

Food Pantry, LAX

Special points of interest:

- We distribute on Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.—12 noon.
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- Tuesday and Friday Manager: Dorothy Nino

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Wilma S. Matz Volunteer of the Year: Sister Antoinette



Our Wilma S. Matz Volunteer of the Year for 2015 is Sister Antoinette who has been serving at the Food Pantry since our premises were at the Hindry location, a number of years ago. Sister Antoinette is a member of the Sacred Heart of Mary religious order which she entered when she was eighteen.

She grew up in the New York area (Bronx and Brooklyn) with five siblings of which she is the lone survivor. After entering the religious order in New York, she taught in

Catholic schools for many years primarily in Southern California, but also for two years in Rome and five years in Mexico. Sister Antoinette says she taught at the elementary level as well as the high school level. When she was teaching abroad, it was in international schools in English, and she taught all subjects. After teaching at the elementary and high school levels for more than thirty-five years, she continued to teach English as a second language for another fifteen or so years, finally ending her teaching career

when she was 83. She said her favorite subject was English because of the literature and the ESL aspect.

She now spends her time serving others and enjoying more quiet time for prayer and reflection. Part of her service is in visiting older single people, and she says, "I love the people I visit because they are older than I am," a wonderful approach for staying young. We enjoy her warm and happy presence in the Food Pantry, and congratulate her on being our Volunteer of the Year.



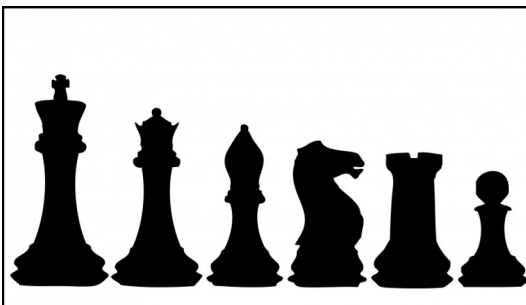
Client Profile: Highlight on Beverly

One of our clients is Beverly, who has been coming to the Food Pantry for groceries for about nine months. Beverly is a native of Southern California who went away to school at Grambling University with aspirations to become an orthopedic surgeon. However, while in college she caught meningitis and had to return home to recover. After her return, she had to care for other family members and within a year's time she lost both parents, several aunts and uncles, and several cousins, totaling seven family

members. She had been working as a nurse but had to leave that job to care for family.

very discouraging time. She has been living with friends recently, and she has some part time work.

Notwithstanding, her troubles she says she has a positive attitude now, and said the Bible says you should count everything as joy and she tries to do that. In her free time, she likes to listen to religious music, read, and play chess. She said she plays chess with herself; after each move, she rotates the board and takes the other side. That guarantees she is bound to win every game! ♦



She had most recently been working as a machine operator, but was laid off after three years and then lost her apartment in which she had been living for fifteen years. She said it was a

Soup Kitchen and Hot Lunch Programs

St. Jerome Catholic Church

5550 Thornburn Street
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Hot meals served to those in need every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:30am to noon.

Westchester United Methodist Church

8065 Emerson Avenue
Los Angeles 90045
Hot meal served to those in need on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Doors open at 10am and food is served at 11am.

The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members.

Pearl S. Buck

Sharing the Food Pantry Mission with WISH Charter School

A request came from a parent at WISH Charter School for someone to visit several first grade classes and talk to the young students about Food Pantry-LAX and what we do. Mary Thompson, who spent many years as a successful educator, volunteered for the task.

front of them. Mary was invited to take the chair and talk to the group. She was very comfortable talking to the children—her experience as a preschool teacher came in very handy!

Food Pantry and we give them food. Mary brought a sample bag of groceries with her to show the children what kinds of foods are given to our customers. The sample bag had foods the children would recognize like macaroni and cheese, and spaghetti.



Mary visited WISH on a Tuesday afternoon. When she arrived at the school the Principal welcomed her and brought her to the first class of students. The children were sitting together on a rug and a small chair was set in

Mary told the children that people who need help getting food come to the

The children were very polite during the presentation and when Mary was finished she asked if they had any questions. One child asked, "Why do they need food?" Mary told them that sometimes people don't have enough money for food and we help them for a little

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while. Another child asked, "Where are you?" and Mary explained that the Food Pantry is located in Inglewood and described the location.

Mary visited three classes of first grade students that day. She said they were all very kind and respectful and that each class asked similar questions about the Food Pantry and the people who require

our services.

The final class of the day presented Mary with a book of pictures they had drawn about the Food Pantry. The children in these classes showed Mary the food they had started collecting to donate to the Food Pantry. They have been gathering canned goods and will give them



to the Food Pantry when they meet their collection goals.

Classes from WISH Charter School are coming in small groups to visit the Food Pantry. A group of older students came to the Food Pantry and were given a tour of the premises (which are quite small). These students were also very interested in the Food Pantry and asked lots of good questions. ♦

Letter from the Editor

Dear Food Pantry Supporters,

In November 2014, Food Pantry-LAX was featured alongside other local nonprofits in an article in the HomeTown News titled, *Nonprofits making a difference in the community*. The article provided a brief history of the Food Pantry as well as the services we provide and our contact information for community members interested in volunteering and/or donating food. If you are interested in reading the original article you can find it on the HomeTown News website: thehometownnews-online.com.

Sometime in the past year the Food Pantry Board of Directors voted in favor of purchasing a new sign for the exterior of the Food Pantry. The existing



sign was severely faded making it difficult to identify the building. Our Board President, Scott Tanner was able to procure a lovely replacement sign and now the Board is looking for assistance mounting it to the building. If anyone is interested or able to help, please contact Scott Tanner at (310) 720-0139.

Food Pantry-LAX has a website! The site includes information on how to donate to the Food Pantry, our mission

and history, hot meal services in the community, client information, past newsletters, contact information for our sponsoring churches and our contact information. We encourage you to take a look at foodpantrylax.org and we'd like to thank Tom Cox for donating many hours of his time putting the website together.

Sincerely,
Biz Tanner
Editor, Manna Newsletter

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:17

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Deuteronomy 10:18

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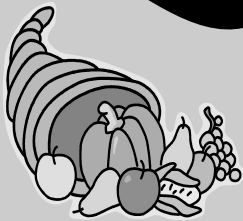
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**All donations
are appreciated.**



Volunteers

are always needed at the Pantry, especially now on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm 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, 11:00am to 12:00pm at:

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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