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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Auburn Food Bank

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SCARING HUNGER HALLOWEEN FOOD DRIVE

This was the 2nd annual food drive honoring the memory of the fallen officer Diego Moreno. This annual event is put on by our newest board member, Sandi Green and her husband, Randy and a lot of help and support from many friends. Their goal with the Scaring Hunger - Halloween Food Drive was to double Officer Diego Moreno's call number (2k56) in food and monetary donations to benefit The Auburn Food Bank in his honor. They achieved their goal! They received 4408 food items and \$8010 in monetary donations!!!



"People really want to contribute and do good for others, they just need someone to start the process. Randy and I created the space and the place to have our community come together and fight on the ground level to help those in need. The community did the rest!" - Sandi

Thank you to the entire community of people who fought on the ground level to help those in need, within the Auburn School District!



A little more on our newest board member, Sandi Green.

Sandi has been an Auburn resident since 1976. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1982. When I asked her why she wanted to be involved she answered with this: "I believe in the spirit of creating and sustaining the heart and soul of our community, to build a healthier, stronger and thriving local economy, along with building its residents, and bringing dignity to all who live here. It is critical that we expand our

local and vibrant culture of serving others generously, while focusing on what matters most; people. In order to do this, I believe that we must be Hyper- Focused and Hyper Local to create the largest impact possible" - Sandi

Director's Report

Holidays 2019

As the year comes to a close and the holidays begin, so much reflection happens.

The Auburn Food Bank has had a hard year! We start out with the theft of a van, then just 4 months later - ransomware hits our computers. Ransomware is a type of malware that prevents from accessing our system, by locking the system's files unless a ransom is paid. These two events have taken a huge amount of extra time and effort to recover from!

When I think about the lives that we serve - I wonder - has something valuable been taken from them? And the answer is yes: loss of job, loss of health, ...self-esteem!

Do they have support like we did to weather the cost and time and effort needed to survive? The quick answer is "probably not!"

So, where do they turn? To YOU, through US!

By YOU supporting The Auburn Food Bank - you are essentially taking care of that family that thinks they are all alone with no one who cares. YOU are their support! WE are your messenger!

With holidays, families experience added expenses, food for those special days, gifts for Christmas, perhaps less hours on their paychecks because of businesses closing a few extra days. With the colder weather also comes colds, flu, pneumonia. Utilities rise...Can we all pull together to make sure their storm is just a windy day?

Can you consider a year end gift to help us find ways to make a difference? Each and every time we tell our families that without your support, we can't help!

Thank you for always being supportive! Thank you for making a difference!

The Auburn Food Bank Board of Directors.



Debbie Christian, Executive Director

Letter from the President

Happy holidays everyone!

Let me start by issuing my personal gratitude to each and every one of you that have supported our work in the Auburn area. Just by reading this newsletter you're showing your interest and appreciation for what we do. And hundreds, I would even argue, thousands of you out there have shown your appreciation in many other ways.

You've shown up to our annual breakfast in droves to hear our story and open your wallets (or smartphones!) to support our mission. Residents, businesses and other agencies host food drives of their own to keep our shelves stocked for those truly in need, for people you likely will never meet. The entire Auburn School District - all 18,000 of them - have collected food and dollars for over a decade - in lively but friendly competition- and these kids impress us every year. So many people give freely of their extremely valuable time to lend their hands and hearts to help us collect, sort and distribute food every day - many of those volunteers are also our clients.

I tell you this because this time of year is known as the season of giving and it's a time that is very important to us as well. As the year winds down, I encourage those of us that are lucky enough to have bounty in our lives to keep The Auburn Food Bank on your list of gift recipients. At this time of year, we often see levels of support that reminds us how truly generous this community is. I would argue that Auburn is the most generous community around. We are a community that rallies. We are a community that comes together and makes sure that no one is left behind.

This community raised me and has given me so much and I will always seek to return the favor as much and as often as I can. I wish you all the best in however it is that celebrate this season!

Dana Hinman





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