



# SAMARITAN CONNECT



MAY 2022

## LANDSCAPING DAY

With winter rain, came knee-high weeds covering our landscape and stretching from our front walkway down to the entrance at Royal. With a hot summer on the horizon, we knew we had to tend to our yard before it became a fire hazard. With the help of over thirty volunteers, we were able to weed the entire property.



The amount of weeds removed from the property ended up totaling three dumpsters worth of garden trash bags. This couldn't have been achieved without the hard work of our volunteers totaling 90 hours of volunteer time. D'Amore's Pizza in Thousand Oaks, CA, graciously donated a handful of large pizzas to feed our hungry volunteers.



July 2021 - March 2022



112,547 pounds of food rescued



5,868 meals served



3,106 client visits



5,718 household members served at pantry



7,045 volunteer hours worked



## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP?

Scan the QR code for our Amazon Wishlist or visit us at:  
[bit.ly/samcenter](https://bit.ly/samcenter)



Needs:

- \$10 fast food gift cards
  - \$20 - \$25 gas cards from any gas station
- Email [ED@samcentersv.org](mailto:ED@samcentersv.org) with questions

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Independence from Hunger Grocery Outlet - Simi Valley
  - June 29th - July 6th
- Crop Hunger Walk - Simi Valley United Methodist Church
  - May 15th at 12:30pm
  - To Register or Donate visit: [www.CropHungerWalk.org](http://www.CropHungerWalk.org) and locate our local team under "Simi Valley Methodists"

2022 CROP HUNGER WALK SUPPORTING CWS



### A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE GROUPS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR DINNERSITE PROGRAM IN APRIL:

City of Simi Valley ▪ United Methodist Church ▪ Ali Baba Cafe ▪ St. Francis of Assisi of Episcopal Church ▪ St. Peter Claver ▪ Shepherd of the Valley ▪ Kiwanis - Santa Susana ▪ Abundant Life ▪ Freedom Church ▪ Center for Spiritual Living ▪ LDS Stake 5 ▪ Sunrise Rotary ▪ Antioch TLC Group ▪ Victory Outreach ▪ United Church of Christ ▪ Relief Society - Simi 5th Ward ▪ The Key Family ▪ Fire Island Grill ▪ New Beginnings ▪ Simi Community Church ▪ Stonebridge Community ▪ Indian Community Center

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Karen has been a dedicated volunteer here for the past fifteen months. She has bounced to wherever she is needed around the Center, which includes making sack lunches, serving breakfast, or helping our cook in the kitchen. This comes out to eight to ten hours a week, which Karen gladly gives, despite her busy schedule of caregiving, shooting at the gun range, and seeing her grandchildren. She said she loves giving back to her community and feels particularly moved to serve because she “works for Jesus.”

Karen first got involved in The Samaritan Center because of a friend from church that was also volunteering with us. She started out making sandwiches and sack lunches for our Friday lunch distribution but quickly became involved in the Center a few days a week. Now, she can be found in the kitchen spooning eggs into to-go containers or elbow deep in dishes, whatever is needed to be done. Karen is one of the many anchors of our Center, keeping us grounded despite changes and the uncertain times we live in.

