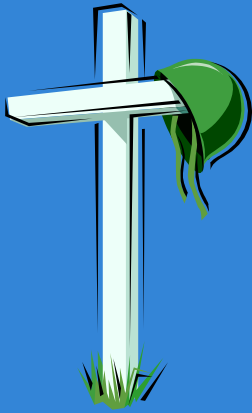


MAY 2016



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Helping Hands for the Needy!

United Samaritans Foundation's mission is to deliver food to people in need in Stanislaus County, and to facilitate the provision of services to assist them in a transition to a better quality of life..

Annual Post Office Food Drive



On Saturday, May 14, 2016 the National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting your donations of non-perishable food. This is the 22nd year that the United Samaritans Foundation has been the recipient of this community wide canned food drive. These donations are utilized in the provision of emergency food boxes that are distributed each month. Many people in our agency have had the privilege of working along with the letter carriers on this project. Watch your mailbox for notification from the post office and please remember to put your non-perishable donations near your mailbox. This is one of the ways our community helps us to provide food for our Emergency Food Box Program. Thanks for your Support!!

From the Desk of the Executive Director....

It is definitely spring and summer will soon be here. The weather is so lovely and I particularly enjoy the length of day. I can putter in my yard in the evening and enjoy the spring time. I have been thinking about USF as I work in my garden and see how a little bit here and little bit there begins to create this absolutely beautiful work of natural beauty. I know this is what I see everyday at work when I watch how hard all of our volunteers work to make USF a success.

I want to thank all of our volunteers. We are trying to introduce our newsletter family to all of our individual volunteer angels each month but this month I want to especially thank everyone who spends their days with us, cooking, cleaning, preparing clothes for our clothes closet, sorting, picking up donations, preparing for our fundraiser and getting our newsletter ready to go out to all of you wonderful folks.. You are the flowers in our garden. THANK YOU.

During the spring and summer many of us clean out our closets and garages; if you have a need for a place to donate your items it is especially appreciated here at United Samaritans. Please bring the clothes and toys you no longer need to our offices in Hughson and Turlock between 8 and 4:30. We will make good use of them.

Also, if you have an abundance of summer garden edibles that you will not use, USF would be happy to take them. We can give them out on our trucks or in our Emergency Food boxes. California State University, Stanislaus has been giving us the extra produce they grow and we are so grateful to them for this gift.



Talk to you next month,
Bev Hatcher



United Way Agency Partner

**BUNCO with YLI
Antoinette #193**

YLI Antoinette #193 from Hughson's St. Anthony's church held Bunco night and donated the proceeds from their activity to USF. The final tally was \$1,500. And it was a really fun night. Pat McGuire – we really loved your cupcakes.



Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their heart forever. ~Unknown *HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!*

**TOUCHING LIVES
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Meals served on our trucks during the month of March 2015, were **32,693**. In our emergency food box program **259** families (**461** people) were provided with a three-day, three meals per day supply of food; which equals **4,149** meals.

IN NEED OF:

Thank you for all the wonderful donations that came in last month. We still are in need of: backpacks, sleeping bags, men's jeans, shorts and socks. Cleaning Products: scouring pads and soap scum removers. Toiletries: razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap., shampoo, women's feminine products, and laundry soap. Diapers and formula for our little friends. Also needed is dog food, egg cartons and grocery bags for our Emergency Food Box Program.

WE ARE BLESSED:

In the past couple of months we have been very blessed by donations from our wonderful community. Gallo Winery has gifted United Samaritans with \$50,000. \$10,000 was given by Mary I. Gallo, who has continually been an angel to USF. Off Center Thrift and Gift donated \$3,000 to purchase Payless shoes gift cards for shoes for our children in need who come to our site daily. Donald and Doenda Smith presented us with a donation of \$3,000. John Copple generously gave \$2,000. Mooneyham Construction gifted USF with \$1,000. Our Fight Hunger Challenge donations this month came from Jack and Cynthia Williams, Hillberg and Company, Joe and Jose Willemse, James and Anita Duarte and Dubyak Chiropractic, Inc. Thank you to all. You continually help us meet our program goals.

**BLOOD DRIVE COMING IN
SEPTEMBER.**

Monica Sliva is working with the Marine recruitment center here in Turlock to hold a Blood Drive in September at the Assyrian American Hall on Golden State. She will also be collecting food and clothing for the Salvation Army and United Samaritans. Stay tuned for more information as well as date and time.



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