

Anonymous Donor Buys New Truck for Food Warehouse

A like-new 2008 GMC refrigerated truck has been purchased by an anonymous supporter and donated to The Salvation Army in Modesto for use at the Food Distribution Warehouse. The donor paid the \$43,034 for the purchase, plus the airfare for the truck driver to go to southern California to pick up the truck.

The diesel truck has a 20-foot box, a payload of 11,000 pounds, has a new-style aluminum liftgate, aluminum flooring for easy cleaning, and is carb compliant.

The truck was badly needed and will be well-used. During the last fiscal year, 1,632,891 pounds of Government Commodities were distributed to low-income families; 470,300 pounds of drought relief food was given out; and 901,583 pounds of food was provided to member agencies through the Food Bank program. This totals three million pounds of food distributed from the Food Distribution Center on Janopaul Lane in Modesto. Almost all of this required the use of one or more trucks.

Thanks4Giving Feeds Many

For the twenty-ninth year, Dan and Denise Costa headed up the purchasing, preparing, setting up and serving of everything for a huge, formal, sit-down dinner for several hundred on Thanksgiving Day. Called the "Thanks4Giving Dinner", the meal included turkey and all the trimmings for everyone who came. This year, approximately 930 enjoyed the food.

The Salvation Army signed up three shifts of volunteer workers to help with the preparations and serving. They also came and served coffee and provided activities for the guests as they waited to enter Centre Plaza for the dinner.

In response to a letter from the Costas and The Salvation Army, monetary donations in the amount of \$57,000 were given to pay for the food, rental of the hall, and other needs of the less-fortunate. Dan and Denise have also pledged to match this generous amount.

Bank of The West and IJ Larsen Pumps Collect Toys

Recently, 237 new toys were donated by Bank of the West and IJ Larsen Pumps. Thank you!

Kettle Kick-off Receipts Total Over \$200,000

The 2014 [Salvation Army Kettle Kick-off](#) reported a total of \$200,973 raised for providing the needs of the less-fortunate of the local community at this year's event. The sold-out event hosted over 1100 guests.

Thank you to those who gave of their time to prepare for this major event and to all those attend and give so generously.

Pete and Cecilia Michelini Receive "Others Award"

Pete and Cecilia Michelini were awarded the highest honor bestowed by The Salvation Army, the "Others Award", for their services to The Army and the community. This award, named for the mission of the Salvation Army to help others, proclaimed by their founder, was given to them at the Kettle Kick-off for their unselfish involvement for many years in many activities.

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