



GOD'S PANTRY

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

ABOUT US

God's Pantry was established in 2012 when our founders, Tom Sweeney and Jason Mac, who both work in local school districts realized that many of their students didn't have regular access to nutritious foods and were considered food insecure. They decided to start holding food distributions at Chino High School. Since 2012 God's Pantry has grown and now serves five cities: Pomona, West Covina, Chino, Fontana, and Rancho Cucamonga. Pomona is our home as we currently have our office and warehouse located there.

Prior to March 2020, we served about 2,400 families and individuals monthly with in-person distributions out of local schools. Once COVID-19 hit we quickly changed our style to drive-thru distributions. Our numbers have spiked to 6,000-8,000 families being served on a monthly basis. We have formed partnerships with other city officials and organizations to help serve as many people as possible. Our mission is to help meet the basic wellness needs of our communities, and we are seeing that need is greater than ever before.

In 2019 we launched our Care Center called The Well in partnership with One&All Church. Our goal is to provide our families with additional resources to break the cycle of poverty. In 2020, we provided over 1,000 points of outreach and care monthly (medical assistance and screening, clothing, legal service, job training and housing) at no cost to the client. Our team of counselors, navigators and life coaches help connect our clients with the resources they deserve and qualify for.



Our Team

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2020 AT A GLANCE

Here are some highlights for 2020!



81, 250 households served.

325,000 individuals served.



28 residents in our housing program. Accumulatively,
1,846 days our house has been occupied



340.5 hours of therapy provided.

151 new clients received case management
services.



222 participants in our work force development.

24, 378 hours spent in our workforce
development.



8,000 deliveries made in the city of Pomona to
home bound seniors and families.



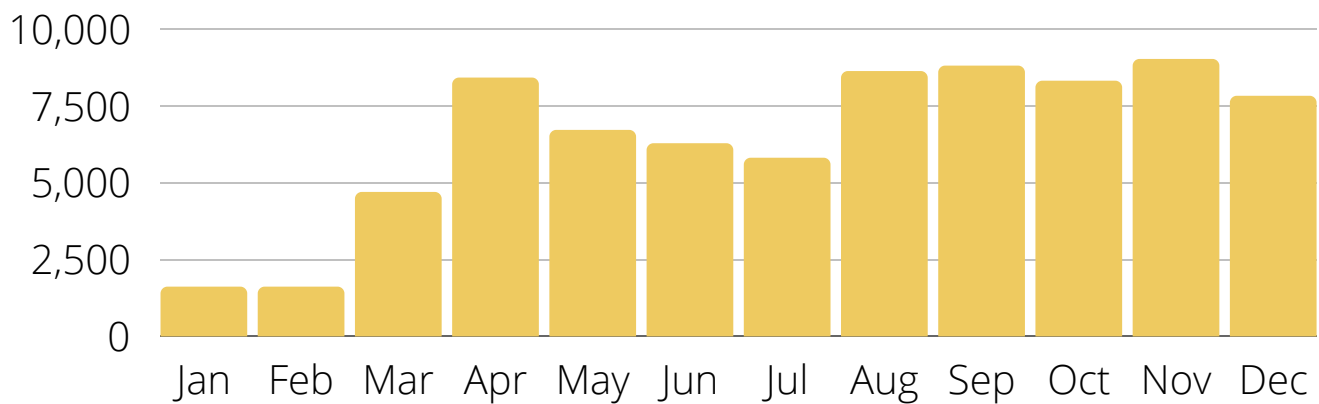
1,921 volunteer shifts filled.

4,597.5 hours served by volunteers.



Over \$700,000.00 in monetary donations with over 3.5
million pounds of food donated.

