

Our Community Makes IFCS Better

Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) has faced challenging circumstances over the past few years. **Committed to partnering with the community to alleviate hunger since 1964**, we've responded by adapting and improving our programs and services. Thanks to all who support and collaborate with us, we continue growing and making a difference.

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

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The Food Market at IFCS has been introducing a growing selection of **nutritious and culturally relevant choices that are sourced locally**.

Selection options include fresh produce, meat and dairy items.



We developed **online program applications** for financial, wellness and seasonal enrichment programs to provide **convenience** for participants.

Our Single Meal Program provides ready-to-eat meals and snacks for those who are **unhoused and unsheltered**.



READY, SET, SCHOOL!

IFCS made food a staple of our back-to-school and winter holiday programs. In addition to school supply and holiday gift assistance, each qualified recipient is provided a **weeks' worth of nutritious food** for the whole family.



Helping Hands
for the Holidays

Our fall-themed meal distribution was adapted to be **more culturally inclusive**, including more fresh produce, baking essentials, and common seasonings used to create Thanksgiving meals and traditional Navidad celebrations.



Thanks to **long-standing partnerships** in the community, IFCS is receiving **more funding** for eviction prevention and utility bill payment assistance. This support allows us to **address increased financial hardships** that are threatening family stability.



On a weekly basis, **we're involved in conversations about regional housing** and the effect that shortages are having on mental health and wellness. This makes us **stronger partners and collaborators** with other service providers.

VOLUNTEERS

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When pandemic restrictions lifted in 2021, **volunteers were invited back** and we added a full-time volunteer coordinator to our team.

We shifted to **online volunteer applications** and welcomed interested candidates to interview and tour IFCS.



Our **volunteer team tripled** in a year, and IFCS' Volunteer Core was established with its own logo and a **newly defined mission**.



We expanded **new volunteer roles**, including individual and group opportunities.

Volunteers have made possible IFCS' grocery distribution to **upwards of 6,000+ people each month**. Adding volunteer talent to our team has streamlined IFCS operations, increased outreach, and improved effectiveness.



PARTNERS & DONORS

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Uncertainty in grocery stores resulted in fewer food donations. Thankfully, partnering manufacturers experiencing supply and order changes provided IFCS with **surplus donations**.

IFCS' dated, insufficient **refrigerator and freezer spaces were upgraded**, and **pallet jack acquired**, thanks to community partners.



We shifted from **receiving 97% of food resources** from community donations to **purchasing 97% directly**. Donor and grant funds made this transition possible.



Purchasing directly from food manufacturers that meet grant fund guidelines allows IFCS to obtain **top quality food, in bulk quantities, and with deep savings**.

Inflation, supply chain and transportation issues continue to challenge IFCS' food access. Donations in all sizes **help us continue to provide nutritious meals** for hungry families in our area.



IFCS is nourishing lives and building stronger communities, thanks to YOUR HELP!

Responding to growing hunger, IFCS has **expanded programming and increased outreach** to those in need. Nimble adaptations and strong support sustain our commitment to nourishing lives as an **Emergency Food Provider**.

Thanks to our current volunteers, donors and community partners for your generous and ongoing support!

Join us!

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