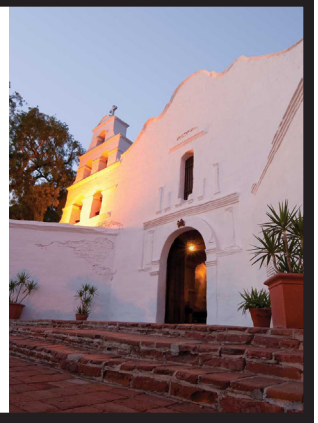


Old Mission Rotary

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September 2020- Edition Four

San Diego Food Bank

Of San Diego County's 3.2 million residents, 450,000 people face food insecurity every day and 177,000 are children. Food insecurity means that little or no food is available at home, and those who are food insecure do not know how they will get their next meal. Currently, 1 in 7 adults, and 1 in 5 children face food insecurity in San Diego County.

The San Diego Food Bank is committed to providing food assistance and resources to 350,000 people every month. With the COVID-19 crisis, the new monthly total has skyrocketed to 600,000 people!

The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank and the North County Food Bank chapter feeds people every month in partnership with 500 nonprofit community partners that operate feeding programs. The nonprofit partners include: food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, low-income day care centers, senior centers, faith-based organizations, schools, and day centers for the elderly and disabled.

The Food Bank's nonprofit partners collect food from their 90,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Miramar and their North County Food Bank facility in San Marcos. They then distribute the food directly to people in need in their local communities. By acting as a central distribution point,

and through their own direct distributions, the Food Bank and their nonprofit partners provide food to communities throughout the county's 4,200 square mile radius. In the fiscal year 2017 – 2018, the Food Bank distributed 28 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 23.3 million meals. Of that number, 9.5 million pounds was fresh produce. They even distribute 500,000 diapers every month.

Their overarching goal is to help break the cycle of poverty. One way to do this is to provide backpacks full of food to 5000 public school kids in needy neighborhoods.

Since the start of the pandemic lockdown six months ago, the Food Bank has spent \$7 million on food and distributed 30 million pounds of food.



James Floros, Executive Director of the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank, joined us to talk about the challenges of food insecurity during the pandemic.

Rotary Calendar

- Saturday, October 24th **Project Mercy House Build in Chula Vista**
- Friday, November 6th - Saturday, November 7th- **Thousand Smiles Summer Clinic** in Ensenada.
- Tuesday, November 10th- **Old Mission Rotary ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting**

Project Mercy Save the Date!

Gary Stemple announced that Project Mercy has scheduled a special fall construction event on a three acre site in Chula Vista. They are planning to ship pre-assembled housing components to Tijuana for final assembly into single family homes.

The date for the project is Saturday, October 24th and Old Mission Rotarians are asked to participate and contribute money to the effort. Our club has donated \$2500.

Contact Gary Stemple to volunteer for the work project.

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Experience makes us see an enormous difference between piety and goodness.

-Blaise Pascal, philosopher and mathematician