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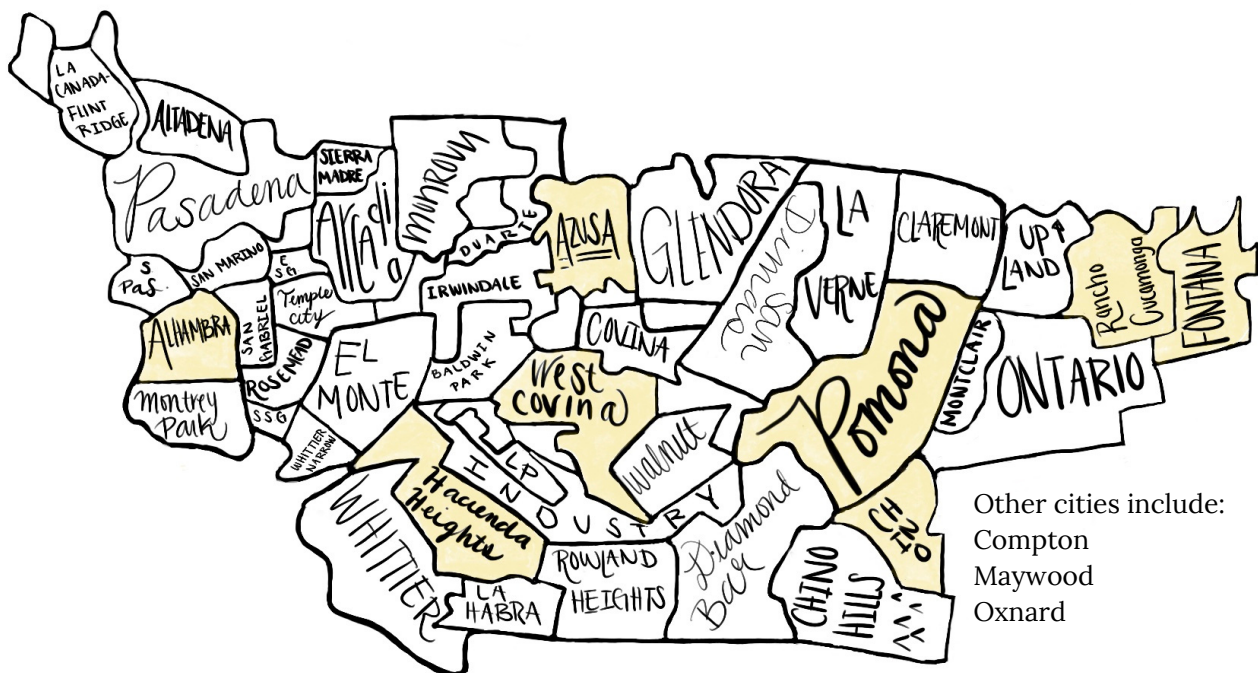
Prior to COVID-19, we held weekly distributions in Pomona, Azusa, Chino, Jurupa Valley, and San Dimas. As of March 2020, we switched over to drive-thru style distributions in order to comply with CDC guidelines and recommendations. We prioritized the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and participants, while attempting to make a small dent in the rising numbers of food insecurity.

In 2020, we have been able to serve over 80,000 families, which equals over 320,000 individuals. To meet the needs of our community, we have partnered with many organizations who have shared the same passion in helping those in need by providing access to nutritious food.



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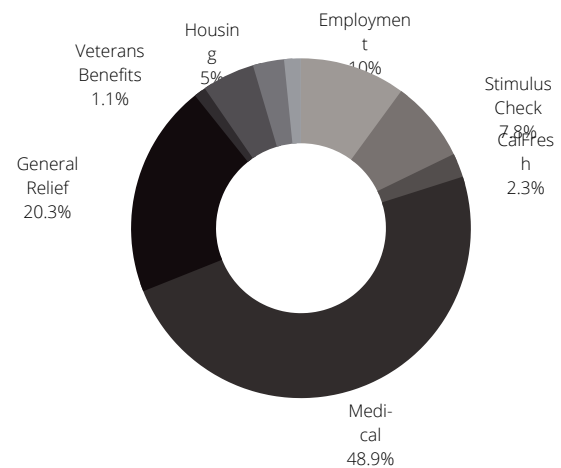
Due to the COVID-19 lockdowns and school closures, we witnessed a rise in the need for accessible and nutritious meals. We have been able to create great partnerships in many cities. This has allowed God's Pantry to touch more people than ever. We have worked with churches, city members, and other organizations who have made combating food insecurity as part of their mission.



THE CARE CENTER



Here at the Care Center, our goal is to provide resources, case management and mental health services at no cost to our community. We understand that many clients may not be aware of the resources available to them or may be hesitant in receiving help. In 2020, we have been able to provide 340.5 hours of mental health services.



The Care Center has received 529 total referrals. Many of our referrals have been interested in resource information with 151 of these being new clients. The Care Center has aided 214 individuals to receive CalFresh, 34 have received help obtaining their stimulus check, and 7 individuals have received help with rehab or mental health services.

