

### About The Pantry

Founded by Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in 1985, the West Valley Food Pantry has grown to be a coalition of congregations and non-sectarian organizations. The two distribution sites are located in the west San Fernando Valley, providing emergency food to those in need. The Pantry is a member of the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) Food Pantry Coalition.

### Recipient Eligibility

To receive food, each individual states need and gives proof of residency in our service area. The service area boundaries are the 118 Freeway on the North, Mulholland Drive on the South, the Ventura County line on the West, and Reseda Boulevard on the East.

### Staff and Hours of Operation

The Food Pantry is staffed by some 200 dedicated volunteers who collect, sort and dispense donated food, maintain the necessary records, sponsor an annual benefit and tell our story to the community.

Pantry hours are 10 am to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday 10 am to 12:30 in the kitchen at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, and 9 am to 1 pm Monday through Friday at the Family Rescue Center.

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## Member Congregations

Canoga Park Presbyterian Church  
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church  
First United Methodist Church Canoga Park  
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church  
Saint Luke's Lutheran Church  
Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church  
Temple Kol Tikvah  
Woodland Hills United Methodist Church  
Woodland Hills Christian Church  
Woodland Hills Community Church  
Woodland Hills Presbyterian Church

**West Valley Food Pantry**  
**Pantry (818) 346-5554**  
**P. O. P. Church (818) 346-6968**  
**Family Rescue Center (818) 884-7587**

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## *Sharing God's Bounty*



*An interfaith community supported approach to alleviating hunger*

## Food distribution Sites:

**Prince of Peace Episcopal Church**  
5700 Rudnick Street, Woodland Hills

**Family Rescue Center**  
(Formally, El Centro de Rescate para Familia)  
22103 Vanowen Street, Canoga Park

## *Feeding the hungry*

Our mission is to meet the needs of hungry people in our community. Many people struggle to put food on the table.

In addition to the unemployed and homeless, there is a large number of working poor and elderly residents whose monthly incomes do not cover their expenses. These individuals and families earn a minimum wage or are retired on fixed minimum incomes.

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Particularly hard hit are low income families and single parents with young children. According to our local census, one in six residents falls below the poverty level. Even more distressing is that the rate of poverty is 50% higher in our area than in the general city population.

These statistics become a stark reality each month when nearly two thousand people receive 18,500 emergency meals from the West Valley Food Pantry shelves.

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### *Where we receive our Support*

*Nearly 35% of the food distributed is from collection drives by the member Congregations, the U. S. Postal Service, the Boy Scouts and other supporting groups and individuals. Food donations are also received from our local markets (Albertsons, Ralphs, Trader Joe's, Vons), the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, restaurants, other businesses in the area,*

*The other 65% of food is purchased from wholesale and other low cost food outlets with funds contributed by FEMA\*, and generous individuals, congregations, service organizations, and by an annual fundraising event.*

### *Annual Costs & Expenses*

The annual cost of food continues to rise, thus the operating expense for the Food Pantry is about \$80,000. This amount provides meals costing about 39 cents with an operating expense for support equipment maintenance and food transportation of less than 5%.

\* FEMA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency

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### *How You Can Help*

**We always need more volunteers!**

Volunteers typically work at the Pantry in two 2-1/2) hour shifts, Monday through Thursday, and one shift on Friday. Volunteers may schedule to work shifts once a week, or once a month or more, depending upon interest and availability.

Volunteers sort and store food as it is received, and dispense it to recipients. They also validate recipients' eligibility.

Volunteers may also pick up donated food on a regular basis from markets, other donors, and food drives.

Volunteers help promote food drives and donations through clubs and organizations.

**Speakers are available to explain the Food Pantry to your organization.**

*For more information or to make a contribution of food, time or money, Please contact us at:*

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**(818) 346-5554 or  
FAX to (818) 346-3349**

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