

Volunteer Newsletter

“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else’s help. (H.F. Henry)

Note from a client: “Most awesome staff in the county! You can easily see they do what they do love and a smile.”

We have officially started the busy time of the year for the Food Closet. There are 5...count'em...5 events in the next 45 days. It will be challenging, exhausting, exciting, and totally worth it, all because we have a great group of Volunteers that are supporting all of these events! Thanks in advance. Ready, set, Go!

Celebrating You:

November Birthdays (Let us know if you have a November Birthday and are not listed)

Betty B, Don M, Greg A, Vincent C, Denise B

Volunteer “Anniversaries” for November (Years at the Food Closet)

1 year: Lisa H.

5 years: Randy T.

16 years: Bill H.

Volunteer Opportunities

KFC Pick up on Fridays

We are looking for someone to pickup KFC product on Fridays @ 10:30 AM for November and someone for December.

“Parade of Lights” Float

The Food Closet will have a float in the Parade this year, Saturday, December 1. We are in the planning/Design stages and will need your help “building” it and volunteers to walk beside the float in the parade. We are collecting individually-wrapped candy to give out that night.

Turkey Trot Fun Run

Lots of volunteer opportunities for everyone. Let me know if you are available to help. Starts early, but we are through in time for you to get home for your Thanksgiving Day activities.

Share Your Christmas Food Drive

December 7th, 6:00am – 6:00pm at CVI in Minden. If you would like to help at this annual event, please let us know. Our goal this year is to involve as many people (Food Closet & Community) as possible and assign everyone to a particular task during the day. We will have a Volunteer Check-in area onsite to help keep everyone busy.

Training Opportunities

Healthy Pick

We spotlight a product that our clients receive from one of our Distribution Stations or TEFAP Station as a Health Pick. You might see a “Healthy Pick” sign or “Healthy Pick” labels on products. This is our way of bringing attention to healthy products and recipe ideas to prepare the food. November’s Healthy Pick product is Oatmeal; TEFAP’s Healthy Pick is Pinto Beans.

Volunteer Handbook:

If you have not received a copy of the updated handbook, please let us know and we will email it to you or if you prefer we will print a copy for you. Each month we will be featuring a Handbook topic in the Volunteer Newsletter.

This month’s Handbook excerpt:

Egg Processor

- CVCFC receives eggs in mass quantities and many are broken or cracked. The Egg Processor is the one who cleans, sorts, repackages and labels eggs into smaller quantities to pass out to clients.
- Eggs that need repackaging are placed on a prep table in the warehouse. Empty egg cartons needed for re-filling are located on the shelves near the back entrance, as is a container with a date stamp and label supplies for the newly repackaged eggs.
- The table is wiped down with “Clorox” wipes and the volunteer working with the eggs must have washed hands or wear plastic gloves.
- Any cracked or broken eggs are thrown into the designated garbage can.
- Eggs that are whole, but may have yolk on the shell, are wiped down with a “Clorox” wipe.
- The egg carton is wiped out with a “Clorox” wipe to remove yolk or residue and reused. Some cartons such as the cardboard boxes soak up the damaged eggs and are thrown away.
- Clean eggs and cartons are then repackaged into dozen or 18 packs.
- Each newly repacked egg carton is labeled with the date CVCFC received the eggs.
- Eggs are repackaged and distributed to clients within 5 weeks from the date they are received.

Food Closet Fund-Raising Opportunities

Turkey Trot Fun Run (Minden Park)

Register at [classy.org/event/2018-carson-valley-turkey-trot-5k](https://www.classy.org/event/2018-carson-valley-turkey-trot-5k)

Invite your family and friends to join you for a 5k fun run/walk. You can choose to dress in costumes as a team for added fun. Proceeds benefit the Food Closet and DAWG.

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Save-the Dates

**Race Packet Pick-up/Registration at Carson Valley Medical Center in Gardnerville –
November 14 & 15**

Turkey Trot – Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Distribution - Thursday, November 15th 9:00am-4:00pm

Share Your Christmas Food Drive @ CVI – December 7th 6:00am-6:00pm

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