“Food brings people together on many different levels. It’s nourishment of the soul and body; it’s truly love.” - Giada De Laurentiis

We like to think of Open Heart Kitchen as being one big family. Something as small as preparing a meal or serving a meal has a way of bringing people together and helping them connect to one another. Open Heart Kitchen began with the goal of creating a place where people could come find food, and a wonderful thing happened along the way - people found family. Thank you for not only feeding people who are hungry for food, but also hungry for community and connection. Whether a volunteer, donor, or client, you are helping author the ongoing Open Heart Kitchen story.

**Summer Bag Lunch Assembly**

Open Heart Kitchen will be doing a summer box lunch program again this year. Volunteers will assemble bag lunches for students in need on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 PM at Vineyard Church in Livermore. You can sign-up for a Wednesday this summer by logging into your online volunteer account.

**Summer Bag Lunch Distribution**

We need one volunteer to hand lunches out at Jackson Avenue Elementary School in Livermore on Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 from July 2 - July 23. We also need one volunteer to hand lunches out at Marilyn Avenue Elementary School in Livermore on Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 from July 2 - July 16. If you would like to volunteer for one of these shifts, please email volunteercoordinator@openheartkitchen.org.
Alameda County Fair

Thank you to all of the volunteers who signed up to volunteer at the Alameda County Fair on behalf of Open Heart Kitchen. Schedules will be emailed out the first week of June. The volunteer orientation breakfast for the fair will take place on June 13th at the Alameda County Fairgrounds from 9:00-11:00. If you are signed up to volunteer for the fair, you will receive an email invitation to the breakfast soon.

Whole Foods

The new Whole Foods in Dublin has officially opened. They will be donating food to Open Heart Kitchen every week. They will also donate money to Open Heart Kitchen each time you shop with your own reusable bag. Just let them know that you would like your donation to benefit Open Heart Kitchen. You can also shop at this Whole Foods on June 1, and Open Heart Kitchen will get 1% of all sales that day. Thank you, Whole Foods in Dublin, for helping Open Heart Kitchen feed people in the community.

First Wednesday Street Party

Open Heart Kitchen will have a booth at the First Wednesday Street Party in Downtown Pleasanton on June 3 between 6:00-9:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Comedy Uncorked

The first Comedy Uncorked show will take place on July 11 at Retzlaff Vineyard in Livermore at 7:30 PM. The featured comedians for this event are Jeff Applebaum, Carla Clayy, and Mike Capozzola. The proceeds from this event will go to Open Heart Kitchen. You can purchase tickets to this event by visiting comedyuncorked.com.

Open Your Hearts to Livermore Valley’s Best Cabernet

Fill your glass and ease hunger in the Tri-Valley at the same time on Saturday, August 29 at McGrail Winery in Livermore. This fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen kicks off with a tasting of the Tri-Valley’s best Cabernets from local wineries, followed by a tri-tip dinner buffet complemented by a brief educational overview about the wines. Finish the evening off with prize drawings and dancing to the music of Larry and Friends. The fun gets underway at 6:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at www.mcgrailvineyards.com.
**Amazon Smile**

Did you know that you can donate money to Open Heart Kitchen by shopping on Amazon? If you access Amazon at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), you can select Open Heart Kitchen as your charitable organization, and they will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Open Heart Kitchen. Thank you for selecting Open Heart Kitchen as your charitable organization of choice on Amazon Smile.

**Groups Needed for Fall Box Lunch Assembly**

We are looking for groups who would like to assemble bag lunches for kids in need one Thursday a month at Vineyard Church in Livermore from 3:30-6:30 PM starting in September 2015 and ending in June 2016. The minimum age for this activity is 12 years old. If your group would like to volunteer for this activity, please email volunteercoordinator@openheartkitchen.org.

**Pleasanton Senior Center**

Our Pleasanton Senior Center site is growing, and we need more volunteers to help at this location. This site is open Monday-Friday and the volunteer shift is from 10:30-1:30. Students 16 years and older will be able to sign-up for this shift beginning June 19th. Volunteers 18 years and older, can sign-up for this site online through the online volunteer system.

**Open Heart Kitchen on Facebook**

Did you know that Open Heart Kitchen has a Facebook page? We encourage supporters and volunteers to like our Facebook page. We are now listing volunteer opportunities, new sites, new shifts, events, and other important stuff on our FB page.
Got Fruit?

Summer is here and your trees should be ready for picking. Open Heart Kitchen has paired up with the non-profit organization, The Urban Farmers. The Urban Farmers volunteers will come to your home, harvest your fruit, and donate it to OHK. All you have to do is register your tree at www.theurbanfarmers.org, and request that the fruit be donated to OHK. This is a great way to help feed hungry people in your own community.

DONATIONS

**Ridge View Commons**: 5200 Case Ave, Pleasanton. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**Asbury Church**: 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9:30 AM-6:00 PM.

**Vineyard Church**: 460 N. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Donations can be dropped off on Thursdays and Fridays between 1:00 PM-6:00 PM.

*For a list of our most needed items please visit: [www.openheartkitchen.org/donate-food.php](http://www.openheartkitchen.org/donate-food.php)

Amazon Wish List

In 2014, we prepared over 300,000 meals for people in need. It takes a lot of kitchen equipment to prepare so many meals. Blue Oaks Church in Pleasanton has created an amazing Open Heart Kitchen registry for individuals and companies to purchase items to donate to Open Heart Kitchen. You can visit our registry by going to [www.myregistry.com/Visitors/?registryId=859981](http://www.myregistry.com/Visitors/?registryId=859981). Open Heart Kitchen truly appreciates all your donations. Thank you for helping us feed those in need.