

# June eBlast

## Top Food for June: CEREAL (healthy)

HOORAY FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKING LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!!!

Over 40 truckloads collected almost 1,300 postal bins and 38,000 pounds of food



THANKS TO



**VALLEY GREEK FESTIVAL CARES!**  
**Bring a can of food** for the West Valley Food Pantry and **get a \$1 off** any food item or non-alcoholic drink. Or buy one raffle ticket and get one free !!  
It's the Pantry's 30th year serving the community !!  
**Needed items** Peanut Butter (18-24 oz plastic jars), Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, or Canned Fruits

FOR HELPING US RAISE \$105 & 45 CASES OF FOOD!

👉 Special thanks to Nick Nickols who organized the event and our volunteers Al Trumpler, Richard Podleski, Jeff Stitchler, Helen Fernandez, Cecil, Diana Taylor, Stephanie Knizek, Donna Shuster, Herm Fisher, Randy Kistler, Anji Brunner, Alane Pollan, Debbie Decker, Ray Wagner and Susan Conner.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**CARMEN\* June 6, June 7, and June 14 - Bizer's Carmen at the Madrid Theatre in Canoga Park - Please cut, paste post this to your Facebook and Social Media sites, we want as many people to attend as possible!!**

Stage Opera has selected the West Valley Food Pantry as the recipient of the food raised from their production of Carmen. Last year they raised 340 pounds of food, so this is exciting.



**\*We need 2 more volunteers for June 7, 3 p.m. performance to promote the food pantry. Volunteers will receive tickets to performance. Please contact Diana Plotkin if you can volunteer.**

## VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED:



**BACKPACK DRIVE** As schools clean their classrooms for the summer break we ask them to bring supplies to us now. Please contact your neighborhood school and any teachers you know to help donate supplies **now** which we will distribute as the new school year begins. Please drop off School Supplies at the Pantry's new warehouse.

BACKPACKS, PENS, PENCILS,  
GLUE STICKS, ERASERS  
PENCIL CASES, NOTEBOOKS  
COLLEGE AND WIDE RULED PAPER  
POCKET FOLDERS, 3 RING BINDERS  
RULERS, PROTRACTORS, COMPASS  
HIGHLIGHTERS, CRAYONS

### **1. BACKPACK COMMITTEE:** June to August 8

Looking for at 2-4 volunteers for this committee. Who will work with others to organize event with NCL (National Charity League). The tasks will be to order backpacks, inventory donations and supplies, shop for needed supplies, organize volunteers to pack backpacks on August 7th and organize distribution of Backpacks on August 8. *Experience in shopping, people management and organization a plus.* Please contact Susan Conner or respond to this email.

### **2. PANTRY BUYER- GROCERY STORE PURCHASER:** Needed Two Hours, Three days a week.

Flexible schedule. Chief responsibilities will be grocery store ordering of supplemental food items, arranging Payment at store, and coordinates driver pickup of purchases and oversees delivery to warehouse. Will

coordinate with the warehouse manager regarding inventory stock levels and order necessary supplemental food from preferred vendors as needed. Will shop for best buys and discounts and make buying recommendations as needed. Works with store managers to ensure orders are correct and delivered as scheduled. *Experience in using credit card a must! People skills a plus.*

**3. PANTRY CO-SUPERVISOR:** Needed Three days a week 2-3 hours a day. Acts as a backup to the pantry supervisor assisting with pantry operations. Opens the pantry at 8:30 a.m. and sets objectives for team leaders and volunteer staff. Implements policies and procedures and provides supervision to pantry staff. Assists with EFAP, LA Food Bank ordering if necessary. Position may be combined with Grocery Store purchaser function. Training will be provided. Early Riser a must for this position. For more information or specific details on jobs 2 & 3 please contact: Debbie Decker Outreach & Development foodpantry@popwh.org or Richard Podleski – WVFP Co-Chair.

**First Saturday - Supermarket Food Drive at Sprouts** at Ventura and Topanga Canyon. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts from 10am to 4pm. To sign up, call Jeff Albee. This is a great activity for school service hours if you are over 16.

**GARDEN:** The Food Pantry Prince of Peace Garden has produced its first tomatoes of the season and there are more to come. Zucchini are ready. Green beans are growing slowly and kale and peppers re setting flowers. We can use the assistance of another harvester. If you wish to volunteer for the great garden adventure please contact Barbara Partridge.

### **PANTRY STATISTICS FOR MAY**

#### **May Statistics: Combined Locations**

Families Served	1021
Adults	1739
Children	879
Total Meals Served:	23,562

### **DONATIONS & TRIBUTES\***

**Gail Asch from Revival Confections in honor of Chris Pollan**

**Glenn Ellis in honor of Chris Pollan**

**Christel Z. Fishburn in honor of Luke Fishburn**

**Thank you to Canoga Park Women's Club, Catherine Comeau, Frank Ritchie, Gregory & Tracy Sorensen, Lynn Lee, and Frank & Diane Rosales for their food donations.**

\*Please send your donation and tribute information Al Trumpler. Please make sure to include name of Contributor, amount contributed, name and address of honoree for recognition card.

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