

# GreenHouse

## FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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### We need your help to keep our doors open!

Greetings Deer Park Community,

You may have heard that food banks in our region are struggling. Several recent news pieces have highlighted the challenges that all food banks in the Inland Empire are having to meet the increase in demand. Anyone who has paid for groceries lately knows how high food prices are.

It is true that the foot traffic through our doors has never been greater. A year ago the food bank served approximately 80 families per week with a monthly food box, and today that average is closer to 110 families.

Each week we have 5-10 new clients walk through our doors. Many are young parents with children, working jobs, paying mortgages, and who are doing everything they can to tread water.

Did you know that it takes a team of 55 volunteers—including a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors— and 3 part-time staff members to make the magic work for our community?

It also takes YOU. We are so grateful to Deer Park! Every week people drop off food, clothing, and personal care items for our clients! You are amazing and giving people.

**That written, our greatest need at the moment are cash donations. While our staffing is limited, we do need fuel to drive our grocery rescue van, and money to keep our lights on and basic bills paid.**

Would you consider donating to our general operating fund? Every dollar counts. We are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax-deductible, and they will make a tremendous effort toward providing basic food for the people in your community. The easiest way to donate is via our website. Donate Now! [www.greenhousedp.com/donate](http://www.greenhousedp.com/donate)

Thank you for considering us,

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