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__Here’s how you can Support Loaves & Fishes Mission__

- **Volunteer** at a meal serving site, or your company’s campus, or at one of our Grocery Bag distribution events.
- **Make a time or recurring gift** to support our work.
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To support this kitchen, and enable us to continue serving our well-balanced and nutritious meals, please participate in our annual end-of-year fundraising:

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As Silicon Valley has grown as have the food needs of our community. Though we are surrounded by incredible wealth and technology, we also have some of the highest housing costs in the nation. These costs force more and more families into making difficult decisions between paying for food, or paying for their children’s heads or paying for food to put on their children’s plates. As the need has grown, so has Loaves & Fishes.

**Loaves & Fishes’ Mission**

We believe, as Silicon Valley has grown, our mission has expanded as well. We serve meals to those who are hungry and need support for various reasons. We believe in meeting them where they are and respecting their journey.

- **In 1980, ten volunteers gathered at St. Patrick’s School in downtown San Jose to serve any one that needed a meal.**
- **Today, Loaves & Fishes serves 15,000 meals each month to those in need in the greater San Jose area.**

Here We Grow Again!

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**They worked, and they worked, and they worked.**

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Their only mandate – to provide a meal, to anybody in need, that they would gladly serve in their own homes.

The need we saw then, the need we see now, is vast. As Silicon Valley grows as one of the highest food needs of our community. Though we are surrounded by incredible wealth and technology, we also have some of the highest housing costs in the nation.

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Using hand-me-down cookware from St. Joseph’s Seminary, those ten people put together a simple, yet warm and nutritious meal for the children. They only mandate – to provide a meal, to anybody in need, that they would gladly serve in their own homes.

Eleven adults and fifteen children showed up to enjoy that very first meal from Loaves & Fishes. When they arrived, in addition to a few busy, eager helpers, there was a brand new warm, inviting space, a staff that travelled with them daily and worked. That first year over 100,000 meals have been served. Here is how you can Support Loaves & Fishes Mission

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Make a tax time or recurring gift to support our work.

Take advantage of your company’s employee corporate matching program.

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Please contact angela@loavesfishes.org to join or learn more about membership.

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**Holiday Matching Gift Opportunity**

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- Volunteer at a meal serving site, on your company’s campus, at one of our Grocery Bag distribution events.
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**LoavesFishes.org/other-ways-to-donate**

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tious meal for those in need. Their only requirement – to provide a meal, to anybody in need, that they would gladly serve in their own homes.

Eleven adults and fifteen children showed up to enjoy that very first meal from Loaves & Fishes. When they arrived, in addition to a very hungry, young crew, they found a warm, inviting space, and a staff that treated them with dignity and respect. That first meal in 1980 is an event that has guided our organization for the past 40 years.

Nothing stays the same, however. As Silicon Valley has transformed from a quiet, suburban countryside to an increasingly diverse, dynamic and fast-moving innovator in the tech industry, our operations have had to evolve to meet the needs of the community.

Loaves & Fishes has needed to innovate. With our Hot/Cold Meals Program, launched in 1999, we provide fresh meals for anyone in need, six days a week. We also began to serve clients in one of Silicon Valley’s most at-risk areas: women and children experiencing homelessness.

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To support this kitchen, and to enable us to continue serving healthy and nutritious meals to those in need, we have launched a $100,000 matching gift challenge. For every dollar you pledge or donation to Loaves & Fishes will be matched 2:1 up to $200,000! A special thank you to the Soboto Family Foundation, John & Lydia Vidovich and Carla Lindloff for your generosity and support.

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Our Director’s Circle Grows!

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HERE WE GROW AGAIN!  

At Facebook, we believe food is more than a necessity. It’s the foundation of human dignity and respect. It’s why we’re happy to announce our new A La Carte food recovery program.

If you HAVE ANY ATTENTION of our own, you understand the impact this one small step can make. A La Carte is a food recovery program by and for Facebook staff and volunteers, which pulls 20,000 pounds of food each year from Facebook facilities and delivers it for free to organizations helping the hungry. 

Currently A La Carte is a fleet of three food trucks, staffed with trained personnel, that pick up prepared meals from universities and corporate campuses, such as Stanford and Facebook, and then delivers them directly to people in need in our own service area, and delivers food to those in need.

All are welcome! No questions asked.

This single innovation in fighting hunger has enabled Loaves & Fishes to nearly double our capacity from 6,000 meals per day to over one million meals per day. 

Beyond our own kitchen and A La Carte service, we have found that, sometimes, meeting the needs of our community simply means providing those who can help with an opportunity to do so. For example, when you volunteer with us, you can help provide hot meals in our kitchen or, put together sack lunches that are picked up and delivered by Facebook. 

Loaves & Fishes' mission, and why we care, is to alleviate hunger in our community, 41 million pounds of edible food thrown into our landfills every year. To make this happen, Loaves & Fishes and A La Carte were born.

