



## Dear Supporter of Toco Hills Community Alliance,



Once school returns in the fall, many students will be asked about what they did for their summer vacation. Several high school and college students who have spent time here with us will be able to report that they spent their summer vacation making a difference.



When here at Toco Hills Community Alliance, the students are treated as any other volunteer and expected to learn their jobs and then to do them well. And they have risen to the occasion!

sorted clothes, helped bring in deliveries, and more.



Their presence has been so helpful, as our regular volunteers and staff have taken time off and they have been able to fill in so there are no disruptions in services. And, they bring their youthful energy!

When asked to reflect about why they chose to spend their summer vacation with us, one high school student remarked that they loved volunteering here because they found that, "*THCA is so inspiring because we provide our services with such care and respect.*"



And, as you have undoubtedly heard, the need for those services is growing higher and higher, as rent and food prices keep increasing. Indeed, we have seen a 15% increase in usage since the beginning of the summer, with many new families turning to us for help.

Because of the support of you, our community, we have been able to keep up. Your financial contributions, your donations of food and supplies, all of the time volunteered, and all of the other ways you support Toco Hills Community Alliance, make what we do possible.

One of the college students working with us this summer recently said, "*I love coming in here to be part of a team, where everyone here is working together for the good.*" We are so glad to have you all as part of our team so we can keep providing healthy food for families, hot meals for our unhoused friends, and clothes for everyone.

here is about so much more than food. It is about hope and hospitality, care and compassion, respect and acceptance. By giving to us here at Toco Hills Community Alliance, you are part of creating this environment for all who come.



Finally, I leave with this thought from another high school student who has been with us, *"It's important to me to give back because my well-being depends on the well-being of everyone in the community."*

With gratitude that you are part of our team and our community,

Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig, Executive Director



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**When you give financially to Toco Hills Community Alliance, your dollars support those in our own neighborhood. Through our partner relations, we are able to make the money we receive s t r e t c h further.**



If you want to donate or coordinate a drive, here are the most needed items.

The foods we are most in need of are:

- Shelf Stable Milk - Dairy or Non-Dairy
- Healthy Cereal
- Crackers

(PLEASE NO GLASS JARS)

We currently have a need for these hygiene supplies:

- Diapers Sizes 5, 6, and 7 - URGENT NEED
- Toothbrushes (Singles)
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Paper Towels
- Disposable Face Masks - especially K95 or KF94

We very much need

- **clean new or used cloth shopping bags and**
- **rolling suitcases.**

With school about to start, we do have need for more **children's clothing.**

We can also use supplies, such as:

- Non-Latex Gloves (Medium, Large, XLarge)
- Disinfectant Spray

Someone is available to take donations at Toco Hills Community Alliance building on Monday through Friday from 9am until noon. Drive up under the white tent and our volunteers will retrieve the items from your car.



We always need good volunteers who are fully vaccinated (including booster), are physically fit enough to stand, lift, and withstand weather conditions, and who will abide all of the safety precautions, including COVID protocols. If interested, email [volunteer@toco hillsalliance.org](mailto:volunteer@toco hillsalliance.org)

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