

Our Saviour Center Continues to Make a Difference

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Our Saviour Center, located at 4368 Santa Anita Avenue in El Monte, has been making an impact on the community in El Monte and the San Gabriel Valley for 30 years. Once visitors walk through the doors they are welcomed into a hospitable environment -- exactly what the mission of Our Saviour Center's Second Annual Open House accomplished on Thursday, June 13.

"It's not just a way to remind everybody of what we do," explained Jane Fall, Executive Director of the event. "But to donate financially or volunteer."

During the Open House, guests were treated to food and drinks from El Sorrito and raffle tickets for fun prizes all while learning about the variety of programs the Center provides.

Diane Williams, the Center's Family Resources Director, led guests on a tour of their Food Pantry -- the 6th largest Food Pantry in LA County through LA Regional Food Bank. "Fresh fruits and vegetables are our



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priority," she said. "We're open on Tuesdays and Thursday's per week. We've been averaging about 220 households for every day we're open."

A member of the church who helps drive the food truck, Michael

Watkins said: "It's fun to come down here [to the Center]. I work with another guy and we go to 41st and Alameda and pick up food."

Not only does the Center provide nutritious meals, they also have a clothing room and are starting a new

diaper program for qualifying families. Their motel voucher program for families with children that need emergency shelter for one week is popular and has a long waiting list.

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