

List of area food banks and social service agencies in San Jose and surrounding areas

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Santa Clara County

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County serves 37,000 individuals of all backgrounds and beliefs with more than 45 services annually. Needed items include retail gift cards, bicycle and bus passes for families without transportation, babies and children's items such as backpacks, car seats, diapers and toys, jackets and warm blankets for families, toiletries and household goods. Items should be new or gently used. For more information contact 408-325-5129 or visit www.catholiccharitiesscc.org. Catholic Charities' donation station is at 2625 Zanker Road in San Jose.

Family Supportive Housing is requesting new blankets, pillows and mattress covers, meat and vegetables, unwrapped toys and gift cards. FSH provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless families and helps families find and retain permanent housing. Donations may be dropped off at 1590 Las Plumas Ave., San Jose, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. 408-926-8885, extension 106 or www.familysupportivehousing.org.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties is seeking nonperishable, canned food items in the form of tuna, powdered milk, peanut butter, canned meats and stews, hot and cold cereals, 100 percent fruit juices, dry beans, rice and pastas. The agency serves 207,000 people each month. **Volunteers** are also needed. Donations can be dropped off at 750 Curtner Ave., San Jose and at 1051 Bing St. in San Carlos. Call 866-234-3663 for a drop-off schedule, or visit www.secondharvestfood.org.

Sunnyvale Community Services is seeking nonperishable food items, new toys and gifts from infancy through teen years and new household items. Food items needed are cereal, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits, vegetables and soups. Drop-off hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, now through Dec. 7 and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 8-20. The center is at 725 Kifer Road. Call 408-738-4298 or 408-749-9627 after Dec. 7. www.svcommunityservices.org.

CityTeam Ministries needs frozen turkeys and canned, nonperishable food items. Drop off donations from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday at CityTeam's Family Service Center, 1297 N. 13th St., San Jose. Contact the agency for large pickups at 408-293-4657 or visit www.cityteam.org.

EHC LifeBuilders needs financial support to purchase food to serve more than 1,000 meals a day this winter at San Jose's largest shelter at 2011 Little Orchard St. **Volunteers** are needed to prepare and serve meals. Call 408-539-2133 or visit www.ehclifebuilders.org.

InnVision serves 20,000 people a year at 20 locations, providing emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing and multiservice centers throughout the South Bay and the Peninsula. The agency needs monetary donations, retail gift certificates, canned hams, concentrated fruit juice and meals in a can. Other needs include fleece blankets, sleeping bags, warm winter coats, new socks and toys. **Volunteers** are needed to sort donations. Drop off food at the Julian Street Inn, 546 W. Julian St., San Jose at any time. Other donations can be dropped off from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Georgia Travis Center, 297 Commercial St., San Jose. Checks can be sent to InnVision Administration Offices, 974 Willow St., San Jose, CA 95125. Call 408-453-3124 or 408-292-4286 or visit www.innvision.org.

Sacred Heart Community Service needs frozen turkeys and chickens, canned hams, pop-top canned food, toilet tissue, hygiene supplies, diapers in all sizes, Enfamil or Similac baby formula, blankets, new underwear and socks. New unwrapped gifts for all ages are needed, including bicycles. Donations may be dropped off 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays at 1381 S. First St., San Jose. 408-278-2160, www.sacredheartcommunityservice.org.

Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen serves families and seniors five days a week. Current needs include nonperishable food items, new toys for all ages of kids, gift cards for teens, sleeping bags, caps, sweaters and sweatshirts for seniors and jackets for all ages. Donations can be dropped off Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-6 p.m. at the Inn Vision Montgomery Street Inn, 358 N. Montgomery St., San Jose. 408-934-4990, www.loavesandfishes.org.

Martha's Kitchen, 311 Willow St., San Jose, needs frozen turkeys, five-pound canned hams, large cans of green beans and enchilada sauce. The center also needs toiletries including soap, lotion and shampoo, as well as gift bags. Special events chef Jack Hayes is collecting new and gently used blankets to be distributed to diners on Thanksgiving Day. Food and toiletry donations can be dropped off 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Martha's Kitchen. Blankets may be dropped off at Elegant Events, 1077 The Alameda in San Jose from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 22 or call 408-971-1880 for a pick up. 408-293-6111, www.marthas-kitchen.org/

Santa Maria Urban Ministry, 778 S. Almaden Ave., San Jose, needs turkeys, chickens, canned ham, vegetables, fruit, soup, peanut butter and dry milk, plus warm jackets for all ages, clean blankets and rain ponchos. Donations will be accepted 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Saturday. 408-292-3314, www.smum.org.

St. Joseph's Family Center, 7950-A Church St, Gilroy. Contact Vicky Martin at 408-842-6662 ext 26.

Cathedral of Faith, 2315 Canoas Garden Ave, San Jose. Contact its Reaching Out Center, 10-noon Wed and Fri 408-267-4691

West Valley Community Services, 10104 Vista Dr, Cupertino. **Volunteers** are needed. Call 408-255-8033, www.wvcommunityservices.org

The Peninsula

Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco, 645 Harrison St, San Francisco. Help build affordable homes in San Francisco and the Peninsula. To donate or volunteer, call 415-625-1000, www.habitatgsf.org

Community Services Agency of Mt View and Los Altos, 204 Stierlin Rd, Mt View. Needs food donations and volunteers. 650-968-0836, www.csacares.org

Ecumenical Hunger Program, 2411 Pulgas Ave in East Palo Alto. Contact Melanie at 650-323-7781, www.ehpcares.org

The Shelter Network provides emergency and transitional housing from Daly City to Menlo Park. The organization needs household items and volunteers. Call Maria Duzon at 650-685-5880 ext 114, www.shelternetwork.org