



# UNITED SAMARITANS FOUNDATION

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



## APRIL 2007 HAPPY EASTER



### AWAKENING OF HOPE

Winter is almost over. It has been a time where most of us looked inward at our lives. Perhaps we evaluated where we have been. Now it's time to do an about-face as we look outward to spring. At this time of year, I never cease to have renewed excitement as I anticipate the sprouting of bulbs and flowers as the sun heats up the earth. Perhaps you feel like I do—so full of hope. The dictionary defines hope as “to cherish a desire with anticipation.” Enthusiasm is all we need to make each day a fantastic and positive experience. How about starting the day

with a smile and thoughts that rays of sunshine will fill your face and mind with happiness? Then, watch the effect on each person you meet. It's true that a hopeful attitude helps us see and experience the best in life. Hope can also help you cope in times of trial. A teacher was sent to a hospital to help a badly burned boy with his grammar lessons. At the end of the session, she felt that she hadn't done a very good job, but the next day the hospital staff asked what she'd done to change the boy's response to healing. Two weeks later the boy told them that when the teacher came to help him he thought,

“They wouldn't have sent a teacher to help me with my schoolwork if people thought I was dying.” In the magazine Hope, the editor began one of her editorials titled “Hope In Action,” by writing, “Each of us has the capacity to create the world we want by starting with the most ordinary of human acts.” Fill your life with hope, love and action. Believe, pray, and never lose faith that you can change the world. You can do it! You can bring hope and healing to a troubled world: touch with kindness, one step at a time.

Written by Ardath Rodale  
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### TIPS TO AWAKEN HOPE

- Visualize your dreams for the future.*
- Relax and see your burdens dropping away.*
- Stretch mentally to challenge yourself for the good that is yours*
- Breath in all the beauty that surrounds you.*
- Breath out and look for one good quality in each person you meet*

### New Laws Affecting Donors

All gifts that are being deducted should have a receipt, the \$250 limit no longer applies. If you are donating an item that is greater than \$500, it must be appraised. For car donations (and boats, ect.) the value of the deduction is limited to what the charity sells it for (not the fair market value of the item.)

### Annual Post Office Food Drive

On Saturday **May 12, 2007** the National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting your donations of non-perishable food. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year that we have been recipients of this canned food drive. This is helpful to us in providing emergency food boxes each month. Many of us have had the privilege of working along with the Letter Carriers on this project. Boy Scout Troop #221 has also helped collect food in Turlock in previous years. Watch for notification from the Post Office in your mailbox, and please remember to put your non-perishable donations near your mailbox on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Walk with your head up, looking for the joy in life.*
- Talk with kindness to one less fortunate than you.*
- Love others to exercise your heart.*
- Pray to communicate with your God for peaceful direction.*



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Meals served on our trucks during the month of February 2007, were

30,909. In our emergency food box program 216 families (470 people) were provided with a three-day, three meals per day supply of food; which equals 4,230 meals



### FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

This is the final month for the Feinstein Challenge. Your donation will have a greater impact this month because the Feinstein Foundation has challenged us by an offer to divide \$1 million among non-profit organizations around the country who are helping fight hunger. All monetary and food contributions received through April 30, 2007 will help us qualify for a portion of these funds. The funding we have received each year has been extremely helpful to our ministry. With your generous donations, we have the ability to achieve even more.

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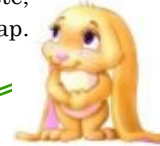
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## IN NEED OF

Easter egg dye and volunteers to color eggs the first week of April. We are in need of individually wrapped Easter Candy by April 4th so we can pass it out on Friday, April 6th. For clothes we are in need of men's jeans, shorts and socks. Cleaners: scouring pads and soap scum removers. Toiletries: razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, women's personal hygiene products, and laundry soap. Diapers for our little friends and backpacks are also needed.



We're on the Web

[www.unitedsamaritans.org](http://www.unitedsamaritans.org)

### Enclosed is my gift to United Samaritans Foundation



In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Given for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Death

Please send Acknowledgement to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Death

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthday

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Wedding

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