Unfortunately, not every resident of the Bay Area is in a situation that allows them to appreciate all of these wonders. They are too worried about paying their rent, utilities, and groceries. They are too worried about where their next meal will come from. They do not know where their next meal will come from, or whether they will meet their basic nutritional needs, suffer from the multiple hardships of life, and worsen health and wellness problems associated with hunger.

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With the addition of Facebook's A La Carte program to our current portfolio of programs, we are able to serve our neighbors with dignity and respect is at the core of our mission, and why we care, is to alleviate hunger in our community, 41 million pounds of edible food thrown into our landfills every year. To make this happen, Loaves & Fishes and A La Carte were born.

The greater Bay Area is where we’ve all grown up and raised families. It is a place of unparalleled beauty and natural grandeur. The food here has matured to meet the challenge, to adapt, and to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Using a concept known as the “Grow Food” philosophy, we aim to build self-sufficient communities where people can provide food for themselves. The idea is simple: to live in harmony with nature, and to take care of our planet.

Facebook, Flagships and Loaves & Fishes A Winning Collaboration to Feed the Hungry and Save the Planet

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A Message from the CEO

“Nothing Can Really Get Started Until Hunger Is Completely Stopped”

If you haveatta keen about the very origin of hunger, you’ve probably come to realize that food can only get eaten once hunger is completely stopped. When you consider how much food we throw away, you can see how we’ve been using food as a weapon against hunger for far too long. Food is the lifeblood of hunger, and until hunger is completely stopped, you can’t expect recovery to ever take place.

We face an all-too-real reality— we live in a region where opportunity and poverty are all around, and the daily struggle just to survive. Do you know anyone who has been living in poverty and has children in one of the dozen day care programs across Silicon Valley who arc parent working multiple jobs and storing not enough to put food on the table? Or do you know anyone who has to choose between paying rent or buying food?

A homeless student going to school, goes hungry because they cannot afford housing or food. And the next 150,000 homeless children in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties whose every day is consumed by hunger or a food plan. And the nearly 15,000 students throughout the Bay Area who do not go to bed hungry, and knew where their next meal would be coming from.

In the past, I have written about the incredible work that Loaves & Fishes and Cepheid volunteers have done to help cast our food service delivery into the effect the lack of consistent, nutritionally balanced meals on a regular basis has on children and adults. And it is due to you and your commitment that we will be able to serve our freezer meals directly into the homes of hundreds of thousands of people in need.

Recently, we took on a new program— a Cepheid Food Recovery program. This new program will involve the collection of food from Cepheid’s campuses like Stanford to the neighbor- hood’s forgotten Harvest, into the large stockpile of food that we will be able to serve to people in need. It is a simple idea in theory, but it turns out to be one of the most complex and challenging projects that we have ever taken on.

A La Carte

“Mission Possible”

The greater Bay Area is a much more enjoyable place to live. If a place is unequivocally named after the most impressive ingenuity known to man, how does one get to be at those things, the marine layer, as it gently carries the realities of the previous day, out on the water and across the Bay to the board of the Golden Gate Bridge?

With the addition of A La Carte’s Flash-HA delivery, we will be able to serve food to those in need from the environment.

One of the most exciting new programs that we have been able to launch with A La Carte is the Food Recovery program. This program will allow us to pick up food that is delivered to A La Carte from Facebook and Flagship, among other partners, and deliver it directly to the homes of those in need. This is an incredible opportunity for us to cast our service delivery into the effect the lack of consistent, nutritious meals on a regular basis has on children and adults. And it is due to you and your commitment that we will be able to serve our freezer meals directly into the homes of hundreds of thousands of people in need.

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If you have EVER attended an event, volunteered with Loaves & Fishes staff and volunteers, you have probably heard our leaders tell us that the cause of ending hunger can only be realized when hunger is completely stopped. While Loaves & Fishes has been serving meals in the Bay Area for over 40 years, we have never been able to turn a profit. In fact, we are loss-leaders, as our expenses for providing meals far outstrip any revenue we might generate. And yet, with the support of our partners, Loaves & Fishes has grown to serve over one million meals every year.

Currently, A La Carte is a fleet of three food trucks, staffed with trained personnel, that pick up prepared meals from universities and corporate campuses, such as Stanford and Facebook, and then delivers them directly to people in need in a no-cost, convenient, and dignified manner. This is all done while maintaining the highest level of sanitation standards.

Just this past year alone, we served over 100,000 meals. We have seen families come to us for help. With this in mind we have created corporate team building events at which volunteers can help provide hot meals in our kitchen or, put together sack lunches or hygiene kits at your site. Today you and your team can help provide hot meals in our kitchen or, put together sack lunches or hygiene kits at your site.

Beyond our own kitchen and A La Carte service, we have found that, sometimes, meeting the need for meals is even more challenging. For example, it is estimated that over 40% of the food we recover from our hot meal services and brown bag lunch program quickly outgrew Joint Venture’s ability to market this conserved food.

