

IDEAS for GIVING



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FOOD INSECURITY

Each year, 2 million Angelenos face food insecurity, with the number rising due to the challenging circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As you prepare for your Passover Seders this year, below are eight organizations that address food insecurity across Los Angeles. They are all doing outstanding work and meeting critical needs in our community. In the past year, Foundation donors have granted nearly \$4 million to these organizations.

As a Foundation donor, you can recommend grants to these organizations and other nonprofits with your Donor Advised Fund and Family Support Organization through our easy online portal, **Donor Services Online** (DSO). To register and donate directly through DSO, visit secure.jewishfoundationla.org.

FOOD FORWARD collects fresh fruit and vegetables that would normally go to waste from backyard fruit trees, public orchards, farmers markets, and the downtown Los Angeles Wholesale Produce Market and donates the produce to social service agencies in Southern California, including Beit T'Shuvah, Downtown Women's Center, and LA Family Housing.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE'S (JFS) SOVA Community Food & Resource Program includes two food pantries where individuals and families can pick up groceries and receive resources related to food, housing, and legal matters. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, SOVA is providing prepackaged bags of food to help minimize the risk to both clients and volunteers. The JFS senior nutrition program is now providing all food via delivery.

KARSH CENTER AT WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE'S Food and Nutrition Security Program provides weekly on-site food distributions of nutritionally balanced groceries, nutrition education, a mobile food pantry that travels to affordable housing complexes in Koreatown, and sandwiches on Sundays for individuals experiencing homelessness.



LA REGIONAL FOOD BANK mobilizes resources to fight hunger through food distribution, education, and advocacy. It distributes food and other essentials to children, seniors, families and other individuals in need. With the help of 30,000 volunteers and 700 partner agencies, it serves more than 900,000 people every month. Approximately one-quarter of its food goes to children, and roughly one-fifth goes to older adults.



MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER works to end hunger locally, nationally, and in Israel through advocating for policies that end hunger, investing in anti-hunger organizations, providing training and resources to organizations in the most food-insecure states in the U.S., and educating individuals and communities about the scope of hunger and how to work together to end it.

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PROJECT ANGEL FOOD prepares and delivers over one million medically tailored meals each year, free of charge, to homes of men, women, and children affected by life-threatening illnesses. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it has delivered meals and nutritional counseling services to more than 2,300 people per day.

SWIPE OUT HUNGER is a leading nonprofit addressing hunger among college students at 130 colleges and universities. It provides practical and innovative solutions to campus hunger, including its flagship program, where students with extra dining hall meal swipes can donate them to their peers. During the pandemic, it created a program to connect students to case managers and assist them with accessing benefits.



TOMCHEI SHABBOS (TOUCH OF KINDNESS)

aims to alleviate challenges facing observant Jewish families in Los Angeles by providing financial counseling, access to basic needs such as clothing and diapers, and a food bank that distributes more than 500,000 kosher meals annually. Its Passover food distribution program provides hundreds of local families with kosher Passover food for their Seders.

The Center for Designed Philanthropy provides the resources, expertise, and connections to design thoughtful giving strategies addressing food insecurity and other issues you might be interested in supporting.

Learn more at jewishfoundationla.org/center or contact thecenter@jewishfoundationla.org.