

# Serving Food and Love for 20 Years

It's a partnership that spans two decades, has distributed over 2 million pounds of food, and serves over 245 families each year. With the help of Alvin Low, Steve and Marian Fong, and the San Francisco/Marin Food Bank, our Food Pantry Program began 20 years ago, on December 2, 1997. Harry Chuck was instrumental in getting the grant for the program, and Ruth Leong volunteered for the very first grocery distribution (and remained a volunteer long afterwards). Every week for 20 years, rain or shine, our dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly and selflessly. Initially, volunteers arrived at Cameron House by 10:00am to calculate allotments, set up tables, and prep the food. Now, they arrive before 1:00pm to decide their various roles in distributing the groceries. By 12:45pm, low- and extremely low-income Chinatown residents stand outside the chain-link gates on Sacramento Street, shopping bags in hand, waiting patiently. As the gates open at 1:00pm, everyone lines up and begins the process of signing in and receiving their portions of the fresh vegetables and fruit, eggs, and dried goods for the week. As the cost of rent and food in San Francisco soars, the food these families receive from Cameron House makes a huge difference. It not only alleviates their hunger, it incorporates healthful fruits and vegetables to their diets. And with the groceries, they receive a friendly smile, warm greeting, and the dignity they deserve simply because they exist. Thank you to the San Francisco/Marin Food Bank and to everyone who has dedicated their time to our Food Pantry during the past 20 years – you have brought hope, health, and happiness to thousands of lives!

## A HUGE THANK YOU ...

to Mary and Dayton Leong, the two people who worked their magic behind the scenes. Coordinating all the details for this event took an incredible amount of time and effort, and Mary managed all of it while still staying on top of her regular work!

Dayton, in his usual style, prepared a fabulous meal of delectable salmon, salad, noodles, and fresh fruit. Thank you both for your herculean efforts – our Anniversary was a gigantic success because of you!



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## *Food Pantry Volunteers and Staff Throughout the Years:*

Jeanette and Low Chan  
Pat Chan  
Joyce Chen  
Xiuyun Chen  
Yu Ying Cheng  
Gerald and Beatrice Chin  
Raymond Chong  
Cynthia Eng  
Steve and Marian Fong  
Dave and Mel Gin  
Harriet Hall  
Mildred Hall  
Cynthia Joe  
Eunice Bejar Lee  
Gilbert Lee  
Katherine Lee  
Leon Lee  
Thompson Lee  
Ruth Leong  
Al Low  
Anna Low  
Jean Low  
Mel Mar  
Elberta McClure  
Carole Chinn-Morales  
Don Ng  
Gene Ng  
Jenny Ng

Ernie Lew and Sharon Tatehara  
Dee Shigley  
Claudia Sun  
Jannie Tam  
Hilary Thompson  
Ginger Tom  
Katie Tom  
Kevin Toy  
Alice Wong  
Rita Wun  
Mei and George Yee  
David Yip  
John Young  
Anna Zhang

### *Aztec Building Maintenance*

Ana Madrid  
Carlos Martinez  
Ed Vilchis  
Jian Yi Zhao

### *Chinatown Community Ambassadors*

Jennifer Barrera  
Ming Hong Liang  
Harrison Liu  
Alton Moore, Team Lead  
Alvin Sumbillo  
Huanyu Zhu

*We have done our best to acquire a comprehensive list of Food Pantry volunteers for the past 20 years. If you or someone you know is missing from this list, please notify Mary Peterson ([maryp@cameronhouse.org](mailto:maryp@cameronhouse.org)) so that we can rectify it.  
Thank you!*