

## June 2014 Newsletter



Interfaith Food Ministry has a new garden plot provided by a local woman who loves to garden, but due her health, no longer can. After our last newsletter she offered her garden and orchards to provide local, healthy food to our clients. A team of six women have taken on the challenge with the help of Dave Chappell, Placer County's Community Garden Coordinator. Raised garden boxes have been weeded, filled with fresh soil, and planted with love in hopes to share with those in need.



Plants have been donated by Eisley's Nursery and Nevada County Master Gardeners. We have need of tools that can be left at the garden if you have extra tools or tools no longer needed please bring them to IFM.

leaf rake

small clippers

garden fork

small ladies' wheelbarrow

child's wagon

adjustable water nozzles

row cover

shade fabric

75' hose

hose splitter

If you would like to make a donation to our garden project for items such as a watering timer or items not donated, please note on the check that your donation is specifically for the garden.

Are you a gardener? Did you know that the new IFM building has a beautifully landscaped area on the side? If you are interested in helping

with the landscaping upkeep (pruning rose bushes, small amounts of weeding, etc.) please send an email to [info@interfaithfoodministry.org](mailto:info@interfaithfoodministry.org).

The automatic watering system is being repaired and will be up and running.

### **IFM Second Annual Fundraising Dinner**

On May 3, 2014 IFM held it's second annual fundraising dinner. The purpose of this event, besides raising money for the general operations of IFM, was to raise awareness in our community as to what we do and how the community can help. The evening was a success raising just over \$30,000 partly because of the businesses who underwrote our evening. Please visit these businesses and thank them for supporting IFM. If you are interested on participating in next years fundraising dinner by either sponsoring a table, donating silent or live auction items, volunteering your time as part of the planning committee, as a business underwriting our event or in any other way please contact Sue Van Son through the IFM email. [info@interfaithfoodministry.org](mailto:info@interfaithfoodministry.org)

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Thank you to all the auction item donors and those who attended.  
You make a difference in the lives of families in Nevada County.

All proceeds go to help families in Nevada County struggling with food insecurity.

## **What's Next at IFM**

We continue to focus on more nutritious foods with our now 2 gardens, purchasing of more protein, and exploring our client family needs.

We would also like to return to families being able to come every week for groceries instead of every other week. This would mean an approximate 40% increase in the number of families who walk through our doors on a M-W-F. In order to do this we need:

**to refine our distribution system** - We are working with distribution volunteers and supervisors trying to figure out how we can fill orders more quickly and accommodate more families.

**more distribution volunteers** - Please spread the word that we need people who can work, on a regular basis, M-W-F. They need to be able to stand from 8 am - 1 pm and work in a fast paced environment packing and sometimes lifting the weight of a bag of groceries. Those who are interested can fill out a volunteer application on our website [www.interfaithfoodministry.org](http://www.interfaithfoodministry.org).

**increase our financial contributions** - Many of you already contribute financially and for this we are deeply grateful. We also consider your volunteer time priceless and know the time sacrifice made by over 400 of you is the backbone of IFM. Would you also consider making a financial commitment to IFM? A gift of just \$10 a month (or more) would go a long

way. With 400 volunteers that amounts to \$4000 a month or \$48,000 a year. This would be a significant amount of money and help us reach our goal of returning to once a week distribution. Checks can be mailed to 440 Henderson St. Grass Valley 95945 or made through our website at [www.interfaithfoodministry.org](http://www.interfaithfoodministry.org).



**Thanks to all of the individuals and groups who helped make Interfaith Food Ministry's new building purchase and remodel possible.**

Without the tireless efforts and gifts of time, talent, resources and ingenuity, from these local contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, our

new location would not have been possible.

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### **Community Shred Day**

Due to the efforts of Owens Estate & Wealth Strategies Group, May 30th we held our first ever Community Shred Day. It was a huge success earning over \$3,300 for IFM. Thank you to everyone who brought boxes of paperwork needing safe disposal to be shredded. Thank you to the volunteers who carried many boxes to the shred truck. Thank you Mary Owens, Kim Bacon and other staff members for your generous support. Look for this event to be repeated May 2015.

### **Grants**

Our hard working grant writing team has been submitting a variety of grant proposals. Some have been accepted, some rejected, while others are still pending. We will keep you posted about all those we receive.

Health and Human Services of Nevada County awarded IFM a \$15,000 grant to use in the purchase of our new freezer. This has allowed us to purchase more meat (protein) for our families.



**Thank you to our grant writing team for their tireless efforts gathering information and communicating it in a compelling way!**



**WE NEED PAPER GROCERY BAGS!**

We need paper grocery bags. IFM is spending \$60 a week to purchase bags for our food distribution. Please tell your church congregations, service groups, neighbors, family and friends to save their paper grocery bags. They can be dropped off in the wooden bin in front of IFM at the far end of the 440 Henderson St. building.