Feeding Hungry People for 40+ years





HELP SUPPORT OUR NEW FACILITY

ALF Food Pantry



WHY WE'RE HERE

ALF Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1984. Our mission is to provide essential nourishment to those in need. Our team consists of over 100 loyal, passionate volunteers.

ALF Food Pantry is dedicated to providing nutritious groceries to the food-insecure residents of the five communities we serve — Atascadero, Templeton, Creston, Santa Margarita, and California Valley.



What We Do

Each weekday morning, our volunteers pick up donated food-rescue groceries from local merchants throughout the north county of San Luis Obispo. We also receive low or no-cost food deliveries from the SLO Food Bank. Our Sustainable Menu Committee ensures we consistently offer a variety of shelf-stable items, dairy, produce and meats of high quality and quantity. We accomplish this while staying within a budget of about \$15,000 a month - averaging \$750 a day - in addition to the donated food we receive. The funding to sustain the acquisition of all the food we supply to our clients is currently threatened by Federal budget cuts that will affect not only our operations, but also those of our major supplier, the SLO Food Bank.

Why We Need a New Home

Our current facility can no longer provide enough space for receiving, storing, and distributing food.

In 2024, ALF distributed almost 700,000 pounds of groceries, while operating in just 2400 square feet. We fed 34,000 individuals, a third of whom were children.

ALF's strategic plans, developed in 2019 and revisited in 2022, prioritized the need for a larger space to store food and serve our clients adequately.

About Our New Home

After an extensive six-year search, ALF has identified a new location that provides abundant storage space, an excellent location, and room to expand. This new space will allow us to purchase food and supplies at a discount, resulting in significant savings.

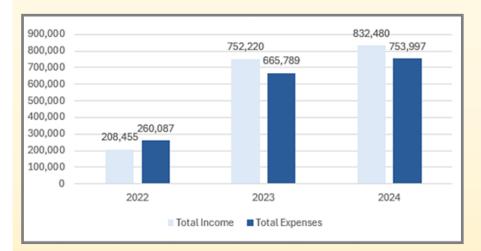
What the New Location Offers:

- ♦ 57% percent increase in space
- Room for a walk-in freezer and walk-in refrigerator
- ♦ Space for installation of a solar and battery system
- Possible development of a community space offering other non-profits a place to serve.
- ♦ Safe, ample parking for clients and volunteers

It is our vision to expand the new facility space to support the increasing demand for our services and begin to collaborate with other North County essential non-profits.

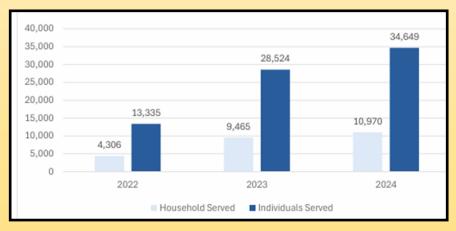
Our Financial Health

IN TWO YEARS, EXPENSES HAVE TRIPLED



A clear understanding of our financial health is crucial for ensuring transparency and maintaining the trust of our supporters. ALF is committed to responsible financial management which allows us to effectively allocate resources and maximize our impact. Our financial overview provides a snapshot of our revenue, expenses, and net income, reflecting our dedication to fiscal responsibility and sustainability. ALF

HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS SERVED HAVE ALMOST TRIPLED IN TWO YEARS.



Our goal is to maintain a balanced budget that ensures that every dollar is used effectively. By regularly reviewing and reporting on our financial performance, in the context of the services we provide, we seek to uphold the highest standards of accountability and transparency, reinforcing our commitment to achieving long-term success and positive outcomes for our stakeholders.

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OUR GOAL: \$500,000

Your gift will allow us to obtain a:

- WALK-IN FREEZER
- WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR
- ◆ SOLAR-BATTERY SUPPORT SYSTEM

The funds are needed for the transition and improvements to the new facility. The above items will reduce our utility costs while allowing our volunteers to function more efficiently. A solar-battery support system is necessary for high energy use to operate appliances. (These needed dollars do not reflect ALF's monthly operating expenses currently at more than \$15,000, nor the purchase of the property.)

ALF seeks to bring together individual, community, and private donations, as well as government grant opportunities to achieve the funds necessary to purchase the new property and make the necessary improvements.



Scan here to donate.

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

Over the years, despite funding challenges and the substantial increase in the number of clients served, ALF has achieved notable successes and received recognition for our community-oriented work. Our dedication to driving positive changes has led to significant milestones and accomplishments that reflect our commitment to our mission. Here are some of our key achievements:

ACHIEVEMENT

DETAILS

Award or Recognition

Proclamation from the California State Congress and San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors for 40 years of serving Atascadero and surrounding communities. Community Organization of the Year by the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce

Major Milestones

- ◆ ALF organization originally operated out of local church basements. Purchased existing building in 1995. ALF owns its current building outright, along with the solar support on the roof.
- ♦ Established an investment policy in 2014, with \$140,000 in capital. Investments continuously managed by pro-bono Financial Advisor. Investment balance now \$955,000.
- ♦ ALF has been open (including during the pandemic) to serve our clients five weekdays a week, 52 weeks each year throughout our nearly 41 years of service to north SLO County communities

Successful Campaign

Paid off existing solar on our current building with a 1-year designated donation campaign in 2016, demonstrating good fiduciary practices.

These achievements underscore our ongoing commitment to making a difference and improving the lives of those we serve.

DONATE TODAY

Choose one of three ways:

- Scan the QR code
- Visit our website ALFFoodPantry.org
- ♦ Send a check to :

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We are available to meet with you or your organization.

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