



# UNITED SAMARITANS

F O U N D A T I O N

*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.*



## MAY 2008



### INCREASE IN EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES

The economy has had an effect on all of us. The number of people served through our emergency food box program has increased by 27% this year compared to the first three months in 2007. If it were not for the caring and giving people and organizations in our communities there would be many more hungry people in Stanislaus County. The elderly, the disabled and the low income families are trying to stretch their limited income to cover the everyday necessities of life. Thanks for helping us provide food to the hungry. **PLEASE** continue your generosity by initiating canned food drives at your place of employment, schools or as a church project. If you have any other ideas we would love to hear them.

### COMMUNITY CAN FOOD DRIVES ARE A GREAT SUCCESS



The Greek sororities/fraternities at CSUS had a canned food drive which brought in 1,185 pounds of canned food for USF emergency food box program. They creatively built a castle out of the cans that were donated at this fun festival. (Great Job!!) Thank you to Turlock Curves for your can food drive that brought in 2,237 pounds of food. The "Hunger Network" is another outstanding group.

They plant a garden which is named "Harvest for the Hungry Garden" which is located at CSUS campus. This is the 2nd year that the produce will be donated to USF. These can food drives and gardens are so important to our emergency food box program. In March 632 people received emergency food boxes. Please continue the good work as we have seen a greater need. Thanks for helping us help those who need it the most.

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### USF PARTICIPATES IN ARBOR DAY

United Samaritans Foundation participated in Turlock's National Arbor ~ Centennial Day Tree Planting Ceremony on Arbor Day, April 25th. Board President, John Rogers and Vice President, Ernie Gemperle planted one of the 100 trees in Centennial Park in celebration of the City of Turlock's Centennial. Centennial Park is located on Countryside drive, just south of W. Tuolumne Rd.



### ANNUAL POST OFFICE FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday May 10, 2008 the National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting your donations of non-perishable food. This is the 14th 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 10th.



# Happy Mother's Day

My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine  
And Encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem...

Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong-  
Markers for my pathway  
That will last a lifetime long.

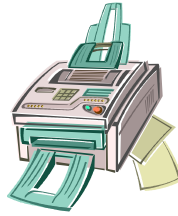
I am my Mother's garden  
I am her legacy-  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me.

## MEALS SERVED IN MARCH

Meals served on our trucks during the month of March 2008, were 35,188. In our emergency food box program 262 families (632 people) were provided with a three-day, three meals per day supply of food; which equals 5,688 meals.



*God Bless Our  
Soldiers  
Happy Memorial  
Day!!*



IN NEED OF A PORTABLE COPIER FOR OUR EMERGENCY FOOD BOX PROGRAM. COST IS ABOUT \$130.00. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!! THE STAFF AT UNITED SAMARITANS FOUNDATION.



In  
Need  
Of

Thank you for all the wonderful donations that came in last month We still are in need of: sleeping bags, blankets, men's jeans, shorts and socks. Cleaners: scouring pads and soap scum removers. Toiletries: razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap., shampoo, women's feminine products, and laundry soap. Diapers for our little friends and backpacks are also needed and Egg Cartons for our Emergency Food Box days.

### 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

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthday

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Wedding

\_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Father's Day

\_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Day

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

DONOR INFORMATION:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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