

CLOSET CHATTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE AUBURN INTERFAITH FOOD CLOSET

Message from the President

Many of you have already heard about the Feinstein Challenge - that they will give back a percentage for every can of food or dollar donated through April 30 that is designated for the Feinstein Challenge. If you have not already given towards this event, I encourage you to do so now. The response has been encouraging. Many thanks to Vice-President Max Kane for spearheading this effort. There is still a great need in our community for food and this is one way we can stretch our donations.

April is Volunteer Recognition Month and each team leader is planning a little appreciation celebration for their team. We have about 150 volunteers and without all of you, what we do at the Food Closet could not be done. Our clients continually say how much they recognize you really care about people.

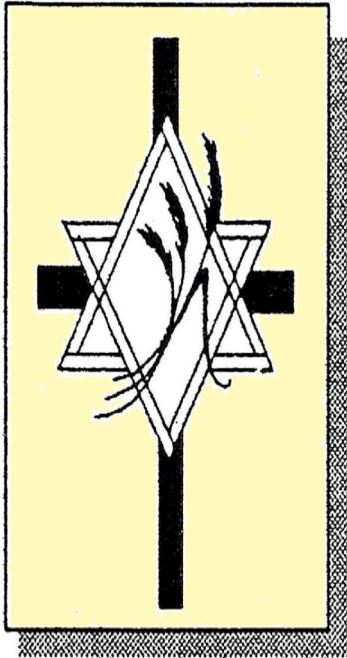
One even said that the people who help others are definitely

blessed in life. I think this is really true. We are blessed each time we make a connection with someone. Thank you so much for being willing to reach out to others.

Later in this newsletter you will find information about the Placer Food Bank Empty Bowls Event being held May 3 (dinner) and May 4 (lunch). This is a fundraiser to help support the Placer Food Bank (www.placerfoodbank.org). I would encourage you to get your tickets and to share the event with others you know. Placer Food Bank has been a big supporter of our organization.

Thank you for being part of our Food Closet team!

Sandy Bassett



Needed

Secretary:

we are still in need of a permanent secretary

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Food Closet Reaps Bounty from H&R Block Donations



H&R Block office manager Tom Brenner accepts certificate of appreciation from Auburn Interfaith Food Closet volunteer Carol Mulder, in appreciation for donated canned goods; the tax business collected more than 2,000 cans from its customers over a two-month period.

Volunteers for the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet picked up the last truckload of donated food from the Auburn office of H&R Block, culminating a 2-month campaign that resulted in over 2,000 food items from their customers.

Tom Brenner, manager of Auburn H&R Block, credited his staff for embracing the project. "This wasn't taxing at all," Brenner quipped. "We've been doing this for several years, and it's always good to see our customers respond so generously, at a time when the need is so great." H&R Block will continue to collect cans up until April 15.

"This effort from just one business is a shot in the arm for us," said Sandy Bassett, AIFC president. "We are experiencing record numbers of requests for assistance, so every bit helps us meet those needs."

The extra volume of donations carries additional value for AIFC as part of the Feinstein Challenge, which provides a proportional match donation to non-profits for their collections in March and April. AIFC reports that so far, more than 10,000 cans, jars, and packaged foods have been collected.

Operations Report

During the last several months we have received a large number of donations from our participating churches, many local businesses and from generous individuals. Most of these donated items have qualified to be counted toward the Feinstein Challenge. Our hardworking volunteers have sorted and counted all these items in addition to completing their regular duties.

A big thank you will be given to our wonderful volunteers during April which is designated as " Volunteer Appreciation Month". Without the work of our daily teams, our drivers, and our gleaners, the food closet could not function. So once again thank you! You are truly appreciated.

If you know of anyone who is planning to plant a vegetable garden this year, please encourage them to plant an extra row for the food closet. It is good to have fresh produce to share with our clients.

Good news! The health inspector visited us on the first Monday in April and found no violations. We passed with flying colors! All in all, it's been a GREAT several months!!!

Operations Manager, Carol Mulder



H&R Block office manager Tom Brenner and volunteer Frank Sweeney load customer-donated cans for distribution at the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.

AIFC & The FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

14TH Annual \$1 MILLION GIVEAWAY to FIGHT HUNGER

MARCH 1 – APRIL 30, 2011

For the 14th year, Alan Shawn Feinstein through the Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million nationwide among agencies fighting hunger. This year the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet will take on the challenge for the first time and we invite you to help make a difference. With your participation, all cash and check donations, pledges and food donations and drives during March and April will count towards the Food Closet's Challenge results.

The more the Food Closet receives during this time, the more we will receive from the Feinstein Foundation! Your donation toward the challenge also makes you a partner in this very successful ongoing effort to fight hunger.

It's simple to do. Your money donation can either be a one-time contribution or ongoing assistance to the Sponsor-A-Family program. To make a monetary donation, visit: <http://www.auburnfoodcloset.com/You-Can-Help.html> or send a check to the Food Closet and note Feinstein Challenge.

