

Quaker Food Pantry
65 Ninth St., SF, CA 94103

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Dear Friends at Trader Joe's

Thank you for your generous weekly donations to the Quaker Food Pantry. We currently received the highest quality groceries from your 9th Street, 4th Street and Hyde Street locations. **We could not do this without you!**

- Our pantry is located at 65 9th Street, in the Quaker Meeting House, and has been offering grocery shopping food for eight years now. We are all volunteers, and we work with Food Runners to coordinate pick-ups from your stores. **We serve over 80 clients from the Civic Center and Tenderloin neighborhoods every Saturday.** Our guests range from low-income seniors living on social security to folks living in SRO hotels, in shared or low-income apartments or in shelters. All are welcome. We only ask that they register with us and come at an appointed time.
- **We also have a regular staff of 15 volunteers** who begin arriving at 9:00 am to unpack and set out our donations so our clients can shop directly for themselves. **We have five rotating drivers who volunteer to pick up donations** every week, coordinated by volunteer Phil Hom of Food Runners. **We work with the Friends School of San Francisco to host families and their children who come at noon to hand out food.** We have several volunteers who deliver any leftovers to **Mother Brown's kitchen and shelter in the Bayview** neighborhood. It takes a community to get your wonderful donations distributed to many neighbors.
- **We are one of the few pantries in the city that does not work with the Food Bank** and are proud to offer the meat, protein, eggs, salads, breads, desserts and high quality fruits and vegetables that we receive from you.

But our clients say it best. They supplement their limited food budgets with your high quality food. The Quaker Food Pantry is supported by the Friends Meeting of San Francisco, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. **You make our work possible. Thank you.**

Leesa Greenlee Joel Koressel Jim O'Donnell Paula Stinson

Quaker Volunteer Coordinators
San Francisco Friends Meeting

Thank you from our volunteers



"We can fill such a huge need. I feel like I am giving back and more importantly I get more out of it."

Jim, volunteer
4 years



"I come from a family that has always given back and I have had a very privileged life."

"This is a natural thing to do"

Lora, volunteer driver, 1 year



"There is a need for help and serving the community right here. I gladly put on an apron without pay."

Anthony, volunteer, 1 year



"I love the Quaker community and it's good to help those less fortunate. Also seeing what others got and noticing that you have a lot."

Ellen, volunteer
1 year



Thank you from our school volunteers and from our guests.

"It's always a blessing because I take it back to the shelter and share it with all." Diana

☐ *"Volunteering fills me with hope for those that need it in this city."* Deanna ☐ *"I like seeing all the people and making their day."* Selena. ☐ *"Handing out the flowers and then hearing them say "thank you".* Elena



"Food helps me stretch out for the rest of the week. I give food out to other people because I don't want it to go bad." Gary



"It helps us a lot and I love the fruit and this is only time I can get vegetables." *"I've been coming here for about 5 to 6 years and I hope they never close."* Lee



"There's nice food that I can't afford" *"People with fixed income, SSI, it's hard to afford high quality food."* Thank you. Chevy



"It's a place to get good food when you're hungry, plus the great service that they provide here." Kenneth



"They really help those with a fixed income. I like the style and quality of the food. I really appreciate to be here to get food.. Thank you for the staff." Susanna



"It adds on for the food I get for the month and I appreciate what they do for the community." Chanel



"I am basically homeless and I have fibromyalgia so coming here is easier. I don't have a fridge, but I eat what I can." Lisa



"Food is good and they give you enough for a week and I can depend on it. What I don't eat I give it to people that I see on the street." Annette



"It helps me out with things I don't have for the month.. I can take care of my children." Esmeralda

Thank You!