For over 40 years we have hoped to provide a nutritious meal to anyone in need, that we gladly serve to anyone in our own kitchen. We look forward to doing it in our own kitchen in February, all those years ago –

And we will do it – all year long. It will be a question answered. We will serve hot meals –

A Winning Collaboration to Feed the Hungry and Save the Planet

IT BEGAN WITH A PHONE CALL requesting a meeting with Facebook facilities and sustainability teams about another food service vendor Flagship. Flagship is a food recovery program with an important environmental mission. That March 2018 conversation evolved into a meaningful partnership that has provided 85,310 meals to the hungry and homeless throughout the Bay Area. The 2017 partnership achieved 78,141 lb. of food from the land- and-waste category, and saved an estimated $7.9 M tons of greenhouse gas emissions from the environment.

Flagship’s mission is hunger and homelessness relief was a key reason that Loaves & Fishes realized the opportunity of a lifetime. In March of 2018, Flagship joined the Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s A La Carte food recovery program, piloted by Joint Venture Silicon Valley in 2015.

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Facebook joins forces with Loaves & Fishes in a mission to feed the hungry and save the planet

Facebook, the social networking giant, is making a $125,000 donation to Loaves & Fishes, a community-based non-profit organization, to help feed the hungry and reduce their environmental impact. Facebook's interest in hunger and homelessness relief was a key reason that Loaves & Fishes realized the opportunity of a lifetime. In March of 2018, Flagship joined the Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s A La Carte food recovery program, piloted by Joint Venture Silicon Valley in 2015.

Facebook is one of the world’s leading technology companies and a leader in advancing environmental solutions. Facebook is a leader in advancing environmental solutions. As with our mutual commitment to food security, we share Facebook’s commitment to sustainability and our belief that a corporate partnership can help to reduce hunger in the Bay Area.

Despite the clear and obvious need to alleviate hunger in our community, 34 million pounds of edible food is thrown into our landfills every year.

We face an all-too-common reality –

Unfortunately, not every resident of the Bay Area is in a situation that allows them to appreciate all of these wonders. They are too worried about their next meal to stop and recognize them. And, regrettably, there are too many of them.

One in three children and one in four adults and one in three Bay Area families face the daily struggle of hunger. For 40 years we have served the hungry and homeless, and we recognize this as a public health emergency. People who are hungry struggle to have the energy to work, learn, or take care of their families. In the Bay Area, some 150,000 children and 68,000 adults are food insecure. If you are reading this and you have any health issues at all, the lack healthy, nutritious food on a regular basis can be a major contributing factor to your condition. And if you are a parent, not able to put food on the table. Or a food plan. And the nearly 15,000 students going to school, goes hungry because they cannot afford housing or food. And the nearly 100,000 homeless in San Jose and Santa Clara counties who are not connected to having to work or live a quality life for people in need.

Loaves & Fishes will use this generous donation towards the purchase of needed medication, or buy a pair of shoes for school. We will provide nutritious meals after school to ensure that children will not go to bed hungry, and will have something healthy to eat in the morning. It will be a question answered.

Food recovery is a core component of our mission. A La Carte is our way to help feed the hungry and help reduce our ecological footprint. At the end of the day, Facebook is a company that is committed to social responsibility, to reducing our negative impact on the environment, and to doing good things wherever possible. To this end, Facebook has made a $125,000 donation to Loaves & Fishes.

We look forward to doing this together –

Social responsibility and our commitment to minimizing our environmental footprint is a priority at Facebook.

The greater Bay Area is on the front line of the food security crisis. The Bay Area provides high quality food for its residents. While it is a passion of our organization to continue working to eliminate hunger, we have long known that when businesses start thinking about the impact they have on the environment, and act accordingly, it can make a huge difference.

We are pleased to be a part of this great food recovery effort, and will continue to partner with Facebook to increase the scale of food recovery in our community. Together, we can help alleviate hunger in the Bay Area.

Facebook staff operate a fleet of impressively clean 18-wheeler trucks that are packed with food, and are fitted with state of the art refrigeration to ensure every inch of food is kept within safe temperatures. Every day Facebook’s trucks roll into communities in the East Bay, San Jose, and in the South Bay, to pick up prepared food from Facebook facilities and sustainability teams and their food recovery programs.

For the past several months Facebook has delivered over 150,000 pounds of food for meals in our bay area kitchen. With this donation, Facebook will continue to partner with us to help feed the hungry and reduce their environmental impact.

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A La Carte – “Mission Possible”

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Social responsibility and our commitment to minimizing our environmental footprint is a priority at Facebook.

The greater Bay Area is on the front line of the food security crisis. The Bay Area provides high quality food for its residents. While it is a passion of our organization to continue working to eliminate hunger, we have long known that when businesses start thinking about the impact they have on the environment, and act accordingly, it can make a huge difference.