

## Case Study:

### Real Life Church

Galt

550 Industrial Way, Galt, CA  
95632

Serves 1,000 individuals monthly

Distributions the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday of every month from  
5pm to 6pm

## Program Highlights

Over the course of the grant period Real Life Church was able to improve their services to meet the immediate needs of their community. With the help of grant funds, Real Life Church was able to successfully install a food storage container, cement ramp to their trailer, food storage shelves, and interior lighting. They were also able to purchase food carts for distribution windows. These improvements have allowed Real Life Church to meet the nutritional needs of the community by distributing 4-10 boxes of food per month during their bi-monthly food distributions.

**“[We have met with individuals experiencing true hardship] which we were able to address immediately, such as senior who lost her social security check to fraud and literally had no food in her home. We were able to immediately get food and relief to her. She was so appreciative she now volunteers with us during distribution as she knows how vital this service was to her personally”. – Debbi Watson & Terri Shelley**



## Overview

Real Life Church aims to support and meet the immediate needs of their community. They run bi-weekly food distributions where they distribute nutritious food to those in need. Through their efforts Real Life Church rescues 6,000 lbs. of edible food from entering the waste stream each month.

## Challenges & Solutions

**Challenge:** Realized that the need for nutritious food in the community was more urgent and immediate than originally understood

**Solution:** Started prepacking boxes and keeping them in storage areas so they were ready for immediate distribution

**Challenge:** Metal lip on storage shed prevented carts from easily moving through

**Solution:** Real Life Church was able to have the metal lip removed

**Challenge:** Lack of security and theft in the area lead to and a cart that was purchased with grant funding was stolen

**Solution:** Putting a separate request in for security with the remaining grand balance

## Needs & Recommendations

Real Life Church hopes to be able to offer a wider variety of healthy foods, especially for those in their community who have no access to cooking facilities. Items such as milk, cheese, eggs, meats, etc. are important for our community. Additionally, Real Life Church would like to collaborate with other FROs in Galt. They have an underutilized fridge and freezer that could be used to store additional perishables that could potentially be shared by the other FROs to create a more consistent spread of nutritious meals to the whole county.



Pictured left is their new cart purchased with grant funding (next to old carts).

## Data Tracking and Metrics

### DATA TRACKING DELIVERABLES\*:

	POUNDS RECOVERED	DONORS ADDED	DISTRIBUTIONS	SAFETY AUDITS	FOOD WASTE*	
MONTH 1	5995	0	5963	0	32	Food waste to farm animals
MONTH 2	7093	0	7093	0	0	
MONTH 3	8636	0	8636	0	0	
MONTH 4	10175	0	10166	0	9	Food waste to farm animals
MONTH 5	5233	0	5233	0	0	
MONTH 6	9123	0	9123	0	0	

### Notes/Comments:

The above information displays the pounds of food recovered and distributed during the grant period. Food waste that was unable to be used to serve the community was repurposed as animal feed, as noted above.

