

HOLIDAY 2011



LOAVES & FISHES  
FAMILY KITCHEN



Dear Loaves & Fishes Supporters,

Recently I was invited to a technology company's "Giving Fair" and a woman stopped by to tell me the story of her family. Her husband and she were going through a divorce 20 years ago and she had two young children and no money to spend on Christmas. Through Loaves & Fishes' adopt a family program she and her two children received gifts and a delicious Christmas meal. She let me know she never forgot the generosity of Loaves & Fishes staff to her family. Today she is thriving and so are her grown children. She has worked for over 6 years at IBM.

Another woman who volunteered at Loaves & Fishes recently informed us she, her mother and sister were victims of domestic violence. The three of them came to eat meals at Loaves & Fishes regularly. Thanksgiving and Christmas were spent with our Loaves & Fishes community. Now she has a family of her own and has worked for Intel for 6 years. She has never forgotten how Loaves & Fishes helped her family in a time of need.

I tell you these stories because we never know who may need our help or may have received our help years ago. It may be a co-worker, an acquaintance at the gym, someone in line next to us at the supermarket or our dog trainer.

Please support us financially so we can continue to feed people in need of help in our community. The City of San Jose eliminated all of our funding beginning in July of this year. **The cut of \$50,000 equals 15,386 meals.** Over 6 weeks worth of food is no longer available to us to cover expenses at our 3 locations in San Jose. We need to raise this money through other support so we can keep all three locations open. **My goal is to reach 500 people who will give an additional \$100 each.** Please help us make up this difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christina Egan'.

Christina Egan, Executive Director

*P.S. Loaves & Fishes has had a total of \$70,000 in government funding eliminated. This equals 21,538 meals.*

## MISSION

**Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen is committed to providing no cost, hot nutritious meals and support services in a dignified, safe and caring environment. We provide services to all needy individuals, with special concern for families, senior citizens and the homeless.**

### *Holiday Schedule*

#### Thanksgiving Meals

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.  
Eastside Neighborhood Center  
2150 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.  
Montgomery Street Inn  
358 N. Montgomery Street, San Jose

#### Christmas Meals

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 p.m.  
Eastside Neighborhood Center

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 p.m.  
Montgomery Street Inn  
358 N. Montgomery Street, San Jose

Parent Toy "Shopping" Day  
St. Maria Goretti Hall  
Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 1:00  
Volunteers needed 8:00 – 2:00  
(prior registration required)

#### Grocery Bag Program

Wednesday November 16  
Wednesday December 21  
10:00 – 11:30  
Volunteers needed 9:00 – 12:00

**ALL LOCATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
Closed December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1**

Serving regular schedule  
January 2, 2012

**To volunteer call 408-439-0915 or  
email [volunteer@loavesfishes.org](mailto:volunteer@loavesfishes.org)**

## GOVERNING BOARD

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## DONATE

### Donate Online

Go to our website  
[www.loavesfishes.org](http://www.loavesfishes.org)  
and click "Donate"

### Leave a Legacy

Provide for the future by including a bequest in your will or estate plan. Continue to support Loaves & Fishes for many years to come

### Donate Stock

Take a charitable gift deduction by donating shares via Loaves & Fishes Schwab Account #: 5514-4073 DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40

## Loaves & Fishes In-Kind Donors - *Thank you!*

Many come together to feed the hungry in San Jose – volunteers, board members, individual donors and local businesses. Contributions from "in-kind" donors (donors who give food and supplies) allow our staff to be creative and make meals much more exciting and flavorful. We are grateful for these in-kind donations.

Throughout the year, we receive an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables from **Veggielution**, **Allard Farms**, **K&K Farms**, **Guadalupe River Gardens** and **Full Circle Farms**. Fresh lettuce, crisp apples and aromatic herbs add health and flavor to every meal. As the chefs begin preparation, you can smell the fresh garlic and peppers that come from **Redwood Produce**, and the earthy aroma of **Barefoot Coffee** perking. Guests peek in the kitchen asking, "What's for dinner tonight?"

**Race Street Foods** affords us the opportunity to purchase high quality proteins at low cost and give our guests pork ribs, chicken, and hot-link sausages to warm bellies and souls on cool days. **Costco** donates breads, cookies and yummy desserts creating a sweet ending to every meal. In addition, **Barry Swenson Builder** offers affordable office space and event space for our annual fundraiser.

Loaves & Fishes could not provide hot, nutritious meals without the support of our community. Our guests truly love access to food items typically not included in their budget. Please support those businesses that help others while you are out and about in San Jose!

## Intel's *Edith Guillen*

Edith Guillen volunteered at Loaves & Fishes recently with her Intel co-workers, bagging lunches for our guests. That day she surprised Loaves & Fishes' staff with a story.

Her mother, sister and she were victims of their abusive husband/father years ago while living in San Jose. They didn't share the information with anyone at the time, because they lived in fear and suffered alone at home.

A friend of her mother's mentioned there was a program that would provide them with food/resources *and it worked out great since they lived near one of Loaves & Fishes feeding locations*. The more they came the more comfortable they felt with the staff and community, as they enjoyed the meals. They spent Thanksgiving and Christmas with Loaves & Fishes receiving hot meals and a monthly grocery bag of food.

