



SAMARITAN CONNECT



JUNE 2022

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANNI SUMBY

Anni was born and raised in a small town between Stuttgart and Munich, Germany. A few years after graduating university, she moved to London, where she ended up spending the next ten years. While there, she worked with the Discovery Channel and assisted in business analysis and post production of materials for their German market.

She made the move to the United States with her husband in 2016, and moved to Simi Valley in 2021. She knew she wanted to get involved with her new community so she looked for some volunteering options and settled on our Center. She started out at our front desk and eventually increased her duties until she was hired as the Center's Program Manager.



Anni has a huge heart for her community and those experiencing homelessness. We're so happy to watch her take another leap, this time to becoming our new Executive Director.



"I GOT YOU"

Every May 6th, the "I Got You" Foundation donates a thousand dollars to a charity of their choice in honor of Jason Franklin, a young man known for his generosity and his catch phrase, "I Got You." This year, the foundation decided The Samaritan Center would be their 2022 recipient. The funds will go directly back into the Center and help cover overhead fees, aid in payroll, and help fund any unexpected necessities that may come up in the future.

July 2021 - April 2022



126,997 pounds of food rescued



7,019 meals served



3,347 client visits



6,541 household members served at pantry



7,761 volunteer hours worked

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP?

Scan the QR code for our Amazon Wishlist or visit us at: bit.ly/samcenter

Needs:

- \$10 fast food gift cards
 - \$20 - \$25 gas cards from any gas station
- Email ED@samcentersv.org with questions



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Independence from Hunger Grocery Outlet - Simi Valley
 - June 29th - July 6th

287 LBS OF LOVE

During our pantry distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we often pass out dog and cat food as well as the typical everyday groceries to households struggling within our community. We rely completely on the generosity of individuals and local grocery stores to donate these items, and recently our supply of pet food has been dwindling. After hearing about our need, Operation Blankets of Love graciously donated over two hundred pounds of dog food, forty-five pounds of cat food, and forty-two pounds of dog treats.

We could not have gotten this generous donation without the help of our front desk volunteers, OBOL's co-founder, Brad Smulson, and his assistant, Gary. We are incredibly thankful for their generous contributions to help feed our furry friends within the community!



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

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

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Brett started volunteering with us last summer after some friends (and our regular volunteers) recommended it to him. He serves dinner to our clients and other community members in the evenings but also comes in whenever he is needed. His kindness and positive attitude radiates off of him while he works.

He likes volunteering not only because it helps others but because it teaches him everyday to give thanks for all he has and all he's been able to do. He's been living in Simi Valley since 1986 and feels connected to the community here. He believes time is the most valuable thing someone can give, and he's happy to give his time to an organization like us that help those struggling in Simi.

Brett's been retired for seven years (after working thirty-two years for LAPD). Other than volunteering, he enjoys trout-fishing, camping, car shows, and running marathons. In fact, he just completed his 101st marathon in early May.

