### 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:
  Mary Cantwell
  Friday Manager:
  Dorothy Nino

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

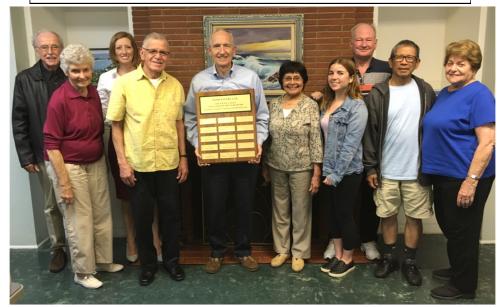
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### Volunteers of the Year: Natalie and Louis Mendoza



From left to right: Deacon Guy Wauthy, Mary Thompson, Biz Tanner, Louis Mendoza, Scott Tanner, Natalie Mendoza, Hannah Nolan, Willie Hodges, Johnny Albano, Dorothy Nino

This year's Volunteer of the Year award was given to Natalie and Louis Mendoza for their outstanding dedication and excellence volunteering at Food Pantry, LAX.

Louis and Natalie have been volunteering with the Food Pantry since 2012. They are a service oriented duo spending their Friday morning's at Food Pantry, LAX and volunteering at LAX airport in the information booths on Sundays.

When speaking with Louis and Natalie it is clear this is a couple who love to give to others. When asked how they got started volunteering they explained that serving others is something they have always done. They began by volunteering at the USO and branched out to other community organizations over the years.

Volunteering is clearly something important to their family — their children, now grown, volunteer in their own communities helping organize Special Olympics and participating in other charitable endeavors. As Natalie said, "Your kids see you volunteering and they learn to do

it too!"

Of volunteering at Food Pantry, LAX, Louis said, "We just enjoy going there and working with such wonderful people." They not only enjoy their colleagues at the Food Pantry, but believe their work as volunteers has kept them young and energetic especially as the work they do is something they really enjoy and they get to do it together.

Thank you Louis and Natalie for your service. Congratulations on becoming Volunteer of the Year! ◆

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# Hot Lunch Program

#### 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.

We make a living with what we get, but we make a life with what we give.

~ Winston Churchill

## Donations! Donations!

### **WISH Charter School**

True to their school mission, the teachers at WISH Charter School have encouraged their students to gather canned goods and have visited the Food Pantry to learn about operations and the people we serve. Three classes from WISH visited Food Pantry, LAX and brought with them an entire shopping cart of food! See photo right. ◆

Photo right: WISH Charter School students and teachers, the cart of groceries they donated, and Scott Tanner explaining our operations.



# MOMS Club of Culver West and Mar Vista

The MOMS Club of Culver West and Mar Vista donated a dozen bags of food to Food Pantry, LAX. MOMS Club provides a support network for both working and stay-at-home mothers. The food was delivered on behalf of the Club by Jacqui Johnson-Nibbelin. To learn more about MOMS Club visit their website at ww.culverwestmoms.com. •

Photo left: Jacqui Johnson-Nibbelin and her son delivering food to Food Pantry, IAX



The El Segundo Brewing Company donated an large trunk full of food to Food Pantry, LAX. The food drive was spear-headed by Josh who connected with Food Pantry, LAX and made the delivery personally. To learn more about the El Segundo Brewing Company visit their website, elsegundobrewing.com. ◆

Photo right: Josh and the food donated by the El Segundo Brewing Company.



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### **State Board of Equalization Donation**

In early January, the State Board of Equalization, Culver City office, presented Food Pantry, LAX Board President, Scott Tanner, with a check in the amount of \$2,523. This generous contribution represents donations from their staff for the Food Pantry, LAX. The donation as well as the photo below were orga-

nized and provided by Vonny Abbott, Technical Advisor for the Culver City District, State Board of Equalization. ◆

If you can't feed a hundred people, just feed one.

~ Mother Teresa



# Ralphs Community Connections and AmazonSmile

Food Pantry, LAX is registered as a charitable organization with AmazonSmile and with Ralphs Community Connections!

AmazonSmile is run by Amazon and gives you everything Amazon does, but with the added benefit of having Amazon donate 0.5% of each purchase you make to the charity of your choice. Ralphs Community Connections donates up to 4% of the purchases you make at Ralphs using your Ralphs Rewards card.

There is absolutely no cost to you to sign up for either AmazonSmile or Ralphs Community Connections and there can be major benefits for Food Pantry, LAX if you select us as

### amazonsmile You Shop. Amazon Gives.

your charitable organization!

To add AmazonSmile to your Amazon account go to smile.amazon.com and select Food Pantry, LAX as your charity of choice. You will not need to create a new Amazon account. Once you've added AmazonSmile use smile.amazon.com for your Amazon purchases.

To contribute to Food Pantry, LAX via Ralphs Community Connections program follow these steps:

- 1) Go to www.ralphs.com
- 2) Click on Create an Account (or if you

already have an account, sign in.

- 3) Follow the five easy steps to create an online account.
- 4) After you confirm your online account via a link that will be sent to you via email, return to www.ralphs.com and sign in to you new account.
- 5) Link your card to Food Pantry, LAX by clicking on Community Rewards, edit your community contributions and make sure you click on the circle next to Food Pantry, LAX.

We hope you will take these opportunities to help Food Pantry, LAX! ♦

I believe the world is one big family, and we need to help each other.

~ Jet Li

Not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something.

~ Henry David Thoreau

#### Food Pantry, LAX

located at: 355 E. Beach Avenue Inglewood, CA 90302 Phone: 310-677-5597

Between La Brea & Centinela; one block North of Florence Ave.

#### Mailing Address:

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**Email Address** 

FoodPantryLAX @Gmail.com

All donations are appreciated.



Thanks to members of the Westchester Clergy Association for their support of Food Pantry, LAX.

### A Ministry of the Westchester/Ladera Clergy Association since 1985

**OUR MISSION:** Food Pantry, LAX is a supplementary 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.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **Board Members**

Dorothy Nino Mary Thompson
Biz Tanner Mary Cantwell
Ed Hayes Deacon Guy Wauthy



One of our best and brightest Food Pantry volunteers celebrated her 100th birthday on April 8th!

Happy Birthday
Ruth!!!

75 years

We would like to thank the

### Westchester Women's Club

for their continuing support of Food Pantry, LAX and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary!