



RICHMOND EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Serving the West Contra Costa County Community since 1971

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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

What a year it has been! It seems political trends have tilted against those of us who need help the most, while at the same time inflation continues to rise, and work opportunities are fewer. FEMA funds – which previously accounted for a full one third of our annual budget – have been discontinued. USDA cuts are significant too, and we can no longer rely on regular availability of milk, eggs, peanut butter, chicken and other proteins from this source. We are writing to request your support of the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry.

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The Richmond Emergency Food Pantry served over 50,000 people in 2024, including over 16,000 children. Our clients include people of all ages and backgrounds, and from all walks of life. What they hold in common is the need, sometimes temporarily, for a helping hand. Every month several dozen Pantry volunteers do everything it takes to distribute tens of thousands of pounds of food. Our clients are supported with full bags of groceries including dairy products and protein, a box of canned and dry goods, and their choice of fresh produce and bread monthly.

The Pantry is a 100%-volunteer organization. The Pantry's only administrative expenses are rent, insurance, and the cost of this once-yearly outreach letter. Every penny beyond that is spent on food and supplies, maximizing the value of your generous contributions.

We very much appreciate any donation you may be able to provide, large or small. Donations can be made by mail or online at www.REFP.org.

Thank you!

Very Truly Yours,
Richmond Emergency Food Pantry

Ben Kellman
President