

Food Pantry, LAX

Special points of interest:

- We distribute on Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.—12 noon.
- 355 E. Beach Avenue Inglewood, CA 90302 310-677-5597
- Tuesday Manager: Judie Holland
- Friday Manager: Dorothy Nino

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Manna: Food provided by God to the Israelites during their journey to the promised land

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The People of Food Pantry, LAX

Food Pantry, LAX is operated by volunteers, and only by volunteers; we have no paid staff. These volunteers spend anywhere from a few hours a month to over 20 hours a week working at the Food Pantry. They desire to serve their fellow human beings—men, women and especially children—who need a helping hand. Their only reward is the knowledge that they are doing good!

“Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Matt. 25: 37-40)

~ Bob Quinn, *Vice President*

Dorothy Nino	Mary Thompson	Judie Holland	Willie Hodges
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A nation that has more justice is a nation that has less need for charity.
Ralph Nader

To pretend to situate God on our side, against others, is quite simply a blasphemy.
Raimon Pantikar

All that is needed for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing.
Edmund Burke

Here is Dorothy Nino

The Food Pantry, LAX has been blessed with the talents and hard work of many, many volunteers. Each year, the Pantry honors one of them with the Volunteer of the Year Award. This year's Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Dorothy Nino honoring her 25 years of outstanding service to the Pantry.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada was her birthplace and where she spent her childhood and growing-up years along with her brother. She describes it as a 'proper English' background. After high school, she attended General Hospital School of Nursing in Winnipeg where she received her RN degree.

After graduation, Dorothy and two of her classmates fled the Canadian cold for the California sunshine and adventure. They particularly enjoyed the beauty of Yosemite and the charm of San Francisco. The three settled in Fresno where they found employment. After moving to Los Angeles, she worked as a regular duty nurse at UCLA and



Dorothy and the Board

Daniel Freeman hospitals.

In 1987, Dorothy was recently retired from a long career as a nurse, had extra time and was looking for an opportunity to do some meaningful volunteer work. One of the near-by churches posted a sign asking for volunteers in a food distribution effort to the needy population that was emerging in this area. Following up on that sign, Dorothy has spent many hours and contributed many good ideas in helping the Pantry become the successful all volunteer operation that it is today.

Dorothy spends at least twelve to fifteen hours weekly on the Pantry's behalf. Among other things, she shops for the high demand food items she finds on sale. She is the volunteer coordinator. She picks up at the Post Office drop. She takes care of the banking. She

picks up donations from Starbucks and Toga's. And she submits a monthly report to the Los Angeles Food Bank and Starbucks. If that isn't enough volunteering for one person, she also donates time to the Guided Cage, part of the Airport Marina Counseling Service funding efforts. After all that, she still finds time to enjoy Canasta and Mah Jong with friends.

Dorothy's two daughters and one son all live in the South Bay. So there is plenty of opportunity to gather for various events and fun. Her three grandsons are her joy; rumor has it that she spoils them all.

"Golden Oldies" are favorites in music and movies. "Meet me in St. Louis" and the mystery "Gaslight" are 'oldie' favorites. Favorite spots for relaxation and time away are Hawaii and Las Vegas - if she can find penny slots.

Because of Dorothy's devotion to the Pantry, she has been an invaluable asset and made a big difference to a needy community.

Dorothy, we salute, honor and thank you. ♦

Food Pantry, LAX News and Events

We had our annual Christmas Bag It Up drive in late November of last year and collected and distributed about 600 bags of groceries to members of the community. We

pass out the bags to churches in Westchester and Ladera Heights with an enclosed list of food items for a holiday meal and they are returned to us in time to distribute to our

clients in the early part of December.

The Westchester Clergy Association held its annual Westchester Inter-faith

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Meet Dalia

By Becky Weber

I met Dalia on her first visit to Food Pantry, LAX. Her friend, Rosa, had told her about our facility in the most positive terms. Dalia was encouraged by Rosa to participate in an interview with me saying, "Only good people here."

Dalia arrived in Los Angeles in 1986 from Mexico. She had recently finished high school there, but felt that she would have more opportunities in Del Norte.

According to Dalia, Mexico's schools teach mainly conversational English phrases and responses. She soon found that her lack of English skills were an impediment to finding work here in the

United States. Dalia quickly enrolled in an English as a Second Language class to improve her command of the English language. Dalia was a quick student, but she says she is still learning and likes to practice whenever she has the opportunity.

Dalia was born and reared in Mexico City. Growing up in a large family of ten brothers and sisters, she realized the importance of an education. Finishing high school was an important goal.

