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Upcoming Pomona Distribution Dates Charisma Life Church 305 E. Arrow Highway.

Jan 15th

Feb 5th & 19th

March 5th & 19th

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June 4th & 18th

July 2nd & 16th

August No Pantries in in Pomona

Sept 3rd& 17th

October 1st & 15th

November 5th & 19th

December 10th
Annual Holiday Distribution

Hours of distribution are 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Grand View Baptist Church Last Saturday 22755 Vista Grande Way Grand Terrace. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome, for more Information please call 909-293-7735

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# "Where food is just the start"

Newsletter Date January 2025



2025 marks a milestone for all of us at Sowing Seeds For Life, as it is our 20th anniversary of services in the community. While the past twenty years have taught us, tried us, tested us and at times brought us to tears, through it all the one constant thing that has kept us moving forward is our mission.

To respond to emergencies for those in need and to eliminate hunger in the communities in which we serve. This is an excerpt from our mission statement, and something no matter how exhausting the days may be or how difficult a time we all faced, the reason why we are here is the driving force in our hearts.

For all of these years of fighting hunger we were not alone, we have had an amazing team of volunteers, community members, donors and especially, our cherished clients. We all know that long hard days are nothing compared with the struggles a person or family living in hunger or hygiene insecurity live with everyday.

Thinking back to our first pantry when we served just over 100 people to year ending 2024 when we served 213,455 people it seems overwhelming.

From what started as a Kingdom day challenge and growing produce to help feed that first mighty group to multiple pantries, a mobile pantry, the Senior Care program, relocating to the Los Angeles Fairplex and serving over 200,000 throughout a pandemic. To today, continuing all of our programs, assisting with relief efforts from Hawaii to Los Angeles and launching a Care for Caregivers program. We are always mindful of why we do this. It is for our neighbors who need our help.

Sowing Seeds For Life is honored to be a part of a caring community that comes together to help one another. We know all to well with this current crisis, fire recovery will take a long time and as the needs grow ever larger, please know with the help of our community partners, donors and volunteers we do everything possible to assist in everyway we can for as long as it takes.

We always tell people, we wish our services were not needed and everyone had enough food, that hunger and hygiene insecurity were a memory, However, since that day is not likely to be upon us anytime soon, we sincerely thank you, for helping us to care for our neighbors.

Here's to the future, and to finish the sentiment in our mission statement, let's make it our goal to serve our community with dignity and respect.

Vicki Brown, Founder - Fran Robertson, Executive Director



If only we had more room to showcase all of the incredible people who helped us in 2024. So many loving hearts who donated, volunteered and stepped up in the cold, heat, wind and rain, you are all appreciated more than words can say. It takes a lot of hard work and many hours each week to make our programs come together; we are thankful to each and every person who helped us to serve our Sowing Seeds For Life families.

Remember, our programs include our general food distributions in Pomona and Grand Terrace, Mobile Pantry, Senior Care, Gleaning and Care for Caregivers programs.

If you would like to help by volunteering or donating please visit WWW.SowingSeedsForLife.Org or call us at 909-392-7735 You are always welcome!

## **Our history**



Sharing a few pictures from our 20 year scrap book. Thank you to all of the many people, companies and foundations who made the past two decades so incredible. You helped us to lightened the burden for hundreds of thousands of people. Thank you for your caring hearts.

### **Fire Response**

We have seen the devastation caused by the local fires, like you, it brakes our hearts, and we all know someone that has been impacted.

For everyone affected, it will take tears and time to recover. Please know that Sowing Seeds For Life is doing everything possible to help.

Our programs are helping care for those who are unhoused and living with friends and families in our area.

Recovery will not happen over night and we all need to keep our neighbors in our hearts.

### Congratulations to our SSFL Family



We are so excited to share some wonderful news about our very own SSFL family member Tyrone Nealey. Tyrone was awarded the prestigious MLK Humanitarian of the year award from J.E.T.M.A.C.

A very well deserved award for a very special person who donates hundreds of volunteer hours each year, and has been with us for more than a decade.

more than a decade. Pictured with Tyrone is his lovely wife Vertie. We are proud of you.

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To all of our incredible donors, online and individuals, thank you for your kind hearts, for showing love for a community in need and for helping in so many ways. You are the light of friendship that we cherish.

And, to all of the amazing people who volunteer, you give more than time to the community when you help at pantry, you give love, kindness and hope. You are examples of the best in all of us.

We see you as the wings of angels and we are so grateful to you for all that you do to help our pantry families, thank you!

Our hope for you reading this is good health, happiness and the best for 2025.