



The mission of St. Francis Center is to feed, serve, and walk with the poor as a community of hope in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi.



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The Why



St. Francis Center is more than just a **soup kitchen** or a **food pantry**.

We treat people with *dignity* because we believe dignity restores *hope* and leads to *positive change*.

We serve so much more than meals.

We're Serving Hope.



The Need

Families served earn an average of **only \$868** per month, well below the federal poverty level for a family of four. **73%** of their income goes to rent, leaving little extra to purchase food, let alone fresh, healthy food.



"The neighborhood needs this help—needs it desperately. Deep down, underneath I really believe we're supposed to be here," said Helen Payne, one of SFC's founders.



The Need

SFC's service area has the highest concentration of homeless individuals in the county. (LAHSA—June 2015)



For the third consecutive year, we served over 100,000 meals to homeless guests last year.

Our Programs

Homeless Well-Being
Served Meals & Sack Lunches
Health Screenings & Eye Exams
Showers, Clothes & Toiletries
ID/Job/Housing Assistance
Mail Service

Family Well-Being
Fresh Produce & Groceries
Senior Pantry & Social Events
ID/Job/Housing Assistance
Youth Summer Camp
Eye Exams & Health Screenings

Our History

Since 1972, St. Francis Center has provided hunger relief in Los Angeles. In 1993, the Center became incorporated as a 501(c)(3). Although our core mission has never changed, the Center has expanded to a true multi-service community organization.



“Making ends meet for my family has been a struggle, but SFC’s weekly Pantry Services have been a huge help.”

– Fausta, guest of our pantry services for seniors who is also a single parent to her five grandchildren.



Last year, **\$2,065,126** of food was donated by corporations and nonprofits.



“With my family, we began to eat more vegetables and fruits. We ate in more instead of take out, and we read more labels on foods.”
Cooking Camp graduate



Last year, **3,503** volunteers served **21,855 hours** at St. Francis Center (that equals 10.5 full-time staff members)!

Finances

2015-2016 Cash Budget

Provide fresh groceries	\$	87,864
Provide warm meals and sack lunches	\$	73,427
Send children to summer camp	\$	39,008
Provide health and hygiene services	\$	15,716
	\$	216,015

In Kind Donations

Foods and goods	\$	3,050,000
Volunteer service	\$	235,000
	\$	3,285,000

People Served in 2014-2015

116,194 meals	302 children attended camp
15,223 grocery visits	2,061 health and hygiene visits