

# San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen: Annual Food Drive Makes For A Very Successful Holiday Box Give-Away!

The San Martin de Porres (SMDP) Soup Kitchen has been partnering with Premier Distributing (Budweiser), Walgreens, KDCE/KYBR Radio, and many other local retailers for the past five years for its annual “Fill the Bud Truck” food drive. The collected food items received from this event greatly help the SMDP Soup Kitchen to prepare the food boxes we distribute annually to those in need for the Holidays.

This past year’s 5th Annual event that was held on October 26, 2019, was one of our most successful food drives! With the food items collected, the SMDP Soup Kitchen was able to prepare Holiday Boxes for 250 families on December 13, 2019, to our clients of the Apple Valley community. These families are all low-income, ranging from an income of \$0 to \$1,000 per month. Some of these families have up to eight family members and due to the high cost of living, it makes it nearly impossible for these families to survive on such a low monthly income. The SMDP Soup Kitchen was also able to help seven local Non-Profit Agencies and about five or six Agencies in Santa Fe with Food Boxes, and still had enough food items left over to sustain their daily clients.

The SMDP Soup Kitchen makes every effort daily to assist the low-income and indigent people in our community to put food on their table. We are open Monday thru Friday, from 11:30am to 12:00pm providing a daily hot meal. This may be the only meal individuals receive for that day so we make it as hearty and nutritious as possible. We also collaborate with other Non-Profit Agencies, Churches and the local Homeless Shelter by providing perishable and non-perishable food boxes for distribution to those in need.

The San Martin de Porres’s mission has been and will always be to feed all who are hungry. If at any time we cannot help someone’s specific needs we point them in the right direction or refer them to another agency. The SMDP Soup Kitchen will always do all that it can to assist those in need.



SMDP Soup Kitchen’s 5th Annual Food Drive



Volunteers preparing Holiday Food Boxes