



LOAVES & FISHES
FAMILY KITCHEN

OVERVIEW OF LOAVES & FISHES FAMILY KITCHEN

MISSION/HISTORY

Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen is committed to providing nutritious meals and support services in a dignified, safe and caring environment. We provide these services to all needy individuals, with special concern for families and senior citizens.

Loaves & Fishes was founded in 1980 to fill a void in the community for these special populations. Loaves & Fishes now serves meals five days each week at our two kitchen locations. The number of guests has grown from the initial 11 served on February 15, 1980, to 150-200 per meal. Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, religion, gender, age, handicap or sexual orientation.

LOAVES & FISHES PROVIDES

- No cost hot meals on Saturdays, Mondays and Thursdays at St. Patrick Kitchen and Wednesdays and Fridays at St. Maria Goretti Kitchen targeting families, seniors, single women, couples, and the disabled.
- Community Services to better serve the needs of our guests and to provide extensive information and referral services. We provide emergency outreach assistance, infant care supplies, and information and referrals for additional services.
- A weekly meal prepared for 250 people at The Cecil White Center, a homeless program operated by InnVision.
- Extensive Holiday Programs including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter food baskets, Santa Pictures, Senior Brunch, special Christmas "shopping days" for parents and "Adopt a Family" program.
- Grocery Days Program every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at St. Patrick church and every 3rd Wednesday (Family Harvest) at St. Maria Goretti church.

FACILITIES

Our main office is in a Sobrato Foundation-provided office park at 508 Valley Way in Milpitas. Our food storage, kitchen and meal service rooms are located at St. Patrick's Church at 389 East Santa Clara Street in downtown San Jose. We also use the kitchen and general purpose room at St. Maria Goretti Church, located at 2980 Senter Road, to prepare and serve meals.

STAFF

Loaves & Fishes Family kitchen has a staff of seven employees.

VOLUNTEERS

We are blessed with a solid base of over 500 people who volunteer time, food, and supplies to operate Loaves & Fishes. Our volunteers annually donate over 11,000 hours to our organization, equivalent to 6 full time employees. Volunteers are always needed for our meal program, Children's Programs, Holiday Programs, and special events.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Loaves & Fishes is an independent non-profit 501(c) 3 organization with an annual budget of 400,000. The organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors and is audited annually by an independent auditor. We are a community-based organization dependent upon the generosity of a wide variety of individuals, corporations and foundations – small and large, churches and other non-profit groups, and several government agencies for 100% of our needs.

CURRENT MAJOR GRANT/FOUNDATION FUNDING

Adapttec Foundation
Almaden Valley Women's Club
Adobe Systems
Air Systems Foundation
Altos Foundation
Cisco Systems Foundation
County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency
Community Foundation of Silicon Valley – SV2
Deluxe Corporation
J.M. Long Foundation
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