



"Fighting Hunger, One family at a Time"

WHO WE SERVE:

- Over 8,500 people since opening in 2002
- Over 3,400 people in 2007
- Single parent working families
- Seniors
- Low-income families in the Santa Clarita Valley

HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER FOOD PANTRIES:

- We operate on a 1% budget, spending 99 cents of every dollar received on food and our programs.
- We are open evening and weekend hours to accommodate working families.
- We allow families to choose their own groceries, rather than distributing pre-packed boxes.
- We offer clothing, shoes, personal hygiene supplies, and baby supplies in addition to food.
- We do not receive any government funding. We rely solely on donations from the community.
- We allow families to receive food once a week, not just once or twice a month.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP:

- We experienced an increase of 41% in the number of people served Jan. – July 2008 compared to Jan. – July 2007
- Recent economic conditions, home foreclosures, and rising gas prices are putting more and more families in financial crisis every day right here in Santa Clarita

For more information and volunteer opportunities, please call Hunger Defense Fund at 661-299-9273 or visit www.hungerdefensefund.org.



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Help the Children

(Formerly Hunger Defense Fund)

FOOD DRIVE

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| CEREAL | OATMEAL |
| PASTA | CANNED VEGETABLES CANNED |
| FRUIT | PASTA SAUCE |
| CANNED MEAT | FLOUR |
| SUGAR | SALT |
| EVAPORATED MILK | RICE |
| BEANS | CRACKERS |
| JUICE BOXES | CHILI |
| SOUP | JELLO |
| TOMATO PRODUCTS | PEANUT BUTTER |
| JELLY | BAKING MIXES |
| SIDE DISHES | PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS |

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