THE BRIDGE

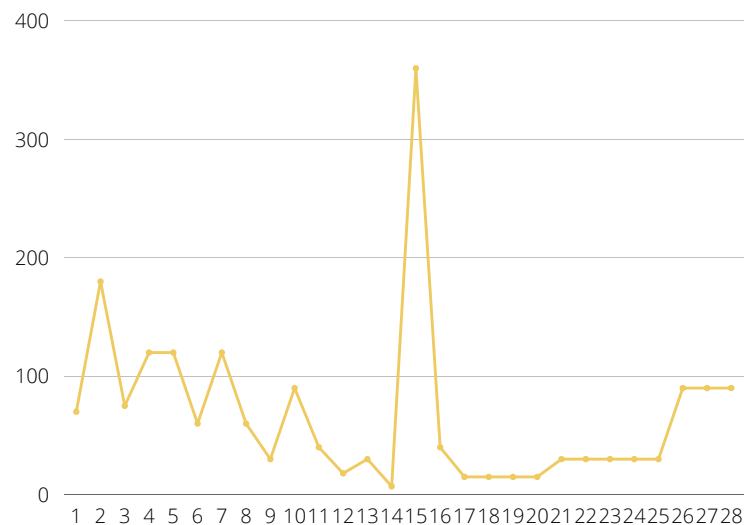
2020 and the COVID- 19 pandemic has not only shed light on the rise of food insecurity but also the rise of homelessness in our community. Due to unstable housing situations and the rise of evictions many individuals, especially our transitional aged youth, have been left without a safe place to stay. We have had the opportunity to house 28 individuals in 2020, providing 1,835 days of shelter for these individuals. Although our housing is for transitional aged youth males between the ages of 18-25, we have housed many others along the way.



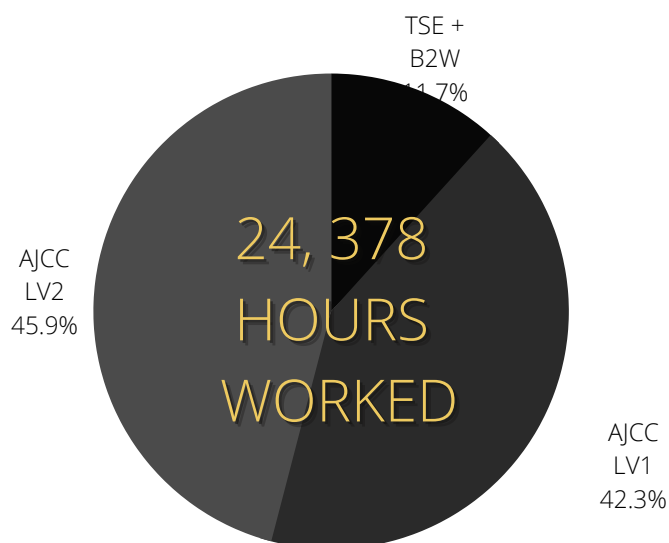
In our housing facility we have been able to enjoy the time spent with each of our residents. Our goal is not only to temporarily house those in need but to also help these individuals get back on their feet.

All of our residents receive case management services, employment assistance, and mental health services.

The graph on the right illustrates the number of clients we have had and the number of days they have spent in our housing facility.



WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT



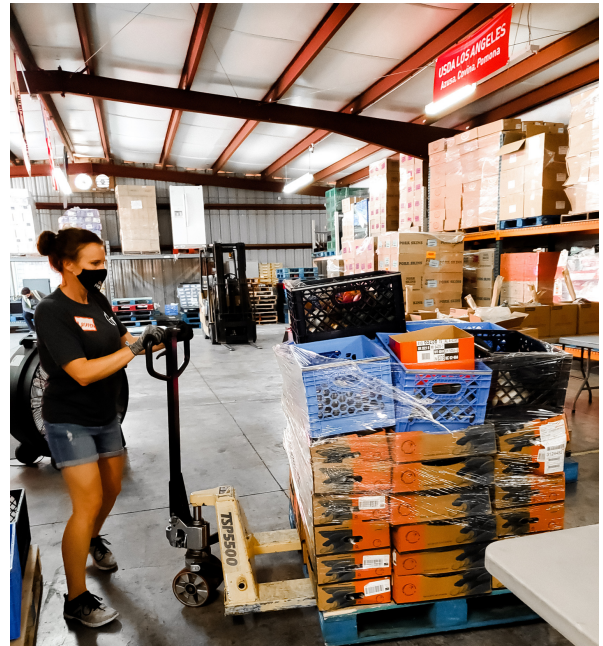
Our workforce development was initially a way for God's Pantry to help our youth by teaching them work skills, such as OSHA training, forklift certification, and clerical training. As many jobs closed during the pandemic, we noticed that our youth workers became the only source of income for their families. God's Pantry not only became a way to keep many families afloat but also provided access to food. This allowed their income to be utilized for other necessities.

