

**MAY 2009**



*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.*

## **FOOD DONATIONS ARE DOWN! PEOPLE SERVED HAS INCREASED!!**

The downturn in the economy has had an effect on all of us. USF Lunch Trucks served 103,759 lunches in the months of January, February and March of this year. This is an increase of over 1,000 lunches for the same time frame in 2008. We saw the number of families in need of an emergency food box increase in 2008 by 8% and it continues to rise in 2009. The elderly, the disabled and the low income are trying to stretch their limited income to cover the everyday necessities of life. As people lose their jobs, have their Supplemental Security Income Benefits cut, we will continue to see a greater need for food. Unfortunately our in-kind food donations have not risen in proportion to our clientele but instead are declining. Food donations are down by 98,000 pounds for the first three months of 2009 in comparison to 2008. That is a huge drop. United Samaritans Foundation will face a real challenge in meeting the needs of the hungry in our communities if this scenario continues. It will become necessary to purchase more of the food that is needed for our Daily Bread Lunch Program and our Emergency Food Box Program with limited funding. Now more than ever we need your help!

**3rd Street Café  
Mothers Day  
Champagne Brunch  
Sunday May 10th  
9am ~ 3pm  
Adults ~ \$15  
Children 4 ~ 10 \$6  
Children  
Under 3 Free**

**Call For  
Reservations  
(209)883-4941**

## **ANNUAL POST OFFICE FOOD DRIVE MAY 9TH!!**



On Saturday May 9, 2009 the National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting your donations of non-perishable food. This is the 15th 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 9th. This is one way to help us provide food for our Emergency Food Box Program.

*God Bless Our  
Soldiers  
Happy  
Memorial  
Day!!*



### **OTHER WAYS TO HELP**

**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.



Turlock Curves had a food drive which brought in 2,970 pounds of food for USF emergency food box program and our Daily Bread Lunch Trucks. They gave anyone who wanted to join Curves free sign up fee as long as they brought in food. They do this every March. Make sure and look for it next year.



**TOUCHING LIVES  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Meals served on our trucks during the month of March 2009, were 36,000. In our emergency food box program 292 families (666 people) were provided with a three-day, three meals per day supply of food; which equals 5,994 meals.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO DONATED EASTER CANDY!! THANK YOU TO THE UNITED WAY STAFF WHO DYED AND BAGGED THE 1500 EGGS AND CANDY. THERE WERE MANY HAPPY FACES AT OUR LUNCH TRUCKS ON GOOD FRIDAY.**



**WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.**

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- Executive Director**  
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In Honor 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 Program.

"Happy Mother's Day" means more  
Than have a happy day.  
Within those words lie lots of things  
We never get to say.

It means I love you first of all,  
Then thanks for all you do.  
It means you mean a lot to me,  
And that I honor you.

But most of all, I guess it means  
That I am thinking of  
Your happiness on this, your day,  
With pleasure and with love.

**Enclosed is my gift to United Samaritans Foundation**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Gift Given for:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Death
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Death
- \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**DONOR INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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