This gives us better capacity to store refrigerated items as well as to reduce energy costs.

Max & Ginger Kane Memorial Donation: Max Kane was a member of our board of directors for many years and served in many capacities. The Food Closet received a very large donation (\$110,000) from his estate toward the end of 2016. We are currently looking at options to use this generous donation could best benefit the food closet for years to come.

Nutrition Committee: Our nutrition committee has been actively promoting healthy cooking and educating our clients to try new types of foods. The emphasis is on the

types of foods given out at the Food Closet. Each month a representative from the UC Cooperative Extension Nutrition prepares a dish and brings it for tasting along with the recipe describing how to prepare it. She also prepares a monthly display board with nutrition or food safety information. In addition, the committee has assembled monthly nutrition related videos which clients may watch as they wait for their groceries. One recipe is featured as the Recipe of the Month. Copies of the recipe of the month are printed, displayed on our website, distributed on Facebook, and by email to clients and volunteers for whom we have email addresses. Each recipe of the month is taste tested by the Nutrition Committee before it is selected. The AIFC website displays many recipes based on the types of foods we give out, the ease in preparing them, and the ingredients likely to be available in our clients' kitchens.

STAFFING

The Food Closet is a 100% volunteer organization with approximately 200 volunteers from our sponsoring congregations. All 31 members of our Board of Directors as well as our operational managers and leaders are volunteers. Day to day operations are led by an overall Operations Manager with the support of daily team leaders. Each day staffing includes from 8-14 volunteers. These volunteers welcome clients, fill grocery bags according to USDA Choose My Plate guidelines, stock the shelves, and glean food from local vendors and donors as well as maintain our 4860 square foot facility.

During the summer, we run a youth program where teenagers from our congregations bolster our staff.

STATISTICS

The December 2016 unemployment rate reflected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor (bls.gov) declined to a low of 4.0% in Placer County. Correspondingly, the number of AIFC clients served continued to decline.

The U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder (S1701) report - Poverty Status In The Past 12 Months which is based on 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates was recently published. The data for Placer County indicates 8.9% live below the poverty rate (32,427). For just the City of Auburn, the report indicates 12.8% (1,741) live below the poverty rate. The estimate U. S. poverty rate is 13.5%. For a family of three, this represents an income of \$19,109. Auburn and North Auburn poverty rates are estimated to be 12.8% to 13.6%.

In 2016 we served an average of 666 families (1,985 individuals) each month. For the year, we served 7,792 families of which 683 were new to the AIFC. These families include 23,903 individuals, only 1,391 were homeless (5.8%). The data seems to indicate there are more people who need our services whom we are not serving.

We provided 207,915 meals in 2016, a 13% reduction since 2015. However, a comparison between January and February 2017 to 2016 shows the levels to be about the same so we may have reached a basepoint. The cost per meal is \$2.00.

Client Profile

Our clients are primarily adults, with only 28.4% being children under 18. Ten percent are seniors 65 and over. The table below shows the distribution of our clients by age groups and the percentage of each age group in Auburn:

Age		Percent	% in Auburn Population*	
0-2		3.4%		2.1%
3-9		11.6%		6.9%
10-17		13.4%		7.8%
18-64		61.2%		56.0%
65+		10.4%		27.2%
Total		100%		100%

*U. S. Census Report for Auburn Zip Codes 95603 and 95602

Family Size (Household)

The average family size continues to be three per family. The following table shows the largest segments of our client population.

Number in Family						
Type of Family	1	2	3	4	>4	Total
Non-homeless	23.8%	21.0%	17.1%	15.8%	22.3%	100%
Homeless	68.6%	17.2%	7.2%	3.5%	3.5%	100%
Overall	28.7%	20.6%	16.0%	14.5%	20.2%	100%

About half (49.3%) of our non-homeless clients are families of one to two people; 79.8% percent have four or less. Most of our homeless are singles (68.6%).

Frequency of Visits

The records from 2016 and 2015 reflect how often **non-homeless** families visited the Food Closet. Depending on their needs, homeless persons have the option of visiting up to three times a month, receiving one day of food (three meals) at a time. They are not included in this data.