To make a food donation, please bring items to the Food Closet at 2985 Richardson Dr, Auburn - Monday – Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm. To see the type of items we need and for a look at our highest priority items, visit: <http://www.auburnfoodcloset.com/Food.html>

To find out more about the Feinstein Foundation and Allen Shawn Feinstein, visit: <http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org/>

This publication is produced by a panel of volunteers and volunteer contributors. Contributions should be submitted to Cynthia Massei at justicechickens@yahoo.com





Happy Easter



Auburn Presbyterian

6:00 a.m. Sunrise service

7:15 a.m. Pancake Breakfast prepared by APC's youth group

10:00 a.m. Easter Service

13025 Bell Air Drive, Auburn

Bayside Auburn

9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran

Easter Sunday Holy Communion

8:30 and 11:00 am

Easter Service of Meditation, Prayer and Peace 5:30pm

First Congregational Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saint

(530) 885-9067

New Life Christian

5:00 pm

450 Nevada Street, Auburn

Parkside Church of the Nazarene

(530) 823-9911

Pioneer United Methodist

(530) 885-4196

Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalists

10:00 am

190 Finley Street, Auburn

St. Joseph Catholic

Sun. 04/24 8:00am Easter

Sun. 04/24 10:00am Easter

Sun. 04/24 12:00pm Easter

Sun. 04/24 5:00pm Easter

St. Joseph of Foresthill

Sat. 04/24 7:00am Easter

St. Luke's Episcopal

8:00 am HE Rite I

10:00 am HE Rite II

Corner of Lewis and Orange Streets, Auburn

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic

Easter Sunday, April 24

8:00, 10:30am, 3:30pm (Spanish) & 5:30pm

11600 Atwood Road, Auburn

Unity of Auburn

9:00 am Celebration service

11:00 am Celebration service

1212 High Street, Auburn

Auburn Grace Community

8:00am

9:30am

11:15 am

3126 Olympic way, Auburn

Celebration Community

Fellowship

10:00 am at Sierra Hills School

Faith Lutheran

8:30 am

11:00am

1115 Combie Road, Meadow Vista

New Faith Community

10:30 am

540 Wall Street, Auburn





You can help increase hunger awareness and raise funds to meet the growing demand for supplemental and emergency food in our community by joining Placer Food Bank for an Empty Bowls meal. Auburn Interfaith Food Closet is greatly supported by Placer County Food Bank.

Tuesday, May 3 - Wine Reception and Simple Supper

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

OR

Wednesday, May 4 - Lunch

#1: 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#2: 1:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$25 Luncheon

Your Empty Bowls ticket includes your choice of a hand-crafted ceramic bowl, and a simple meal of pasta, bread, salad and dessert.

\$50 Wine Reception and Simple Supper

The supper reception also includes wine tasting and appetizers

Event proceeds will be used to purchase food for distribution to the community through Placer Food Bank's network of charitable agencies and feeding programs.

For more information on Empty Bowls , please contact Placer Food Bank at:
916-783-0481.

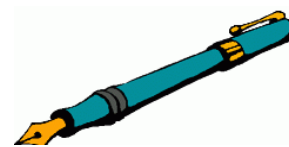
Register Now!

Your support will make a world of difference to the hungry in our community.



**Placer Event Center
4750 Grove Street
Rocklin, CA 95677**

Client's Corner



Free Easter Events for Families

Auburn

4/23/2011 12:00 PM 69th Annual Auburn 20/30 Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt Held at the Upper Ball Field in the Gold Country Fairgrounds, open to all children in the Auburn community, it includes five age groupings as well as a special needs area. Three prize eggs in each age group are good for a prize basket. Call 305-0391 for more info or email auburn2030@yahoo.com

Penryn

Community Easter Egg Hunt
April 23, 2011 (weather permitting)
H. Clarke Powers School ,Penryn
Hunting for all age groups.... starts at 12noon

Rocklin

The Rocklin Firefighters will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 24, 2011. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Johnson-Springview Park, 5480 Fifth St., Rocklin.
This event happens on Easter Sunday of each year, in Johnson-Springview Park. This event is for children ages 10 and under.

Roseville

Chick-fil-A will once again hold its 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday morning in Roseville. This family friendly event features over 20,000 eggs, prizes, sponsor giveaways and an opportunity to win Free Chik-fil-A for a whole year! Saturday, April 23 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Chick-fil-a Pleasant Grove

912 Pleasant Grove Blvd
Roseville, CA
Hunt Times:
9:00 AM - Ages 2 and Under
9:12 AM - Ages 3-4
9:24 AM - Ages 5-6
9:36 AM - Ages 7-8
9:48 AM - Ages 9-10

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For more info, please call (916) 773-5558

Foresthill

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at 1 PM sharp in Memorial Park. The hunt is open to kids up to twelve years old and is held rain, shine, or snow.

There will be colored eggs and plastic eggs with prize numbers inside that can be traded for Easter baskets and candy. Children will hunt in age groups of 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12 years old.

This event is sponsored by the Foresthill Volunteer Fire Association (FVFA) with the help of donations from local and Auburn businesses. Don't forget to say "hi" to the Easter Bunny!

