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FEATURES

Food truck arrives bringing community together to help those in need

Brian Wilkinson

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More than 300 people turned out under blue skies and bright sunshine Friday for the food giveaway at the corner of Crane Valley Road (426) and High School Road.

About 50 volunteers, including many children, were busy sorting and boxing food including potatoes, salad dressing, beef sticks, fruit bars, beans, soups, sunflower seeds and vitamin water for the large crowd patiently waiting in line.

Scheduled to run from noon to 5 p.m., the food and the crowds of appreciative Mountain Area residents were gone by 2 p.m.

Organizer Candi MacAlpine with Epicenter Prayer Group, which is affiliated with Destiny Training Center, was pleased with the turnout and the help from volunteers.

"We had a tremendous outpouring of volunteers from this community with the heart to serve who gave up their time and energy to bless other less fortunate members of this town," MacAlpine said. "The volunteers surveyed the mountain of food products that had to be sorted and distributed and made quick work of what would have taken much longer to do without their help."

Mike Horn, manager of Valley Teen Ranch on Avenue 12, and his wife Pam, brought five boys from the ranch to help. They carried the 25-pound boxes of food and grocery bags to cars for those who required assistance.

The truck delivery was arranged by Armor of God Ministry in Southern California and Heart of Compassion, a clearing house for grocery stores on the West Coast.

Organizers had to come up with \$550 to pay for the diesel needed for the truck to make the trip from from Southern California and back. The funds came from Big O Tires, Sierra Telephone, Yosemite Bank, Kathy McCorry, Destiny Training and Larry Ends and Cindy Brooks of The Homestead.

"This was another piece of our vision at the Destiny Training Center to continue serving this community," MacAlpine said. "Our plan is to provide similar events during the upcoming year to bless this community. It is what we should do."

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Volunteers distributed free food to more than 350 Mountain Area residents in two hours last Friday.



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