Welcome to the Volunteer Recognition Awards Luncheon
Casey Castillo
Chief Executive Officer
Food Bank By the Numbers

Pre-Pandemic
350,000 people per month

2020-2021
600,000 people per month

Today
400,000 people per month

Pounds of Food Distributed

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Current Challenges

1. **Inflation**
   - Gas
   - Food
   - Utilities
   - Rent

2. **Housing Crisis**
   - San Diego “least affordable place to live in the US.” [SOURCE]

3. **Lasting affects of the pandemic**
   - High household debt acquired during the pandemic
   - Lasting health issues
   - Low-wage service sector jobs
   - High cost of living
Food Bank Programs
Serving Families Countywide

Nonprofits:
• Food to Nonprofits Program – 500+ partners
• Fresh Rescue Program – 70+ retailers

Seniors:
• Senior Food Program – 65+ sites

Low-income Families/Individuals/Military:
• Emergency Food Assistance Program – 100+ sites
• Mobile Pantry/Neighborhood Distributions – 30+ sites
• CalFresh Assistance & Nutrition Education
• Period Supply Programs – 25 partners

Children & Youth:
• Diaper Bank – 90+ sites
• Food 4 Kids Backpack – 65+ sites
• On-the-Go Pantry – 8 sites
• College Hunger-Relief Program

Example of food locator map to show impact in San Diego region

- All Ages are welcome
- Seniors age 60+ only

GPS Food Locator Map
Volunteer Award Categories
Whether it’s to lend an ear, show up for an extra shift, or dedicate an entire weekend to service, the Biggest Heart volunteer is always there to help. These volunteers are kind, compassionate, gracious, and always giving to others. This year's Biggest Heart Awards go to...
Biggest Heart Award

Karen Williams & Margaret Romero
You know those volunteers that are always standing outside the door when you open, eagerly waiting to start working? It doesn’t matter if it’s raining, snowing, hailing, or even Daylight Savings Time. These guys are first in line, waiting to help out the Food Bank. Early Bird Awards go to...
The Early Bird Award

Christopher Bartha and John Buzzard
You’re not sure if you’ve seen these people frown, ever. When things are tough, they’re smiling. When things are great, they’re grinning even bigger. These volunteers bring a smile to your doorstep every time they arrive, sharing it freely with everyone inside. This Year's Perpetual Smile Awards go to...
Perpetual Smile Award

Cynthia Stalewski
and Judith Fullerton
Things go wrong from time to time in every organization, and the luckiest organizations have volunteers who can always fix what’s gone wrong. Creative solutions, rapid action, and remedying any situation are the claims to fame of the recipient worthy of the Band-Aid Award. This year's Band-Aid Awards go to...
Band-Aid Award

Robert ODerio and Dan Sargeant
Maybe three volunteers didn’t show up, or you need extra help to smooth over a crisis. These volunteers who always come through in a pinch deserve the On-the-Spot Award. They are, after all, always on the spot whenever you call and need them most. This year's On-the-Spot Awards go to...
On-The-Spot Award

Noreen Shirk Robert Krausse and Lori Nabors
No matter the shift, this volunteer is always ready to sign-up and do what's needed to help the mission forward. He out performs and strives to be at the top. This year’s Top Hours Award goes to...
Top Hours Award

Michael Laman
These volunteers show up and volunteer for the Food Bank despite having school and other activities going on. They inspire us by always bringing a spirit of hope and an incredible work ethic. This year’s Youth Volunteer Awards goes to...
Youth Volunteer Award

Isabelle Bowman & Lynn Morimoto
Rain or shine, these volunteers do everything possible to help us make our events flawless. They are reliable, dependable, and willing to take on just about any task we give them. This year’s Event Service Awards go to....
Event Service Award

Shawn Rollins &
The Scripps
Research Institute
Group Volunteer Award

These organizations always show up with a can-do attitude and ready to roll up their sleeves. We can always count on them to pack several pounds of produce or build our senior food boxes for our distribution sites. They encourage their friends and co-workers to come join them and build community within the Food Bank. This year’s Group Volunteer Awards go to..
Hands-on Hunger,
Get off your Rockers,
UCSD 50 & TZU Chi
Volunteering and giving back runs in the family. These families value supporting others in need and contribute their time and passion to volunteering at the Food Bank time and time again. This year’s Family Awards go to..
Family Award

The Abrenas, the Goepferts & the Turks
This award is for a person who once received help from the Food Bank and now gives back to her community by volunteering her time and energy. This volunteer is not only a great help out at our distributions, but takes great pictures to capture the moment. We are so grateful for her huge heart and her drive to serve others in need.
Pay it Forward Award

Elsie Short
This volunteer is someone who is dedicated, dependable, and has his hand in just about everything. He goes above and beyond and is always forward thinking. He is great at setting up others for success, especially in our sorting room and the micro pantry. That level of taking initiative, community minded thinking, and responsibility is what makes him our volunteer of the year. This year’s Volunteer of the Year Award goes to...
Volunteer of the year

Greg Byrum
This special volunteer has become so integral to the Food Bank that we don’t remember what it was like without him. He continues to bring his whole heart and energy into his work, and has helped us in just about every area of the Food Bank. Whether it’s manning a booth at the Blues Festival, helping development with mailings, or supporting the volunteer and programs team at distributions and with various warehouse projects, this volunteer does it all!

This Eternal Service Award is the lifetime achievement award of the Food Bank. This year's Eternal Service Award goes to...
Our very own Mayor of the Food Bank, Paul Amberg!
Behind-the-Scenes Warehouse Tours

Warehouse Tours Are Available Upon Request
Thank You for Attending
The 2022 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Luncheon