Hello Friends,

This is the time of year when we really get to count our blessings and see the abundance that results when everyone contributes a little more than the rest of the year.
The holidays also inspire extra helping hands, which means we get to meet so many more of our volunteers in person. It makes us hopeful, it makes our agencies feel a little less burdened, and it reassures those they serve that they matter, that the community cares. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support Food Finders, to those of you who recently found us, and to our future Food Heroes. We’ve enjoyed a fabulous 30th year of food rescue and reducing food waste. Happy Holidays to all of you, and we hope to connect with you soon!

Warmly,
Patti Larson, Executive Director
Our Hearts Are Happy Helping Others

Here’s What A Few Recipients Recently Shared…

“Our guests have developed a sense of community at our weekly Supper. Marty, who’s homeless, arrives weekly with a large backpack, and he shared, ‘My friend and I come on a long bus ride from Fullerton to be here every week because your food is so good and this place feels so safe. It’s not everywhere we feel this safe.’ All this is in partly due to Food Finders wonderful food and support.”

– St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Tustin

“Kathy is a senior who was homeless for several years, in need of both shelter and food. At times she was able to get rooms with a hot plate for cooking and at times not. The Sirrah Foundation helped her acquire an apartment where she could prepare healthy meals using food received from Food Finders and other organizations, and she no longer has to live from motel to motel. Thank you, Food Finders, for giving a helping hand to those in need.”

– Audra @The Sirrah Foundation, L.A.

“The food we receive from Food Finders helps me assist over 300 food insecure residents. The children come in for snacks at least four times a week, where they also have access to a homework and learning center. Many then decide to stay for the activities. Adults can fill their cupboards with food for themselves and their families. Every little bit helps. Food Finders is such an amazing resource!”

– Briana @Project Access, Carson

“Recently a past resident who lived at Alexandria House as a young boy stopped by to inform us he was opening up his own business! He said if it wasn’t for the safety and stability provided to him from Alexandria House as a child he wouldn’t be where he is today. Part of that stability is not worrying about where the next meal will come from. Alexandria House is able to provide the food families need while they live at the house because of organizations like Food Finders that generously donate.”

– Michelle @Alexandria House, L.A.

Holiday Food Drive

Your generous donations help us complete holiday food boxes that go to families in need so they can have a joyous, nourishing meal this season. Below are suggested items to donate:

Canned/Packaged Food
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Cooking Oil
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Packaged Stuffing
- Cereal
- Tomatoes/Pasta Sauce
- Gravy/Broths
- Rice
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pasta
- Vegetables/Beans
- Flour
- Fruit
- Potatoes
- Tuna
- Yams

Hygiene Items
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- Conditioner
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Chefs Bring Their Best Bites

In case you missed it, here are some photo highlights from this year’s Chefs to the Rescue.

Thank You To Our Recent Major Donors

- General Mills Fdn.
- The Rose Hills Fdn.
- EFSP
- Marisla Fund
- Holshuh Family
- Doheny Fdn.
- Sisters Of St. Joseph Healthcare
- Aidlin Foundation
- Albertsons Fdn.
- LA County Supervisor-4th District
- CalMet
- Bess J. Hodges Fdn.
- Fairlife Fdn.
- Banc of California
- Team 100
- Sysco
- Ram Family
- Alamitos Bay Garden Club
- McBride Family
- Schmitz Family
- OC Ctr. For Spiritual Renewal
- Good Shepherd
- Presbyterian Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church LB
- Horvitz Family Trust
- Kaiser Fdn.
- Molina Healthcare
- Annenberg Fdn.
- Gentner Family
- BJ’s Restaurants Fdn.
- Seres Family
- LB CVB
- BCM Fdn.
- Simpkins Family
- Hearst Fdn.
If you’re trying to meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), such as with an IRA, consider a qualified charitable distribution to support Food Finders before the end of the year. Your qualified charitable distribution can satisfy your RMD and is reported on tax form 1099-R. See your accounting or finance professional for details, and thank you for considering Food Finders!