



Facts About Our Food Closet!



In 2007 New Hope Community Church partnered with 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://factfinder.census.gov> zip 95832);
- A large number of people in the area can be classified as "working poor" – they work but do not make enough money to make ends meet;
- This is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in California, and the people in our food line are an accurate reflection of that diversity.

Facts about the Food Closet:

- The food closet distributes food every Thursday from 2:00 – 3:00;
- All of the workers are unpaid volunteers;
- Volunteer workers arrive at noon – it takes about 2 hours to set up;
- We pass out between 150 to 250 food packets each week, more during the winter holidays;
- On average, each packet feeds about 3 people in the household;
- From August 2007 through the end of 2008, we distributed over 6,500 food packets and fed over 27,000 hungry mouths!

Facts about New Hope Community Church:

- The church was established in January 2005;
- We are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention;
- Church membership is diverse and multicultural, an accurate reflection of our neighborhood;
- The church believes we can best display our Christian principles by ACTION – demonstrate our love by providing desperately needed services to the community.

Facts about Bread of Life Ministries:

- A 501(c)3 charitable organization founded approximately 10 years ago;
- Currently directed by Rev. Michael Christopher;
- Gathers food from a number of Sacramento area benefactors and donors;
- Distributes food at several locations multiple times each week;
- Other than the few donations received, the bulk of **overhead costs** such as insurance, vehicle maintenance and gasoline are paid by Rev. Christopher;
- Rev. Christopher also pays for certain food items that we cannot otherwise acquire.

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

- Our Food Closet **DESPERATELY** needs a refrigerated outbuilding.
- Donations: Money (for overhead items), canned goods, dry goods (beans, rice, pasta), staple items, grocery bags, resealable (Ziploc) bags, food service gloves.

<p>Food Closet Location:</p> <p>New Hope Community Church 1821 Meadowview Road Sacramento CA 95832</p> <p>http://www.newhopemeadowview.com</p>	<p>Donations may be sent to:</p> <p>Sacramento Bread of Life Ministries c/o Wells Fargo Bank 7375 Greenhaven Drive Sacramento CA 95831</p>
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