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INTERFAITH FOOD MINISTRY'S Sponsor a Family 2014

It's that time of year when you can sponsor an Interfaith Food Ministry family for the holidays. A \$20 donation allows one family to receive one Christmas dinner. A \$40 donation allows two families to receive Christmas dinners and so on. This donation provides a ham and all the trimmings to families registered with IFM or The Food Bank of Nevada County. Checks can be made payable to IFM, 440 Henderson Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945 or made through our website www.interfaithfoodministry.org.

Give as a gift to family and friends!



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*For gift donations write "gift" on check and you'll be contacted for further information.

This year IFM is partnering with the Food Bank of Nevada County (FBNC) in the distribution of holiday meals. FBNC is distributing Thanksgiving meals to families

registered with IFM and FBNC. IFM will be distributing Christmas meals to families registered with IFM and FBNC.



Both agencies are excited about teaming up to provide all our families with turkey at Thanksgiving and hams at Christmas along with all the fixings for a full holiday meal.

As in the past, we are looking for sponsors for our family's holiday meals. \$20 provides a Christmas meal for one family, but please consider sponsoring more than one family as we are planning to feed about 1700 families this year.

Something new has been added. If you struggle finding the perfect gift to slip in a stocking or mail to a family member or friend, we have a solution for you. Give the gift of sponsorship. This gift will come in the form of a certificate that you can give or mail. If you indicate that your donation will be used as a gift we will have one of our volunteers, Peggy, call you and find out how you would like your certificate to read. For example: "Two families in Nevada County have been given Christmas meals in your name, love, Grandma and Grandpa".

You can mail your gifts to our new address, 440 Henderson St., Grass Valley 95945 or donate through our website at www.interfaithfoodministry.org

If you would like more information about this please email us through the website or directly at info@interfaithfoodministry.org

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

We would also like to acknowledge and give thanks for the following grants:



\$450 (specifically for 2015 cooking classes for clients)



\$2000 (specifically for brown rice as an option for clients)



\$9000 (specifically for families with children between 2-17 to receive both eggs and peanut butter instead of having to choose between the two)



\$2000 (specifically for the peanut butter and egg program)



\$10,000 (to support our food assistance program)



Paulette's Spaghetti dinner update:

A BIG thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, ate a dinner, made a dessert, donated a raffle prize, volunteered your time to make the evening a success. Another **BIG** thanks to Paulette and her crew for opening their doors and their hearts to IFM. Thanks also to the Nevada Union basketball team and Western Sierra Youth Build who helped us all evening. Together we raised approximately \$7000 for families in need of food assistance.



GARDEN GALS

Thanks to our Garden Gals who planted, tended and harvested our garden this summer. 749 volunteer hours and 560 pounds of produce. They are just getting started...next year will be better than ever. Their goal is 1000 pounds of produce.



HOLIDAY FOOD BAGS

Safeway bags are available Nov. 5 thru Dec. 25, 2014. For \$10 you can purchase a bag that includes tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soup, macaroni & cheese. They should be stacked on a table near the check out stands. You just pick one up and pay for it with the rest of your groceries.

On Nov. 22nd we will have volunteers in both Safeway stores to encourage the purchase of the bags and tell people about IFM. If you would like to volunteer to be at one of the stores on Nov. 22nd please email Sue at

Raley's Food For Families program is in full swing. Please donate at the check out counter and the food will be given directly to families at IFM.

Holiday Market in Penn Valley will be selling prepackaged bags. All food bags are donated to IFM.



Thank you to all those who have held food drives for IFM and for those upcoming:

- Michael Bratton II Turkey Trot (sign up to run or walk on Thanksgiving morning www.meb2turkeytrot.com)
- Nevada Union Football Team
- Interstate Benefits & Casualty
- Seventh Day Adventist Youth Group
- Nevada County Contractor's Association

If we missed you we apologize. You are no less important and we thank you for helping families struggling to put food on the table!



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

If you have specific skills that you would like to see used at IFM please let us know.

We are specifically looking for people with the following talents, but if you have a talent you want to share let us know info@interfaithfoodministry.org.

We need:

plumber
electrician

landscaper

someone to wash sidewalk area and animal food cart monthly or quarterly

GROCERY BAGS

Don't forget to donate your paper grocery bags to IFM. Tell your friends, family, neighbors, service groups...everyone about it. There is a bin in the far end of the building where you can drop them off anytime. If you are so inclined you could even purchase a "bundle" of them from one of the local grocery stores and donate it to IFM.

Thank you for doing good!

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