



Visalia Emergency Aid Council

Family Assistance Center

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Dear Rotarian ,

For over 89 years Visalia Emergency Aid Food Pantry (VEAFP) has a legacy of service to the displaced and working poor. This primarily consists of single parent families, people on fixed incomes, and your minimum wage worker. VEAFP has worked diligently all these years to ensure that no family, child or individual should ever go to bed hungry.

My name is Mary Jennings and although I have just recently accepted the position of Executive Director I have been with the organization for over 18 years. I have witnessed VEAFP weather multiple economic recessions, droughts and devastating citrus freezes and now most recently the **COVID-19** outbreak. This event has caused a disruption to our schools and business throughout Tulare County and many of our friends and neighbors are looking for assistance and will be reaching out to our pantry for a healthy nutritious food basket. We have already seen an increase in the need for our services and expect it to continue in the coming weeks and months.

I am writing to request that you consider making a monetary donation to VEAFP to help us keep our doors open. We work with Foodlink of Tulare County, Feeding America and the Central California Food Bank of Fresno and are able to purchase food at little to no cost. However, we receive no government funding and rely on our donors and fundraising activities to help us keep our doors open. Most recently we have had to discontinue our primary fundraiser and temporarily close our Thrift Store doors in our attempt to keep staff, volunteers and clients safe and healthy.

Please take a moment to go online and visit our website www.veac.org and hit **donate now** or mail any donations to the highlighted address. Any donation at this time will greatly impact our pantry and will help to ease the fears and concerns of our families and neighbors during this health crisis.

Thank you for any donation, big or small, every little bit will help to make a difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Respectfully,

Mary Jennings

Mary Jennings
Executive Director

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