

## Case Study:

### Sunrise Christian Food Ministry

Citrus Heights



5901 San Juan Ave  
Citrus Heights, California 95610

Serves 8,000+ monthly

Distribution is open Monday thru  
Friday 11am-2pm

## Program Highlights

Over the course of the grant period Sunrise Christian Food Ministry was able to use their awarded funds to improve operations to increase both the amount of food they recovered as well as the number of individuals served. During the month of November 2024 Sunrise Christian Food Ministry was able to increase their reach in the community and served 10,668 individuals. The grant funds allowed Sunrise Christian Ministry to install pallet racks, purchase additional cold storage, and repair existing refrigeration units.



Photo from Sunrise Christian Food Ministry's food distributions.

## Overview

It is the mission of the Sunrise Christian Food Ministry to provide an emergency distribution of nutritionally balanced food to households experiencing food insecurity. Sunrise Christian Food Ministry additionally, seeks to recover the maximum amount of food retailers to be redistributed to the community, helping keep edible food out of the landfill. Through the grant program Sunrise Christian Food Ministry has been able to increase their operating capacity to further their reach within the community.

## Challenges & Solutions

**Challenge:** Communication issue with pallet rack vendor delaying the start of the project

**Solution:** Communicated scheduling issues, and in the future will have more than one person as a point of contact on projects to ensure better communication.

**Challenge:** As Sunrise Christian Food Ministry has begun collecting more food from generators, they have been receiving large amounts of rotten or inedible as stores are not following proper food donation guidelines.

**Solution:** Providing accessible educational materials at stores to help with training and staff turnover.

## Needs & Recommendations

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry is currently developing a sustainability plan to maintain the longevity of the equipment installed during the microgrant period. So far, they have partnered with an additional grant funder to weatherize the new pallet racks and volunteer work area. Sunrise Christian Food Ministry additionally plans to continue working on fine tuning procedures to fully utilize their new storage solutions. Additionally, they are interested in pursuing a larger expansion project grant.



Photo of new fridge purchased with microgrant award

## Data Tracking and Metrics

	POUNDS RECOVERED	DISTRIBUTIONS	FOOD WASTE
<b>MONTH 1</b>	82,085 lbs. Tier I 1,210 lbs. Tier II	2,550 households with a total of 7,243 members	n/a
<b>MONTH 2</b>	94,052 lbs. Tier I 1,149 lbs. Tier II	2,862 households with a total of 8,098 members	200 lbs.
<b>MONTH 3</b>	75,361 lbs. Tier I 1,126 lbs. Tier II	3,615 households with a total of 10,668 members	595 lbs.
<b>MONTH 4</b>	111,028 lbs. Tier I 1,162 lbs. Tier II	2,615 households with a total of 7,405 members	415 lbs.
<b>MONTH 5</b>	86,416 lbs. Tier I 1,068 lbs. Tier II	2,503 households with a total of 7,208 members	375 lbs.
<b>MONTH 6</b>	81,064 lbs. Tier I 1,096 lbs. Tier II	2,633 households with a total of 7,484 members	610 lbs.
<b>Total:</b>	536,817 lbs.	48,106 members	2,195 lbs.
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>			
Totals include food recovery 5 days a week from 8-12 generators. (Tier I & Tier II)			