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### **Auburn Interfaith Food Closet Announces Major Bequest from Max and Ginger Kane Estate**

*Auburn, CA. February 27, 2018* The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet recently received its largest donation ever, with a six-figure bequest from the estate of Max Kane, in the name of Max and Ginger Kane. Max came to a volunteer at the food closet through his church, Auburn Presbyterian, one of AIFC's founding churches. He was a regular Wednesday volunteer - ready, willing, and able to assist anyone. When he became a Board member and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, he sought out opportunities to raise funds wherever he went. Not even his doctor or car dealer were safe from Max's food closet appeal. He watched our funds very closely and established an account with Fidelity in the event someone would want to donate their IRA distributions or other investments to the Food Closet. He was instrumental in helping us ensure we were funded for economic downturns. His greatest desire was to make sure the food closet would always be available for the people in our community who needed it. Max left the Board in 2014 when his health no longer allowed him to volunteer.

Frank Sweeney, the team leader on days Max worked, remembers him as a forceful voice on the board regarding the activities of the food closet. Sweeney said, "Max would focus people to remember that our primary mission is feeding hungry people in our community."

"Auburn Interfaith Food Closet has been very successful over the past 20 years in providing needed assistance to families who are food insecure. Max played a significant role in this achievement in the past and with this gift, he and Ginger are challenging us into the future", said President Sandy Bassett. "We know that there are many more families in the greater Auburn area who need our services. This

gift allows us transition from our current leased facility to one that we wholly own. Our project team identified property, which we have now purchased, largely through this generous donation. We plan to build a building to occupy in early 2019. We are honored by Max and Ginger Kane for their dedication in helping us further our mission.”

Ginger Mohr and Max Kane were married 42 years, until she passed away in October, 2014. Max survived her seven months, passing away in May, 2015.

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Interested parties can find more information about the Food Closet on the AIFC website:

[www.auburnfoodcloset.org](http://www.auburnfoodcloset.org)

AIFC is a 501(c) (3) Public Benefit Corporation, FEIN 68-0424269. It was founded in 1998 by four area churches and is now supported by 19 faith-based organizations in our area. With no paid staff, 88% of our budget is spent to purchase food and 94% is directly used on programs. Our 2017 operation expenses were \$527,659; \$322,411 of this came through donations of food by the public and Placer Food Bank. The remaining amount was money raised via various fund-raising appeals, programs and grants.

#### How You Can Help the AIFC Sidebar:

- Donate to help us build a new home or to help us buy groceries. Mail a check to the AIFC at P. O. Box 132, Auburn CA 95604.
- Donate produce or groceries: Go to 12972 Earhart Ave. # 301 (behind Moonraker) in Auburn Monday-Friday or the last Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm.
- Get produce gleaned from your orchard: Call (530) 885-1921.
- Host a food drive at your business or civic organization: Call (530) 885-1921.
- Get additional information: Visit [www.AuburnFoodCloset.org](http://www.AuburnFoodCloset.org).

Photo: Sandy Bassett, President with Max Kane on April 29, 2014 on his last day at the Food Closet.