

## Donor Spotlight: December 2016

### Gold Bud Farms – Food Access



Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) is committed to providing those in need in with healthy fruits and vegetables and could not accomplish this goal without generous donations from farming partners like Goldbud Farms.



Goldbud Farm's delicious fruit is highly regarded and shipped all over the country to restaurants and stores alike. Ron Mansfield and his son Chuck, who own and manage the orchards, were originally involved with Senior Gleaners, Inc. (SGI). After SFBFS and SGI merged in December 2014, Goldbud Farms continued their partnership with SFBFS with weekly donations of healthy, delicious stone fruit and apples to feed individuals and families in need. "All of our experiences with our friends at Goldbud Farms have been wonderful

and positive," says Maria Zefo, SFBFS' Food Resource Manager. "The product they donate to our clients is amazing. It makes me proud to offer food that is so fresh, beautiful and healthy, especially as this is the type of quality product that many of our clients might not otherwise have access to."

Through the community support of donors like Goldbud Farms, SFBFS provides emergency groceries to families in need through partner agencies, seven days per week. In an effort to move families toward self-sufficiency, grocery items such as fresh vegetables and fruit, grains and dairy are distributed instead of hot meals. Through partner agencies, 130,000 individuals receive an abundance of fresh groceries every month. Our quality groceries come from a variety of sources including donations from local grocery stores, regional farms and the community.

SFBFS' Food Access program would not be possible without the support of community-minded companies like Goldbud Farms. Their support is an example of how together, we can support families and individuals on their journey to self-sufficiency and financial independence.