



# The TACO Times

## Celebrating 39 Years of Bread Day

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### Arms Outstretched

Arms Outstretched members are those who have donated \$365—a dollar a day—or more to TACO over the course of a year. Arms Outstretched members receive free tickets to our fall fundraiser and special recognition in the TACO times. They have our special thanks for helping both us and the community of downtown San Diego. Please consider becoming a member of Arms Outstretched.

### Donation FAQ

**Q:** What is in a hygiene kit that is given to those who request one?

**A:** A basic kit contains travel-sized shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste and a toothbrush. An expanded kit may also contain deodorant, small-sized sunscreen, a comb and a washcloth.

**Q:** What new clothing items does TACO need?

**A:** There is a never ending need for men's and women's underwear and white knee-high socks.

**Q:** What types of donated clothing can you use?

**A:** Pants, especially men's pants that are sturdy like jeans, twills and cargos. T-shirts in sizes large and up, and men's athletic shoes are always in high demand.

### Director's Report by Jim Lovell

We have been receiving gifts upon gifts around here. There are days when it seems our gifts have received gifts! Thanks to the generosity of faithful people and congregations throughout not only San Diego, but the country, we overflow of offerings. Both our kitchen and our clothes closet have been bright with new items for use. *I say "clothes closet" but those of you who serve here know that I mean Tori's office, which means there have been days when her desk and chair are hard*

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### IT'S A WRAP!

"Homeless Treasures" finished up another successful run June 27 & 28, thanks to the hard work of more than 70 volunteers who delivered, sorted, cleaned, priced, packed, moved, unpacked, set up and sold five storage units full of generous donations from countless TACO supporters. A special thanks is due to St Andrew's Lutheran Church who once again graciously hosted us, letting us take over their community center for a week. We were pleased to take in \$10,770. With \$1400 in matching funds granted us by Thrivent, we raised a total of \$12,170.

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to find! We have a bounty of freshly grown vegetables from Tierrasanta Lutheran Church's gardens. The largest zucchinis we have ever seen (at least since last year's crop). And the other Monday, we received a delivery that had our UPS delivery man loading his dolly with over 300 pounds of freshly laundered clothing and blankets all the way from Wisconsin! The youth of Peace Lutheran Church, Menomonie had come out on a mission trip and served with us, then gone home and collected this amazing surprise that arrived on our doorstep. They were so struck by the needs of those in our urban core, that they continued to think about how their hands could do God's Work even at home.

These are just two of the fantastic events that have occurred around TACO this summer. Some others will

be found inside these pages, including the results of Homeless Treasures, here's a hint – 150%! And two Empty Bowls Events involving such an amazing cadre of potters! And volunteer groups bringing dozens of hygiene kits out of the blue. And quilters making "sleeping bags" at St. Andrew's and four generations of families coming down to volunteer on regular and semi-regular basis.

Recently a new group came down to volunteer from the Carmel Valley area of SD. As Tori asked us all to come up with one thing we could do to help those who were in poverty and homeless, this group of 15 children between 7 and 11 years old showed that they understood. Words came out of their mouths like; "dignity", "food", "clothing", "respect", "not to be looked down on", and "to learn from" came from their

mouths. Their parents were equally aware and talked about how important they thought it was that their children understand that there is poverty in the world and that the people living in poverty were no less than any of them. WOW! Now I hope that you do not think that these brilliant children are somehow more capable of understanding than any of you reading this, nor than our elected officials. In fact they do a great deal to remind us what we have always been taught.

## Volunteer Update *by Tori Rigg, Volunteer Coordinator*

Thank you to everyone who has so warmly welcomed me as the Volunteer Coordinator at TACO! I can't use the adjective "new" in front of my title anymore as I've been here now almost five months. Where did the time go?

That "time" question is usually posed as a rhetorical one, but not in this instance as I've seen where my time has gone: It's gone to learning the ins and outs of the meal process. It's gone to being proactive and busy with volunteers. It's gone to being invited into the TACO community, whether inside the building or outside on the patio with our guests.

I am amazed and humbled by the sheer passion and hard work all of you give to TACO. It seems that volunteers are attracted to TACO by the belief that it IS possible to help society's most vulnerable, and that

ideology is only for volunteers who don't mind rolling up their sleeves and getting busy. Like all of you.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to serve with you and I look forward to getting to know you all better.



### < THE MOTLEY FOOL CHARITY FUND > Charitable Contributions of Stock by Roy Lewis (TMF Taxes)

If you are planning to make a relatively substantial contribution to a charity such as TACO, you should consider donating appreciated stock from your investment portfolio instead of cash. Your tax benefits from the donation can be increased and the organization will be just as happy to receive the stock.

This tax planning tool is derived from the general rule that the deduction for a donation of property to charity is equal to the fair market value of the donated property. Where the donated property is "gain" property, the donor does not have to recognize the gain on the donated property. These rules allow for the "doubling up," so to speak, of tax benefits: A charitable deduction, plus avoiding tax on the appreciation in value of the donated property.

## Bread Upon the Waters 2014

TACO's ninth annual Fall fundraising event is coming soon!

