



## La Puente Shelter

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To the generous supporters of Tomorrow's Bread:

In the first half of 2023, La Puente Shelter served over 16,500 meals to guests and community members through our soup kitchen operations. To meet this need, the Shelter relies heavily on in-kind food donations from individuals and area businesses. Preparing balanced meals from the available ingredients presents a daily challenge, and the locally-sourced whole grains provided by Tomorrow's Bread continue to prove fundamental to ensuring that we serve nourishing food to our clients.

Since Tomorrow's Bread initiated its donation program, La Puente staff have fielded regular comments from clients expressing the special place this bread holds in their diet. Of particular note, multiple individuals suffering from diabetes and other chronic health conditions have voiced how difficult it is to access whole grains within their limited means and how vital this bread has become to meeting their special dietary needs. In addition to a preponderance of such health issues, many people who frequent our services lack either the finances or the transportation to be able to purchase the food they need from grocery stores—often both. Importantly, perhaps the most frequent comments we receive simply regard how delicious the bread is and how “fancy.” Community members living on the margins are too often relegated to making do with the stale leftovers of others; access to the gourmet grains of Tomorrow's Bread not only allows clients to eat better in nutritional terms but contributes to a better and more dignified experience when accessing services overall.

La Puente Shelter and the clients we serve are fortunate to have been able to count on Tomorrow's Bread in these lean times, and it is my hope that this Valley-rooted venture will continue to grow and continue in its mission to make the best bread available to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Sincerely,

Graham Hunt

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