



## Donor Spotlight – November 2014

### Molly Selmer

Molly Selmer began her relationship with Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) in 2010. She was first introduced to SFBFS by donating food through a food drive. Being a teacher, Molly felt inclined to support SFBFS in an educational fashion and that same year she started the backpack drive. The backpack drive brought in an astounding 50 backpacks in its inaugural year. Since that time Molly has hosted a backpack drive every year in conjunction with SFBFS' Community Cleanup Day. The most recent backpack drive brought in an overwhelming 100 backpacks. "Seeing the look on the kids' faces is the most memorable and heart-warming part of the backpack drive for me," said Molly.

Molly's brother Doug passed away 20 years ago, never having the opportunity to complete his college education at UC Davis. It had always been a dream of Molly's to start a scholarship fund in Doug's honor and her parents encouraged her to begin setting aside money from each paycheck to make this dream a reality. Earlier this year, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Doug's passing, Molly created the *I'm Possible* scholarship fund as a legacy to her brother Doug. The *I'm Possible* scholarship fund was used to pay a portion of the GED testing fee for SFBFS' clients.



Through GED preparation, a component of SFBFS' Adult Education program, volunteers spend time tutoring GED clients on their journey to further their education. Although SFBFS is able to provide GED preparation, the client is responsible for paying the GED exam fee. With many of our clients facing tough financial choices already, the exam fee often prevents them from getting their GED and improving their situation.

Helping out in the community is something that Molly's parents taught her at a young age. Molly and her mom, Kristin have been volunteering at and donating to community organizations for years. They love giving back to the community they live in. "The feeling you get from giving back is priceless," said Molly.

Molly plans to grow the *I'm Possible* scholarship fund in her brother's honor to continue to help SFBFS clients succeed on their journey to higher education. "He was so giving. I want to make sure people never forget what a giving person he was by continuing his legacy," she said.

SFBFS' work would not be possible without the support of individuals like Molly. Thanks to Molly's generosity together we can support individuals on their journey to self-sufficiency.