Dalia is now married and has two grown children. Her husband is a carpenter, but is often out of work because of disabilities. Taking care of the elderly and very young

are her favorite kinds of employment. She really likes to help others.

She sometimes receives food donations from the church where she worships. As a grateful daughter, she sends money to her elderly mother living in Mexico.

Dalia has two interviews coming up in the health care field. She hopes that one of them will result in a job. Her ability to drive a car has been a plus in finding work. She truly wants to be independent.

Although food supplies have often been short, she has never had to go hungry. As she says, and truly believes, "God takes care of me." ♦

Whatever you are,
be a good one.
Abraham Lincoln

Most folks are
about as happy as
they make up their
minds to be.
Abraham Lincoln

Birthdays are good
for you. The more
you have, the longer
you live.

Fundraising Efforts

In the past few years Food Pantry, LAX has experienced exponential client growth. Thanks to the generosity of those who donate to our organization, in 2011 we were able to feed over 29,500 people.

Even with our many generous donations, caring for such a large number of people often exceeded the amount of donated goods, and funds, we received. We were forced to use some of our reserve funds to cover food costs, especially for more expensive items such as bread and produce.

While we can afford to dip into our savings a

bit, if food prices rise and our number of clients continues to increase, we will need to find additional sources of funding.



In June of 2011, it was decided that the Food Pantry needed to begin the process of looking into, and applying for, grant funding.

Several grants have been identified, researched, and the grant application process has

begun. A Federal Emergency Food and Shelter grant was applied for and we are hoping to be one of the lucky recipients of that grant.

Additionally, our hard-working Board of Directors has been faithfully following donation leads and has been able to successfully gather donations which will offset some of the cost of having to purchase food for our clients.

If anyone has information about applicable grant opportunities, or possible donations, please contact *FoodPantryLAX@Gmail.com* or call (310) 677-5597. ♦

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is located at:

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Inglewood, CA 90302
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Between La Brea &
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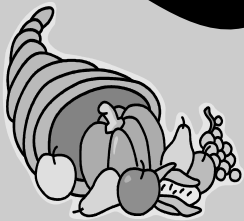
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**All donations
are appreciated.**



Volunteers

are always needed at the Pantry, especially now on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm each week; we also need people able to do food pick-ups as needed. If you can work one day a week, or one day a month, we would love to have you. To volunteer your services please call Dorothy Nino at the Pantry on any Friday, 11 to 12:30 310-677-5597

A Ministry of the Westchester/Ladera Clergy Association since 1985

OUR MISSION: Food Pantry, LAX is an emergency food resource for low-income clients in Inglewood, Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne and portions of Los Angeles. Our policy is to provide food for 2 days or six meals to our clients. Clients may come to the Pantry once per week.

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News & Events

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Festival of Praise the Sunday before Thanksgiving and once again gave us the bulk of the proceeds of the offering which amounted to \$769.

The Westside Food Bank sponsors the Westside Hunger Walk each year in the Fall. This year Deacon Guy Wauthy of the Food Pantry, LAX board took the lead for us on raising money by inviting sponsors and walking. Nick Crowley of Covenant Presbyterian Church also walked and raised money for us. Between the two of them, they walked us to in excess of \$2,200. Because of that, the Westside Food Bank will not be billing us for food for at least the first half of this year.

After soliciting the help of local Rotary Clubs, one of them connected us with a local food broker who called in the Fall and offered us a pallet of black-

berries. The pallet contained 1200-1300 clamshells of berries, more than we could store, so at our next distribution, our clients got a nice surprise. Because they are expensive, they are something our clients are generally not buying for themselves. Produce is always a welcome item to our clients.

Neutrogena donated a number of cases of soap products to us in Dec. They included some of their sought after shower gel, face wash, and sunscreen. While we are not generally seeking such items, the clients appreciate it when we have them.

Decron Properties owns three large apartment projects in the Westchester/Marina Del Rey area, and for the second year in a row they sponsored food drives to raise food for us during the holiday season. They also have the food drive at the building where their

PSALMS Chapter 6

A psalm of David.

Do not reprove me in your anger, LORD, nor punish me in your wrath. Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; heal me, LORD, for my bones are shuddering. My soul too is shuddering greatly—and you, LORD, how long...? Turn back, LORD, rescue my soul; save me because of your mercy. For in death there is no remembrance of you. Who praises you in Sheol?

I am wearied with sighing; all night long I drench my bed with tears; I soak my couch with weeping. My eyes are dimmed with sorrow, worn out because of all my foes.

Away from me, all who do evil! The LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD will receive my prayer. My foes will all be disgraced and will shudder greatly; they will turn back in sudden disgrace.

corporate headquarters is. This year we received about 2,000 cans of food from them. ♦