FOOD DISTRIBUTION MAP OFFERS RESOURCES AMID ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

With San Diego County on the California COVID-19 public watch list and the resulting closure of indoor operations for many businesses, San Diegans may find themselves out of work again and in need of critical food resources. Using Feeding San Diego’s find food map, San Diegans can easily enter their zip code and locate food distribution sites within two miles of their location, both those with and without eligibility requirements.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Find Food  Make a Gift  Donate Food  Start a Fundraiser  Spread the Word

For benefit campaigns and fund drives, click here.

COO ALICIA SAAKE ON OUR COVID-19 EMERGENCY REPSONSE

"Prior to the pandemic, 1 in 8 people in San Diego were facing hunger, and now we are seeing 1 in 6," shared Feeding San Diego Chief Operations Officer Alicia Saake in a recent interview with KUSI News. "Between March 14 and June 28, we distributed over 7.9 million meals and that's almost double what we would do in that typical time frame." With San Diego County back on the California COVID-19 watchlist and the resulting business closures, Feeding San Diego is here to help.

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SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPPORTS 900 HOUSEHOLDS WEEKLY
South Bay Community Services (SBCS), one of Feeding San Diego's community partners, receives nutritious food every week to support 900 households. "Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, South Bay Community Services has seen more than ten times the usual need for food assistance among the communities it serves. Feeding San Diego's partnership makes it possible for SBCS to provide fresh, healthy food to families in need three times a week and will help continue to ensure they stay nourished and well as the pandemic persists," shared Andrea Landis, Director of Communications at SBCS.

FEEDING SAN DIEGO AWARDS FOOD RESCUE VAN TO LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER

Through a network of charitable and faith-based food rescue partners, Feeding San Diego coordinates the rescue of 26 million pounds of food per year from across San Diego County and beyond. Last week, we were proud to award a food rescue van to Life Christian Center to enable the organization to rescue more high-quality food. In partnership with Feeding San Diego, Life Christian Center also hosts a weekly drive-through emergency food distribution every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM to support those facing hunger in Chula Vista.

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VOLUNTEER HELPS FAMILIES FACING HUNGER IN CAJON VALLEY

"We have a large number of refugee families who struggle to navigate the system in the best of times," said Barbara Austin, a volunteer at our Chase Elementary school pantry. [Recently, there was] "...one man in tears because he arrived after we had run out of food...I encouraged him to come at 11:00 AM the next morning. I won't even pretend to know what it is like to have a family of 6-10, living in a 2 bedroom apartment that costs most of their monthly stipend, not knowing how to access SNAP, or other resources. Feeding San Diego fills a huge void for families like this. I am honored to have a small role in this distribution."

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THE GHT COMPANIES PARTNER WITH FEEDING SAN DIEGO TO HELP END HUNGER

The GHT Companies, headquartered in San Diego County, is giving back to help their community through this difficult time. The GHT Companies partnered with Feeding San Diego by pledging to donate $1 for every eligible product sold from its Vegan Life Nutrition and Vibrant Nutraceuticals product lines. The GHT Companies hope to inspire San Diegans not only to invest in their own personal good health, but to invest in the health of their community as well. They have already surpassed their initial pledge to raise $25,000.

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MEDIA COVERAGE

La Jolla Light – July 5: La Jolla photographer’s ‘front porch’ sessions net $8,000 for Feeding San Diego
MSN – July 4: Record number of meals served in San Diego over four months

Times of San Diego – July 2: As COVID-19 cases spike, Feeding San Diego reports record number of meals served

KUSI News – July 2: Feeding San Diego has served 7.9 million meals to those impacted by the pandemic

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