In partnership with America's Job Center, the TSE program, and Bridge to Work, God's Pantry has been able to provide workforce development for 222 individuals equaling 24,378 hours of work experience.

Our God's Pantry youth have become a key component in product and preparation for our distributions.

VOLUNTEERS

We heavily rely on our volunteers and are so grateful for the time they have shared with us, especially during the pandemic. Our volunteers have been on the frontline as we have prepped, bagged, distributed, and prayed for each family that has passed through our distribution line. In 2020, we have had over 1,921 volunteer shifts filled which equals over 4,597.5 hours of service.



We would like to thank those who have dedicated their time to help us serve our community. We have an amazing core group of volunteers that we have been able to count on weekly. We appreciate the time and support from all of our volunteers.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

In 2020 God's Pantry has received:

Certificate of Recognition by the City of Pomona for our efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Certificate of Recognition by County of Los Angeles for our West Covina Regional Food Distribution

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition Drive-Thru Food Distribution Event by the Office of Hilda Solis

2020 Non-profit of the year in Pomona by the Office of Freddie Rodriguez



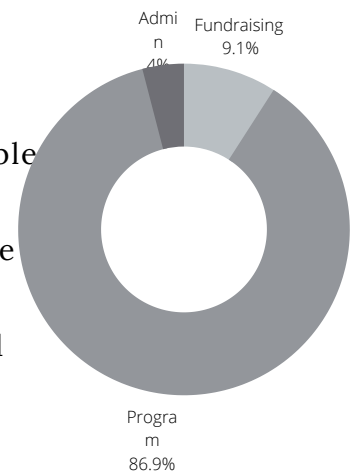
PARTNERSHIPS

We would like to thank our partners for their support. Our partners have helped make a difference in the communities that we serve and we would not have been able to touch so many lives without them.

One&All Church
Inland Hills Church
Crosspoint Church
Hillside Church
City of Pomona
City of West Covina
City of Rancho Cucamonga
Pomona Unified School District
Fontana Foundation of Hope
L.A. Care/ Blue Shield
Feeding America Riverside
Community Action Partner San Bernardino
L.A Regional Food Bank
Polo's Pantry
America's Job Center
Office of Hilda Solis

DONATIONS

In 2020 we have received an outpour of love and support from our community. Throughout the year we received \$790,917.87 between donations, fundraisers, partnerships, and grants. Despite the pandemic and many of the restrictions, we were able to safely host our annual fundraisers. We were amazed and touched by the outpouring response we received through these trying times. Due to the immense amount of support we received we were able find ways to bring light to what was and still is a dark time for many individuals.



The pandemic brought a new opportunity for God's Pantry to focus on grant writing. Early April, we were provided the opportunity to submit a few grants for COVID-19 relief. We were awarded \$146,000.00 in grants through different companies. As a nonprofit, our income goes into the daily operating of our program and in the creation of new programs. Due to the additional needs of our community, we found an increase in expenses such as boxes, tape, and PPE. The need for additional equipment was not an expense we were initially prepared for, but because of the support we received we were able to fill the needs of our community.

2.5 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD RECEIVED



Due to our partnerships with LA Regional Food Bank, Community Action Partnerships, Feeding America Riverside, and our local grocery store, we have been on the receiving end of over 2.5 million pounds of donated food.

WHERE WE ARE NOW & WHERE ARE WE HEADING

Coming into 2021, our mission remains the same, to help serve the basic wellness needs of our community in a practical way. With the amazing partnerships we have established, we hope to continue to reach out to many of our neighboring cities and to provide access to nutritious food to those communities. For the foreseeable future, we will continue to conduct our distributions drive- thru style at the five cities we currently serve. We hope to secure more relationships with other members of the cities we serve outside of Pomona. We hope to explore other avenues to provide accessible nutritious groceries to our community.

Our goal for the Care Center, The Well, is to continue to provide access to our local families. We aim to reach more individuals. The pandemic has highlighted the lingering effects of financial insecurity, food insecurity, and the need for access to mental health services. We aim to create stronger partnerships with other organizations who may be able to help our families in need, conduct more outreach of our services, and continue to learn additional ways that we can best serve our community members. We are excited for what 2021 has in store for us and we thank everyone who continues to support our mission.





DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS: POMONA WAREHOUSE

SUNDAYS: POMONA WAREHOUSE

1ST SATURDAY OF MONTH: CHINO

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: FONTANA

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: RANCHO

4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: WEST COVINA