Edith remembered how friendly the staff was and how comforted she, her sister and her mother felt. Today Edith lives happily with a family of her own. She has worked for a GM/Director at Intel for six years and has come to terms with her past, now as a grown-up.

She feels lucky she did not turn to gangs, end up in prison or drop out of school like so many of her neighbors and family members. She is thriving, and we feel lucky that she came back to Loaves & Fishes to volunteer and tell us her story of how Loaves & Fishes helped her family.

***"I'm eternally grateful to Loaves and Fishes for the help they provided my family when I was a child. Loaves and Fishes really does care and helps the community. Now as an adult I pass forward all that was given to me starting with volunteer work."***

# 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary BBQ

October 2, 2011

The event was simple and comfortable. It was a good old-fashioned barbecue thanks to a number of gracious businesses that donated everything from tri-tip and chicken to wine and tablecloths. Our second annual Loaves & Fishes fundraiser on October 2 helped us raise over \$24,000 all going to programs

The understated event was a perfect representation of what the nonprofit is all about. Loaves & Fishes quietly goes about its job, serving a hot and nutritious meal five days a week. We have become the largest soup kitchen in Santa Clara County without any fanfare, and we got there because so many people have helped financially and through volunteering. Many of those individuals were at the October barbecue.

As we sat there enjoying a great meal, we were also reminded by Loaves & Fishes Executive Director, Christina Egan, that hunger at Loaves & Fishes has grown by 77 percent during the last year. She told us that many who come for a meal are now seniors living on a fixed income and families with children. Hunger does not discriminate by age, gender or ethnicity. It definitely levels the playing field.

It's still hard to imagine how this disparity can continue to exist in such a wealthy place like Silicon Valley, but it is true. Never before has the need to feed so many been so great.



**Bellarmine Alumni Group  
Great Volunteers!**



**Loaves & Fishes Board & Advisory Board Members**

## *Wish List*

Powdered Low-fat Milk ♦ New Unwrapped Toys for Parent Shopping Day (by December 15) ♦ Spices & Seasonings ♦ Fresh Fruits and Vegetables ♦ Canned Fruits and Vegetables ♦ Tuna Fish

**Give the gift of meals: Contact Race Street Foods and donate credit to Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen in order for us to purchase ground beef, fish, sausages, ribs, turkeys and chickens for our hot meals. (408) 294-6161**

Thanks to:

**Barry Swenson Builder  
Bellarmine Men's Alumni  
CyberPress  
Fine Linen Creations  
Holy Cross School  
Imwalle Vineyards  
Littly Italy  
Mortgage Outlet  
Parsley Sage Rosemary & Thyme  
Race Street Foods  
San Jose Sharks  
Teamsters Local 287  
UFCW 5**

## **VOLUNTEER**

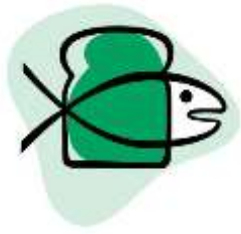
***Wishing Won't Resolve Hunger,  
Action Will***

I invite you to take action to help resolve the hunger issues which blanket Silicon Valley. With Loaves & Fishes you have an amazing opportunity to get involved, make an immediate difference in the lives of people right here in your own backyard.

Loaves & Fishes volunteers have a hands-on experience every time they volunteer. Volunteers can help out in our kitchens by preparing and serving food, in our office with data entry, or at our monthly grocery bag program. We also offer a backpack program, a Thanksgiving and a Christmas feast as well as an Easter meal. I encourage you to contact me by phone or email so I can add you to our schedule!

*~Melissa Holland  
Volunteer Manager*

Visit our website or call  
[www.loavesfishes.org/volunteer](http://www.loavesfishes.org/volunteer)  
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## Volunteering is a Way of Life

### A Profile of *Melissa Holland*

Melissa has been a part of Loaves & Fishes for some time now. She started as a volunteer over a year ago, and became a passionate team leader at our St. Maria Goretti location. After becoming our "Volunteer of the Year" this past summer, an opportunity to join the staff as Volunteer Manager arose. The decision was easy. "I just love volunteering and giving back. Loaves & Fishes feels like home to me."

Melissa has spent most of her life in the Bay Area. She married her Junior High School sweetheart, Scott and has 4 amazing children: Scott Jr., Diana, Danyelle and Madison. Scott Sr., Danyelle and Madison continue as regular volunteers.

Melissa and Scott have traveled to 43 states by car. Their goal is to go to all 50 states by the time their youngest leaves the house. An unplanned surprise has Melissa and Scott going to Hawaii soon. This is one more off their bucket list!

We are fortunate to have Melissa on the Loaves & Fishes team. Melissa is compassionate by nature and truly cares about the volunteers and guests. She is always on the lookout to benefit the organization either by speaking at events and recruiting volunteers, or soliciting donations. If you run into her at a meal and need a snack, just ask. She often keeps gummi worms in her pocket for the kids!

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*Melissa with the Shark's Jersey she acquired for our raffle!*