

Donor Spotlight: January 2017 Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance – CalFresh



Thanks to the support of donors like the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance (DHA), Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) is taking big steps to end food insecurity in our community. For the past three years, SFBFS has been awarded with the contract for the Sacramento County DHA CalFresh Outreach. Lorena Carranza, SFBFS' CalFresh Outreach Manager, says, "Thanks to the support of DHA we are able to offer CalFresh Outreach services dedicated to getting more eligible families and individuals connected to this valuable program."



"The mission of DHA is to improve lives with compassion, integrity, trust and innovation in our services," says Carmen Rivas with the Sacramento County DHA. "We at the DHA strongly believe that every Sacramento County resident that is impacted by food insecurity should be able to reliably get CalFresh benefits with ease, efficiency and dignity and assist by stretching and supplementing their household budget."

CalFresh can add to the grocery budget of families in need to put healthy, nutritious food on the table. The program issues monthly electronic benefits that can be used to buy food at many markets, food stores and some farmers' markets. Carmen states, "Through our partnership, we have been able to serve targeted locations struggling to put food on the table. By combining our efforts we have made applying for CalFresh more accessible and user friendly, which increases the likelihood of eligible individuals to apply."

SFBFS also collaborates with partner agencies to reach as many food insecure individuals as possible. "Six of SFBFS' partner agencies have been accepted to participate as a subcontractor for the CalFresh Outreach program," says Lorena. "We could never reach all the individuals and families in need of CalFresh benefits without the help of our partner agency network. Many thanks to all the partners who work together to end food insecurity in our community."

SFBFS' CalFresh program would not be possible without the support of community-minded donors like the Sacramento County DHA. Their support is an example of how together, we can support families and individuals on their journey to self-sufficiency and financial independence.