

Case Study:

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP)

Sacramento



5625 24th St, Sacramento,
California, 95822

Serves 2,000+ monthly

Distribution is open daily from
9am to 11:30am

Program Highlights

Through grant funding SSIP was able to purchase a new refrigerator to increase their operational capacity to recover more food to be redistributed back into the community. The fridge has allowed them to stock more fresh fruits and veggies for those in need and has made it easier for them to accept extra-large donations. Over the grant period they have been able to increase their distributions from 25lbs of food per client to 45lbs.



Photo of the new cold storage inside of SSIP's facilities.

Overview

The South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) Food Closet was established in 1969. For over 50 years, its mission has been to provide emergency food for the food insecure. The goal is to provide quality food with a mix of fresh fruits and vegetables, shelf stable goods, and high protein sources. SSIP has five grocery store partners from whom, seven days a week, groceries are collected. SSIP's efforts help keep thousands of pounds of food out of the waste stream each month to help feed those in need.

Challenges & Solutions

Challenge: SSIP experienced delays in getting the refrigerator which were not accounted for in their planning.

Solution: SSIP adapted to the delay but has not recognized that in future projects they will need to budget for delays.

Challenge: SSIP has seen an increase in clients but does not have enough staff or resources to meet the demand.

Solution: SSIP has had to put a cap on the number of individuals served during distributions until they are able to increase operational capacities.

Needs & Recommendations

SSIP is looking for solutions to source food as budget cuts will be affecting the organization. To start, SSIP says that it will continue to apply for other grant opportunities and participate in various fundraising activities. SSIP has additionally started a conversation with the food bank to increase their food recovery efforts by going to more grocery stores and supermarkets to pick up excess edible food.



Photo of staff/volunteers preparing for food distribution.



Photo of the scale SSIP uses to track all food that enters the facility.

Data Tracking and Metrics

	POUNDS RECOVERED	DISTRIBUTIONS	FOOD WASTE
MONTH 1	62,593 lbs.	7,539 lbs.	1,575 lbs.
MONTH 2	63,661 lbs.	6,546 lbs.	1,375 lbs.
MONTH 3	70,458 lbs.	6,739 lbs.	1,550 lbs.
MONTH 4	57,687 lbs.	6,855 lbs.	2,400 lbs.
MONTH 5	63,636 lbs.	5,716 lbs.	1,325 lbs.
MONTH 6	66,062 lbs.	5,042 lbs.	2,200 lbs.
Total:	384,097 lbs.	38,437 lbs.	10,425 lbs.
Notes/Comments:			
SSIP distributes more food each month than what is listed. Not included are the canned and packaged goods from Sacramento Food Bank. "Pounds Recovered" column provides a more accurate image of SSIP's food recovery operations.			