



# 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 assist them in a transition to a better quality of life.*



## FEBRUARY 2011 THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING




Volunteering is not only beneficial for those receiving assistance it is also beneficial to those who are volunteering. Individuals who volunteer feel more positive about life. Volunteering provides an opportunity to meet people from diverse backgrounds and develop lasting personal and professional relationships. Freely giving of your time, energy, and skills has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. Volunteering provides a sense of purpose and is a source of inspiration to the individuals and populations that are being served.

The United Samaritans Foundation utilizes volunteers at all of our locations on a daily basis. We have many long-term volunteers who are an integral

part of our organization as well as short-term volunteers who offer assistance on a periodic basis. The United Samaritans Foundation relies on volunteers for our Daily Bread Lunch Truck Program, Emergency Food Box Program, and the Clothes Closet.



Allan Gong has been a volunteer at the United Samaritans Foundation for almost ten years. He likes to work

“independently and be able to complete his tasks.” Allan helps load the trucks at the Turlock site for the daily lunch delivery. His goal is to “have the trucks prepared for their daily

routes” so they are ready to “serve our clients.” Allan enjoys the daily interaction with the staff, volunteers, and clients which he describes as “friendly, happy, and helpful.” The personal benefits Allan feels that he has received from volunteering are “making friends,” “feeling good about helping others,” and “giving back to the community.”

Volunteers like Allan are essential in assisting the United Samaritans Foundation to carry out its mission. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jan or Maris at (209) 668-4853.

*No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else ~ Benjamin Franklin*



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### Feinstein Foundation Challenge

Get ready for another Feinstein Foundation Challenge! This is the eleventh year that the Feinstein Foundation is dividing \$1 million among non-profit organizations throughout the country who are helping fight hunger. All contributions, including food donations, received by United Samaritans Foundation between March 1 and April 30, 2011 will help us qualify for part of these funds. . **Remember**, that by donating in March & April you will become a partner in what has become the most successful grassroots drive ever in this country to fight hunger. Schools can participate also by holding food drives. Every item of food that is donated will

be valued at \$1.00. 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.

**Please Indicate on your check the “Feinstein Challenge”**

**Needed Individually Wrapped candy for Valentines Day**




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## BUILD A PATH TO STOP HUNGER!!

FOOD DRIVES NEEDED TO HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE 30,000 MEALS WE SERVE EVERY MONTH IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES!! EVERY FOOD DRIVE THAT IS DONE BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL WILL BENEFIT US THROUGH OUR FEINSTEIN GRANT. SO GET YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, CO-WORKERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES BUSY COLLECTING CANS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR HELP CONDUCTING A CANNED FOOD DRIVE, PLEASE CALL US AT (209) 668-4853 AND ASK FOR MARIS.



## IN NEED OF

Thank you for all of your donations last month. We still are in need of POT HOLDERS. In our clothes closet we need **jeans for men size 30-40 waist**, socks and underwear for men and women, diapers of all sizes for our little ones, and razors, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo. THANKS!!!!



## GIFT FROM AN ANGEL

This past December we were blessed to be remembered in the Estate of Peter Panahi. We are deeply grateful for his generosity to United Samaritans Foundation when planning for his departure from this life. We are very thankful for his act of charity and his belief in the mission of United Samaritans. His ability to help us feed the hungry will continue on even as he has passed from this life to a life with his heavenly Father.



## LUNCHES SERVED

Meals served on our trucks during the month of December were 30,933. In our emergency food box program 192 families were provided with a three-day, three meals per day supply of food, which equals 3,861 meals.

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

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### Enclosed is my gift to United Samaritans Foundation

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

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Gift given for:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Death
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Please send Acknowledgment to:

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ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Gift is Tax Deductible

Please make your check payable to **United Samaritans Foundation** and mail this section with your contribution to:  
United Samaritans Foundation ~ 220 S. Broadway ~ Turlock, CA 95380

For more information , please feel free to call us at (209)668-4853