

Dear Grange Friends & Community Members:

At our house, just like at many others, we sit around the Thanksgiving table and share the things we're thankful for, along with our many blessings.

November is the one year mark since we started our fruits & vegetable distribution program twice a month. We have had 1,314 families come by to pick up food, that they've shared with 4,673 family members, and we've distributed over 37,983 pounds of food. Feeding America estimates the free food we distribute at \$1.60 per pound, which equals \$66,077.



To say we are grateful for the 39 people who volunteered over the last year is an understatement. (25 were Grange members and 14 community members.) We are grateful for your support and willingness to volunteer. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are grateful to the Aromas Grange, it's leadership team and members for their support.

We're grateful for the men & woman who work at Second Harvest Bank and their support & help in this endeavor.

We're grateful to the Board members of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" our newly formed non-profit organization (which we're still working on), who embraced the vision and expanded it to encompass not only the food distribution, but Clothing & Cloth Renewed and Adopt-a-Family.

We are thankful that people have been so generous and kind in their words of encouragement & support. Strange as it may sound, we're even grateful when people complain or criticize. It helps keep us centered, humbled and makes us take a second look at how we're doing things and how we might improve.

We are grateful to the 12 year old young man who gave us a dollar donation in October, to thank us for distributing the free food. We are grateful for parents who are raising their children to reach out and show such compassion and the need to help others.

We are grateful for the people who have made monetary **contributed**  Neighbors Helping Neighbors even though we are not yet an IRS certified non-profit. You, like the young man mentioned above, show us the true spirit of giving and expecting nothing in return.

We feel truly blessed to live in such a caring and compassionate community. We've made new friends, and strengthened the bonds of long-time friends. You have blessed us and we are deeply grateful.

Blessings to you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Fred & AR Pointer



November 11th is Veteran's Day

Thank you for your service.

(This photo is of the Viet Nam Memorial Garden in Rochester, NY)

Watsonville always has a Veteran's Day parade down Main St. I don't know the time as of this printing.