

Carol's Kitchen

Serving free hot meals since 1998

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"CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED YOU TO MAKE CAROL'S KITCHEN THE LEGACY THAT IT IS TODAY."

"ARLENE WAS A TRUE INSPIRATION FOR ALL OF US AT CAROL'S KITCHEN. WE WILL TRULY MISS HER."

"WHEN I WAS HOMELESS, CAROL'S KITCHEN FED ME."

"I AM GLAD I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND KNOW MRS. RAGAN."

"WE WILL MISS YOU AND YOUR ALWAYS CHEERFUL SMILE AND HUGS... FLY HIGH."

"THANK YOU FOR INSPIRING OTHERS TO BE BETTER. YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT YOUR CAUSE WILL GO ON. YOU TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES AND THE WORLD WAS A BETTER PLACE WITH YOU IN IT."



Arlene Ragan, 84, the co-founder of Carol's Kitchen passed away on January 15, 2021.

Arlene was born in Indio, California and was a long-time resident of the Four Seasons Adult Community in Beaumont. Arlene and her late husband, Jim, founded Carol's Kitchen in April 1998 in honor of their daughter Carol who was fatally struck by a drunk driver in 1996. Together they created a soup kitchen network in the pass area that for the last 22 years embodied all the passion that Carol had in helping those less fortunate than herself. Carol and Arlene's legacy is at the heart of Carol's Kitchen, where all are welcome to receive a hot nutritious meal and nobody is turned away.

Arlene's wishes were that in lieu of cards, remembrances, or flowers, just make a donation to Carol's Kitchen in memory of Arlene.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- In our kitchens
- Cooks and Servers
- Help behind the scenes

You Can Help

- Designate Carol's Kitchen on

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OUR MISSION

To strengthen the San Geronio Pass of Southern California by ensuring the men, women and children of our communities do not go hungry-regardless of their age, religion, cultural background, employment or economic status, and physical and mental abilities.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - WELCOME TO 2021

Carol's kitchen has seen a lot of changes in 2020 and we are planning on building on these changes this coming year. We have had to change our methods of operations from hot sit-down meals to take home sack lunches. We were unable to hold any fundraising events and have relied on grants, sponsors and group or individual donations to support our mission to feed the hungry.

In 2021 there are plans to continue the growth that was experienced in both the number of individuals served and the number of lunches provided. We look forward with optimism to the control of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lessening of the related restrictions. All our volunteers are enthusiastic about returning to somewhat normal operations so that we can once again share more closely in the lives and needs of our guests.

As we move forward, we will continue to make the health and safety of our guests and volunteers our number one priority. Hopefully 2021 will be a year of new opportunities and accomplishments not only for Carol's Kitchen but for everyone.

- Vince Conway
President

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While we reflect on the past year, 2020 was a year none of us saw coming. COVID-19 introduced a "crisis within a crisis" for many already struggling with low income and hunger. Providing our guests with nutritious food means that they can dedicate their limited resources to other needs.

As we navigate this uncharted territory, Carol's Kitchen continues to modify our procedures to fit current conditions. We have seen a significant rise in the number of those in need, and at the same time, we have seen our communities come together in ways we could never have imagined. The need of our guests is heartbreaking, but the desire of our local communities to help has been extremely heartwarming.

We hope you are all staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. Whether you feel inclined to help or find yourself in need of help, we hope you reach out to Carol's Kitchen.

- Lance Sanchez
Executive Director

BEAUMONT

Monday & Thursday

St. Kateri Catholic Church
1234 Palm Ave • Beaumont, CA

BANNING

Tuesday & Friday

St. Kateri Catholic Church
157 W. Nicolet St. • Banning, CA

CABAZON

Monday & Thursday

Cabazon Community Center
50390 Carmen Ave. • Cabazon, CA

Volunteer Hours 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM • Serving Hours 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED
TO CAROL'S KITCHEN IN 2020

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
2020 CORPORATE SPONSORS & PARTNERS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SHARED
THEIR STIMULUS CHECK WITH CAROL'S KITCHEN

THANK YOU TO THE SPECIAL GROUPS
WHO MADE DONATIONS.

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT
HAVE OUR COIN COLLECTION CAN ON THEIR COUNTER.

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU!!!

AMAZON SMILE – If you order from Amazon you can go to Amazon Smile and select Carol's Kitchen as your charity of choice.

FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER – Anyone can do a fundraiser on Facebook. Like for your birthday, you can ask your family and friends to donate to Carol's Kitchen via your Facebook account in lieu of gifts. We love getting these special donations.

DONATE Antiques – If anyone would like to donate some antiques – let us know via the contact section on our website. We have a booth at the Red Barn and it is doing very good.

WE NEED:

Volunteers in our kitchens and/or helping with Carol's Closet

Kitchen Cooks and **Kitchen Managers**

Other help outside the kitchens—help with mailings,
sorting food and clothes, and much more

GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND VOLUNTEER:

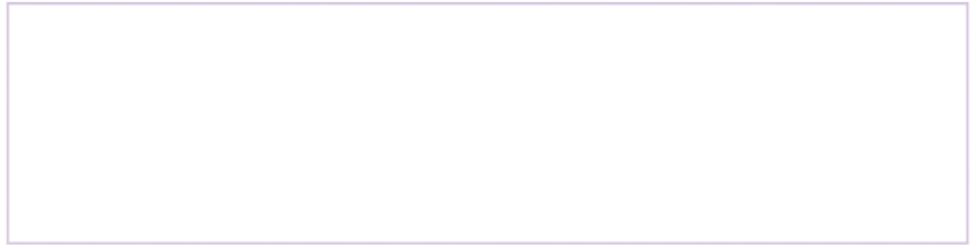
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KITCHEN

BANNING

Banning kitchen is remarkably busy every Tuesday and Friday serving a record number of guests. We are also providing sack lunches for the Immanuel Community Services outreach program. We are hosting Elizabeth Rangel from Recovery International to talk with our guests. Carol's Closet is open providing clothes, socks, shoes, jackets and more.

BEAUMONT

Beaumont Kitchen is doing very well every Monday and Thursday. We are pleased to have some volunteers returning to help and welcoming new volunteers also. We are happy to again be cooking for our homebound people and our other special meal pick-up groups. We feel very blessed that we have all remained healthy and free of the virus. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been amazing through this crazy year.

CABAZON

Cabazon Kitchen is serving sack lunches and bags of groceries every Monday and Thursday to more guest than ever before. Our volunteers look forward to making sandwiches and stuffing lunch bags as well as loading up grocery bags. Carol's Closet is open again on Thursday, handing out slightly used clothes, socks, jackets and more. So, come on out and visit us.

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