

# Facts About Our Food Closet!

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In 2007 New Hope Community Church partnered with Rev. Michael Christopher's "Bread of Life Ministries", a long-established nonprofit food charity in Sacramento, to establish a neighborhood food closet.

## Facts about our community:

- One out of three people are at or below the poverty level (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/> zip 95832)
- Many in the area are "working poor" – they work but do not make enough money to make ends meet
- This is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in California

## Facts about the weekly Food Closet:

- The closet distributes food every Thursday from 2:00 – 4:00
- Zero-overhead operation - zero budget and all workers are unpaid volunteers
- Recipients do not pay for their food
- The entire operation depends on donations - every dollar goes towards food distribution
- Volunteers donate nearly 5,000 hours of service each year
- Between 200 and 400 food packets are distributed each week, more during the winter holidays
- On average, each packet feeds 3-4 people per household
- It costs us between \$4 - \$6 for the food to prepare each food packet – the equivalent of \$30 - \$40 of groceries if purchased at a local grocery store
- **From its founding in August 2007 through the end 2011, the food closet has distributed more than 54,000 food packets and fed approximately 181,000 people**

## Facts about Bread of Life Ministries:

- A 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded approximately 15 years ago
- Directed by Rev. Michael Christopher
- Acquires food from a number of Sacramento area sources
- Bread of Life ministries purchases most of the food items that we use
- Distributes food at New Hope Center and other locations every each week
- **Overhead costs** (insurance, vehicle maintenance and gasoline) are paid by the ministry

## Facts about New Hope Community Church:

- The church was established in January 2005 and is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention
- A 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
- Church membership is diverse and multicultural, an accurate reflection of the neighborhood
- The church believes it can best display Christian principles by ACTION – demonstrate love by providing desperately needed services to the community

## What Can YOU Do to Help? (Things we need...)

- CASH: We purchase 90-95% of the food we use, and have fuel and other costs for the truck
- Canned goods, dry goods (beans, rice, pasta), staple items, grocery bags, resealable (Ziploc) bags, and food service gloves

### Donations may be sent to:

**Sacramento Bread of Life Ministries**  
c/o Wells Fargo Bank  
7375 Greenhaven Drive  
Sacramento CA 95831

**Rev. Michael Christopher**  
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### Food Closet Location:

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