Hi Friends of Loaves & Fishes,

In the fiscal year 2013-2014, Loaves & Fishes served 116,000 hot nutritious meals to those in need at a cost of $6.00 per meal. Because of you, on June 30, 2017, we finished our 2016-2017 fiscal year serving 468,000 meals at $2.50 per meal. Wow, how did we achieve this growth? This remarkable growth was due to changing our business model from a traditional soup kitchen to a ‘caterer on steroids’ delivering to 30 nonprofit partners. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Second Harvest Food Bank for its ongoing donations and you, our generous donors and volunteers, for your support. This year, with your help, we are forecasting serving 515,000 meals. I know there are many worthwhile charities worthy of your hard-earned donation dollars. By supporting Loaves & Fishes, you will be a part of solving the hunger burden for those in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

- Dan Barsanti, Board Chair of Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen

“My name is Scott, and I volunteer at the Alum Rock location for Loaves & Fishes. Not only do I get a good meal here five days a week, I also take food home to other people who can’t make it to the location, because I have a car. It’s a wonderful program. Thank you very much for donating. Your gifts actually make it possible for a lot of people to have a warm nutritious meal and have a safe place to get in from the rain a lot of times during the winter. I’ve been coming here a couple years now, and I’ve given back for the gifts that I’ve received, and it’s a worthwhile endeavor.”

“We’ve been coming here for close to four months now and it’s been very helpful, especially living out on the streets. It’s very nutritious, the staff are very helpful.” - Erica

“I think the main reason why we come here is because they make you feel like family, and they make you feel comfortable. We come here also because the people here are very helpful. They try to help with any assistance that you need like food or other services.” - Mario

Thank you to our donors, board members, and volunteers. You are truly making a difference in the lives of the many guests we serve together.
Loaves & Fishes partners with the Diocese of San Jose to help feed SJSU students.

San Jose State University recently conducted a survey that reported 20% of the student body was food insecure, and 12% of the students have experienced housing displacement at least once. **One out of five students do not eat for an entire day because of economic hardship.**

Loaves & Fishes is now serving San Jose State University Students a hot nutritious prepared meal once a week at the St Paul’s United Methodist Church. The Church located across from SJSU in downtown San Jose in association with the Diocese of San Jose. Loaves & Fishes will provide the meals, the cathedral will provide the location, and the Diocese will provide utensils and volunteers to help serve the meals.

### Other Ways to Give

**Stock Donation** - Realize awesome tax benefits and support our cause at the same time.

**Employer Matching** - Your donation could be matched equally up to a certain amount by your employer.

**Donor Advised Funds** - Support Loaves & Fishes while reaping very favorable tax benefits.

**Volunteer Grants** - Companies often match your volunteering hours (as an employee) by providing a financial donation.

**In honor** - Gifts can be made as a gift or in memory of someone.

**Planned Giving** - Leave a legacy by making a planned gift to Loaves & Fishes.

For more information on other ways to give, please contact mauricio@loavesfishes.org
Loaves & Fishes Organic Garden

Now in its 5th crop year, the Loaves and Fishes Organic Farm continues to supply large amounts of freshly picked produce for our kitchens. It's been a good summer with lots of tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, chard, carrots, lettuce, radishes, onions, squash, peppers, eggplant, spinach, and herbs. We are getting ready to start planting broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage. A great big thank you to the many students and other volunteers who have come to the garden recently to help with our planting, harvesting, and weeding. Your help is much appreciated! If you would like to spend a little time in the great outdoors helping to feed the hungry, please give Larry a call at 408-904-8676. We work in the garden Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to noon. Some Saturday mornings also.

“One of the things that stands out in my mind is that one day we had a young homeless lady, about 25/26 years old and she said she wanted to help. So we asked her to help plant some vegetables. So I showed her how to plant and told her I'd be back in 5 minutes just to see how she was doing. I came back, and she was crying, and I just couldn't understand. She had been sitting there the whole time, and I couldn't understand how she hurt herself. So I came rushing up and asked 'What happened? Are you okay?' and she said, 'Yes, I'm okay, this is the first time in my life that I ever helped anybody else.' So that kind of caught me and I started crying too. It's that kind of experience that happens out here, it's very much people changing.” - Chuck Habib, Co-Founder of the Loaves & Fishes organic garden.

"The thing that kind of amazes me is the generosity of our sponsors. We contacted a nursery in Morgan Hill called Coyote Valley Nursery and they basically said 'Whatever you want anytime you want it, you come and get it.', and so for the last five years, they've supplied thousands and thousands of dollars worth of plants. They supply a good percentage of the vegetables we grow and serve. We also start some of our plants from seed but the majority of plants come from Coyote Valley Nursery, and we've had other very generous donors through the years who've donated soil.

Economy Lumber has donated lots of lumber for us that we've used to build our raised beds, and a shed that we've constructed to put our equipment in. It's been really overwhelming the number of people who have stepped forward to help us out, which we are very thankful for.

The support from volunteers and donors allows us to grow really fresh organic vegetables all year round. On a daily basis in our serving kitchens, some of the food they get was literally picked at 11am and served at 4:30pm that same afternoon. That's satisfying to us, the garden volunteers, knowing that our guests are getting a really good quality meal with some of the produce we grow year round.” - Larry Vollman, Co-Founder of the Loaves & Fishes organic garden.
New Office and Partnership with San Jose Conservation Corp.

Loaves & Fishes has moved offices to San Jose Conservation Corp. With a brand new kitchen opening in Morgan Hill, Loaves & Fishes was able to consolidate our kitchen operations to Morgan Hill. This increased our efficiency. This means that we do not have to drive back and forth to our old warehouse in San Jose to pick up food for our cooks who produce 10,000 meals per week.

SJCC offers us a great setting for our offices as well as the potential for future projects in conjunction with SJCC and all of their partners. The move has also allowed us to save on operational costs. The consolidation of warehouse and kitchen in Morgan Hill will provide us with operational efficiencies that will allow Loaves & Fishes to maintain our cost per meal at $2.50.

A special thank you to One Workplace for donating and furnishing our new offices and conference room.

We’d also like to thank Cisco for donating technology equipment including a VOIP phone system, three large screens, and much more!

Volunteer Testimonial from VMWare

"Thank you for the opportunity to volunteer at Loaves & Fishes. The program manager, Hyru, was a pleasure to work with. She is warm, inviting, and has a great sense of humor. She clearly knows her recipients well and provides a friendly, comfortable atmosphere for them. I highly recommend L&F to anyone looking for a rewarding service learning experience." - Karen Rothe, VMWare Volunteer

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Follow us! @LoavesFishesSJ
Director's Circle is a newly formed special group of donors who give $1,000 or more annually and receive special acknowledgment and opportunities to come together to learn how Loaves & Fishes is putting their generous donations to work. Benefits include an invitation to the annual Director's Circle reception, personal volunteer experiences, and recognition in our newsletter and website. Please contact mauricio@loavesfishes.org to join or learn more about membership.

**Thank you to our charter members!**

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