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Woodland Volunteer Food Closet

The latest studies show that more than 40 million Americans are currently struggling with hunger and food insecurity. Approximately 30,000 of them are Yolo County residents.



Since 1968, the Woodland Volunteer Food Closet has provided emergency crisis food resources to hungry Woodland residents. According to Woodland Volunteer Food Closet Coordinator Gaye Nakken, each week, nearly 70 volunteers distribute 3 days' worth of food (per family member) to Woodland residents in food emergency crisis. The food distributions take place daily, but they are by referral only. Interested parties may get a referral for the Woodland volunteer Food Closet's services at local churches, schools and through the Yolo County Office of Social Services.



The Food Bank's collaboration with the Woodland Volunteer Food Closet can be traced back forty years. As Gaye Nakken simply, yet eloquently stated, "The Food Bank has been a rock for us." Food Bank Executive Director Jose Martinez echoed Ms. Nakken's sentiments. "The Woodland Volunteer Food Closet is not only an important asset to the community," he stated, "but a valuable and much appreciated Food Bank partner in our hunger relief efforts in Yolo County—specifically in Woodland."

Like any other agency, the Woodland Volunteer Food Closet can benefit from increased support from the community, at-large. For more information about how you can help, please contact the Woodland Volunteer Food Closet at (530) 662-7020. You may also contact them via mail at: P.O. Box 803, Woodland, CA 95776.