Families Frequency of Visits in a Year	Percent	
	2016	2015
1	30.1%	25.7%
2	16.7%	18.0%
3	10.9%	14.1%
4	9.4%	11.1%
5	6.9%	8.9%
6	6.5%	6.9%
7	4.5%	5.3%
8	4.5%	3.8%
9	3.1%	2.8%
10	2.6%	1.9%
11	2.5%	1.2%
12	2.1%	0.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

In summary, most people (30%) visit us when there is an emergency, and they only visit us once. 37% visited us 2-4 times during the year and a little more than 22% visited us 5-8 times during the year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Expenses by Type

Category	Amount	Percent
Administrative	\$10,169	5.3%
Fundraising	\$ 4,730	2.5%
Program	<u>\$176,078</u>	<u>92.2%</u>
Total Cash Expenses	\$190,977	100%
Value of Non-Cash Expenses		
In-Kind Food Donations	\$315,740	
Depreciation	<u>\$ 22,175</u>	
Total Non-Cash Expenses	\$337,915	
GRAND TOTAL	\$528,892	

Food Donations

A substantial amount of food (over 2/3) is donated by members of the Auburn community and the Placer Food Bank. The following chart reflects the sources of food in 2016.

Source	Percent
Donations from Community	34.5%
Donations from Placer Food Bank (includes USDA food)	37.2%
Purchased by AIFC	<u>28.3%</u>
Total	100%

Donations of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

We are especially pleased that farmers and independent gardeners donate fresh fruits and vegetables from their gardens. Fresh produce helps our clients stay healthy. We are continuing to work on providing recipes for each type of produce we receive to encourage clients to try new foods and to promote healthy ways of preparing it.

Revenue by Sources

Category	Amount	Percent
Financial Donations		
Congregations	\$13,790	4.6%
Community Partners	\$2,100	.6%
Corporate/Organizations	\$22,593	7.5%
Individuals	\$56,220	18.6%
Memorials	\$110,925	36.6%
Sponsor A Family	\$59,425	19.6%
Fundraising	\$26,614	8.8%
Grants	\$11,294	3.7%
Interest	\$91	.0%
Financial Total	\$303,052	100.0%
Value of In-Kind Food Donations		
Auburn Community	\$152,129	
Placer Food Bank	\$163,611	
In-Kind Total	\$315,740	
Grand Total	\$618,792	

SPONSORING CONGREGATIONS - 12-31-2016

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:

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Auburn Presbyterian	Peggy Fleming, Peg Johnson
Baha'is of Placer County*	James Smith, Megan Smith
Bethlehem Lutheran	Brian Johnson
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Karen Grow, Lynda Johnson, David Luke
Faith Lutheran of Meadow Vista	Colleen Hogan, Jim Parrish
First Congregational Church of Auburn	Peter Clark, Perry Edwards
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Fran Wheaton
Parkside Nazarene	Carol Mulder, Betty Benham, Belva Durel
Pioneer United Methodist	Julia Riley
Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalists	Laurie Soper, Bonnie Dahl
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Unity of Auburn	Ruby Evers
Upper Room Community Church	Sandy Bassett, Duane Holte, Wendy Phillipson
*No longer a sponsoring Congregation	
ASSOCIATE CONGREGATIONS	Representatives
Auburn Grace Community Church	Lawrence Buren, Starla Miller
New Faith United Church of Christ	Marilyn Briggs
Baha'is of Rocklin	Gary Bond

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Partners

Platinum Level: \$1,500 and above

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



Auburn Grocery Outlet
Independence for Hunger
July 2016

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

Mark Berg
Soroptimists International of Historic Auburn

Silver Level: \$500-\$999

Auburn Alehouse
Auburn Grocery Outlet
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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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
Sorooptimists Club of Historic Auburn
Sorooptimists International of the
American River
Sorooptimists International of Auburn

Bakeries and Specialty Foods

Baker & CakeMaker

Beach Hut Deli

Dutch Brothers Coffee

Flour Garden

Grist Mill Bakery Lake of the Pines

Kentucky Fried Chicken

Mad Willys

Panera Bread

The Salsa Factory

Starbucks

Truckee Sourdough Company

Grocers and Farmers

Ann's Orchard

BelAir

C-Horse Ranch Healing Pastures

Grocery Outlet

Longhorn Meats

Miller Honey Farms

North Fork Mandarins

Pepperidge Farm

Raley's

Rock Creek Elementary School Garden

Safeway

SaveMart

Our Local Farmers

Other Businesses and Organizations

AIM & Associates

Alfa 172

American River Physical Rehabilitation

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Auburn Jeep Club

Auburn Journal

API Marketing

Auburn Transit

Auburn Recreation Park

Bank of America

Battered Women

Beta Sigma Phi

Boy Scouts

Community 1st Bank

Crossroads Community Church

Curves

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FCCLA at Bear River

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Friends of the Community

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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
Loomis Basin Charter School
Lyon Real Estate
Placer Arts
Placer County
Placer Grown
Placer High Leo and Key Clubs

Rock Creek Mobile Home Park
St. Joseph's Catholic School Garden
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