**Bread Upon the Waters** will be an evening to remember. On September 20th, for the fourth year in a row, it will be held at the Southwestern Yacht Club. The venue is located right on the water, with breathtaking views of San Diego Bay and the city skyline.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres, served in beautiful indoor and outdoor settings. Silent and live auctions will provide great fun and incredible chances to acquire many unique treasures, including original artwork by Bill Engel, a Wheaties box signed by Tony Gwynn, an oil painting

by Melville Paul Simon, and many others. There will be opportunity drawings and a "Leave a Winner" table. Dinner will include beef and chicken choices as well as a vegetarian option.

A special highlight of the evening will be the unveiling of TACO's new video produced by Peggy Peattie, a renowned photographer with the Union-Tribune. It focuses on our own clients, San Diego's citizens living in the most vulnerable of circumstances.

Invitations will be mailed out the first week in August or go to [tacod.org](http://tacod.org) or like us at [facebook.com/tacosdfb](https://www.facebook.com/tacosdfb). Spaces fill quickly so RSVP early. Tickets are \$75 per guest, with the

option to fill your own table of eight for \$500 (a \$100 value)

Opportunities for individual, corporate or benefactor sponsorships are also available. If you would like to donate a Live or Silent auction item—tickets to Disneyland, a weekend getaway, a dinner certificate—contact John Pew ([johnpew49@msn.com](mailto:johnpew49@msn.com)). And, of course, volunteers are still needed to help before, during and after the event. Contact Frank De Louise ([fpdcgl@yahoo.com](mailto:fpdcgl@yahoo.com)) to volunteer at the event or Tori Rigg ([torir@tacod.org](mailto:torir@tacod.org)) for other TACO volunteer opportunities.

## A Gift from Peace Lutheran Church

*Our Volunteer Coordinator Tori Rigg received this letter last week after the Peace Lutheran Church Mission team visited TACO.*

On behalf of the Peace Lutheran Church Mission Trip Team, I would like to thank you again for your wonderful hospitality while we were in San Diego on our mission trip. We all had a fabulous time and learned a lot! The kids especially are much more thankful now for everything they have after visiting your site. It was definitely an eye opening experience for all of us. Your organization had such an impact on all of us that after we returned to Wisconsin, the mission team decided to do a "Tote 4 TACO" where we asked the congregation to donate clothes, shoes, blankets, and toiletries for your organization. We presented it to the church that Saturday and Sunday after our return and said we would leave the totes for a week to see how much we could collect. Well... in one week we have collected around 300 pounds of clothing, blankets, and toiletries for TACO!

We would have loved to see the look on your face as you receive the boxes. We are all so happy we could do this for you and we hope all of the deserving individuals enjoy the goodies as much as we enjoyed donation them! Thank you again for the wonderful experience at TACO! God Bless!

Sincerely,  
Kristi Johnson  
PLC Adult Advisor



*Our volunteer Wayne helps unload the boxes of clothes*

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*Thank you to everyone keeping Nance & Jim Lovell and their family in your prayers after the passing of Nance's dad, George Nakashima. Nance will be taking some time off to resolve her family's affairs and will return to TACO soon.*

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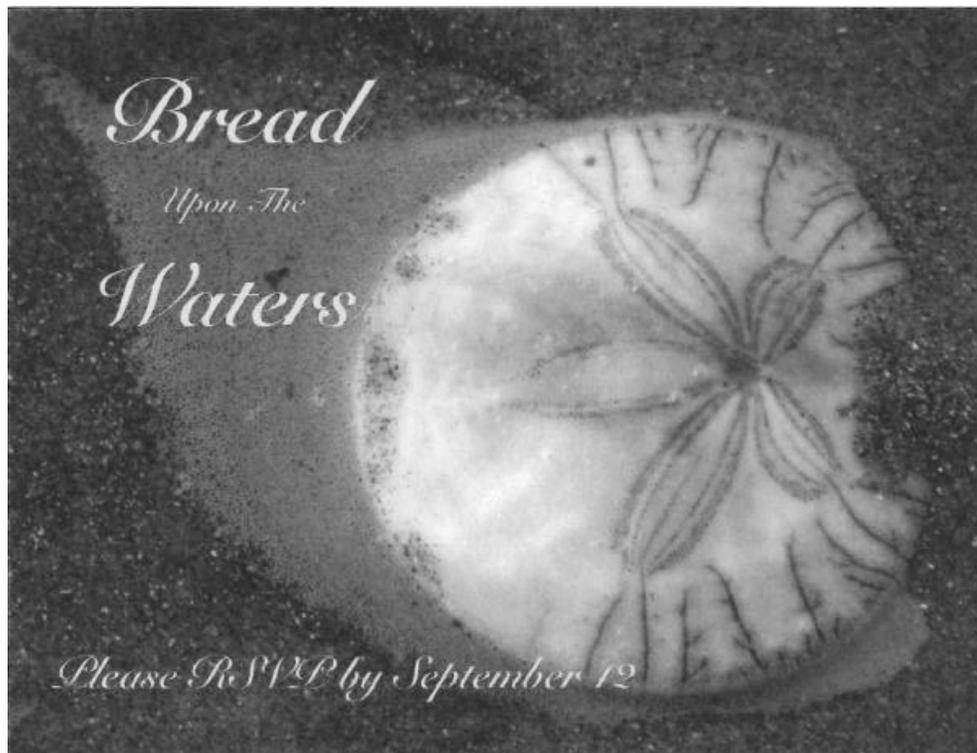
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