



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Mobile Loaves & Fishes News

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Special Donations Help the Homeless

During the month of August, **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** received two special donations that especially benefitted our homeless brothers and sisters. Dr. Manuel Ybarra, with the [Advanced Spine & Pain Center](#), donated over 200 water bottles to be distributed from our truck. The Ybarra family members are active volunteers with the 4th Saturday supper team.

In addition, we received over 100 toiletry kits from the [Dentists of Stone Oak](#). The dental office held a collection of items and then had a “We Day” assembly party to create the kits. They also donated 2 large bags of shoes.

These items are really appreciated by our homeless brothers and sisters. The smallest comfort, a toothbrush or a bar of soap makes a difference for someone living on the streets. We were able to share some of these items with people who attend the S.A. Police Department ID recovery effort. Weekly on Wednesdays, the [SA PD HOPE Officers](#) (Homeless Outreach Positive Encounters) and other volunteers assist people to gather paperwork needed for identification replacement. Many people living on the street have lost their ID’s and this is a huge barrier to

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back on their feet.



If you have access to toiletries or have a business that would like to sponsor a drive, please consider **MLF** as a recipient of these items. We have a collection bin in the hallway by the gathering space and welcome your donations.

Julie Mellin □



MLF School Supply Drive Is a Success!

The **MLF Core Team** expresses its sincere thanks to the many people who donated to our recent school supply drive. Their generosity enabled us to reach our goal of compiling 150 “back to school” packages for our younger clients. On August 11th, 20 awesome folks came to our “sorting party” and helped sort and pack those school supplies. They also helped transport the packed bags to the Mobile Loaves clothing collection area. Your help made this all happen!

Lynne Cruz □



Great Work from YMSL Volunteers

Six high school students representing Clark, Churchill and Reagan High Schools and their moms from the **Young Men's Service League** spent their Saturday, August 8th in the brutal heat to support **MLF** ministries.

While the moms sorted the donated clothing, the guys re-bagged chips and snacks and made up condiment packets to support our meal preparation teams. Their 24 hours of volunteer labor is gratefully received.

We wish all our dedicated **YMSL** partners a good start to their new school year. Thanks to you all...

Kathy and Gerry Caron □



SASO Family Steps Up

MLF gives a huge thank you to the Lotts family who filled a short notice gap to deliver our Tuesday dinner meal on August 13th. They are among our **Scholars and Athletes Serving Others** partners from Brandeis High School.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □



Did You Know?

Thanks to our **MLF Kitchen** "guardians" there is now a new switch to use for the large overhead fan in the clothing sorting area. The switch is mounted on the interior wall just to the right of the doorway. We appreciate the cooling air on these hot summer days!

HELP

WANTED Openings – September 1, 2019

Our **MLF** ministry needs help for these crucial roles:

- 1) **Core Team** members for the **Core Team Director**, **Site Coordinator**, and **Day Volunteer Coordinator** positions (see [Job Descriptions](#)); and
- 2) **Meal prep and delivery volunteers** are needed for various meal shifts. For the complete listing, click this [Immediate Team Openings](#) link.

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact **Julie Mellin** @ volunteermjf@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events

October 6 - SFA Parish Festival

October 26 - 27 - Second Collection for MLF

A Quick Reminder...

- **Captains**, notify mlfnw@sfasat.org **before canceling a meal run.**
- Call the Commissary person (listed on the bulletin board) on duty when you encounter food supply shortages.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator
- Wear gloves and a baseball cap / hairnet when prepping meals or bagging cookies.
- Use a zip lock bag when re-bagging chips or cookies to help maintain their freshness.
- **Bus Stop meals should include: 1 of each sandwich, 1 egg, 1 condiment pack; and 2 desserts, 2 chips (or large bag), 2 fruits, 2 bags of carrots.**
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Cut down small cardboard boxes for recycling, but keep large boxes for meal deliveries.
- "Banana boxes" should be saved to use for Haven for Hope deliveries
- Clean all food containers for recycling. Shake crumbs out of bread bags / cookie trays. Place loose bags into one bag. Rinse peanut butter & jelly containers. If not, put them into trash.
- Fill-out the [MLF Truck Run Log](#) after deliveries **and** use the bottom section to report any unusual events / problems that occur.
- Report truck maintenance issues to David Aguilar @ tgeagle2@att.net.