



My name is Gina Valadez Director and Founder of *Bread of Life*. I appreciate you taking time out of your busy day to hear how *Bread of Life* is impacting our community.

*Bread of Life* is located at LifeSong 3034 Michigan Ave in Stockton. We provide supplemental groceries, toiletries and resources to our community the second and third Saturday of each month. The people that we are giving to are not homeless people; they are families living in our city that are struggling thru this recession. We start distributing the grocery bags at 8:00 am. People line up outside our doors starting at midnight the night before. There are two things that I feel strongly about. First of all it is a must that we show love and kindness to everyone that comes for food. That is so important to me! Secondly, we are generous in the amount of groceries we give, we want to be able to truly help each household.

The services listed below are some of the ways *Bread of Life* is impacting our community:

- Provide nutritious food and necessities the third Saturday of each month at our location to all in need regardless of religious affiliation or race.
- Community outreach programs are on site during our monthly grocery distribution, such as HIV testing and counseling, Food Stamp sign ups and others.
- Take groceries the second Saturday of each month into the intercity areas of Stockton. We target the high crime and high poverty where the youth are at risk.
- Provide refreshments such as coffee, juice, cookies *and* breakfast items while the people are waiting in line.
- Support numerous residential treatment organizations along with county and city programs by providing groceries and necessities.
- We deliver groceries throughout the month to the homes of people that are elderly or "shut in" or that do not have the means (fuel or transportation) to pick up. This is almost daily because the need is go great.
- Provide community service hour for several high school students, juvenile probation, traffic court and many other organizations that require community service.
- Flyer inserts that go into the grocery bags feature a missing or exploited child.
- Sponsor Victory School afterschool program by giving bags of groceries to the families of the children in this program.

We gave groceries to almost 11,000 people that came for food in 2010. Our goal is to continue to make a difference in the lives of people living in poverty in our community. All donations are welcome and 100% of donations go directly to the needy families. We are a 501c-3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Thank you once again for your time, you have an open invitation to visit our food distribution anytime. I really hope you stop by sometime to see this in action.