

Congregations Recognized for Walking with the Children and the Poor
(**With Special Recognition)

**Sanger UMC:

- ◆ Food Bank donations
- ◆ Providing books to a library in Tonga
- ◆ Short term housing for the homeless

**Grass Valley, Sierra Pines UMC:

- ◆ Participates in Hospitality House Homeless Shelter
- ◆ Sent team to Dulac, LA to help recovery effort

**Smith River UMC:

- ◆ Christmas presents for local children
- ◆ Children's Christian Mission
- ◆ Donate to food pantry
- ◆ ESL Program

**Carmel, Church of the Wayfarer:

- ◆ Tutoring at the East Salinas Family Center
- ◆ Food offerings
- ◆ Christmas Angel Tree

**North Sacramento UMC:

- ◆ Working with a group of foster and adopted youth to help them find housing and get connected with medical, church and social services.

**Berkeley, Epworth UMC:

- ◆ Lobbying in Sacramento and Washington D.C.
- ◆ Youth distributing gifts to homeless youth
- ◆ Feeding programs

**South Reno UMC:

- ◆ Easter baskets to children in shelters and transitional housing
- ◆ Donations to Northern Nevada food bank

**Rancho Cordova UMC:

- ◆ Work with local churches to help families escape homelessness
- ◆ Home set-up baskets for foster youth

**Greenville UMC:

- ◆ Partnership with Native American Community and Social Services for a community dinner

**San Jose, St. Paul's UMC:

- ◆ Creative Arts for Youth – serving local kids by teaching life skills and self-esteem

**Sparks UMC:

- ◆ Host Church for Family Promise by providing overnight lodging with dinner and breakfast to homeless families
- ◆ Advocate for poor at the state legislature



****Lindsay UMC:**

- ◆ J.O.Y. – a children's program reaching over 75 children per week

****Red Bluff UMC:**

- ◆ Medical/Dental mission work in the Philippines

****Taylorsville UMC:**

- ◆ Community Children's Choir and Drama: teaching leadership skills, music and respectful communication

Davis UMC:

- ◆ VBS Program to donate canned goods to local food bank

Boulder Creek UMC:

- ◆ Knitted/crocheted 110 hats for children and workers in an orphanage in Switzerland

Palo Alto, St. Andrew's UMC:

- ◆ Supports local center, meeting the needs of homeless families
- ◆ Collects school supplies for local children
- ◆ Christmas presents for local children

Aptos, Community UMC:

- ◆ Collects for the homeless
- ◆ Adopts families at Christmas
- ◆ Donates to food bank/women's shelter
- ◆ Food pantry assistance for families in transition

Oakhurst, New Community UMC:

- ◆ Donates backpacks with essential items to children who have been removed from unsafe homes and are awaiting placement

Willits UMC:

- ◆ Serves a weekly meal to local low income families at Willits Daily Bread

Lower Lake, Community UMC:

- ◆ Connected with local recovery program/facility
- ◆ Provides shoes for local school children

Lodi UMC:

- ◆ Works with Salem UMC to help families in need
- ◆ Sacramento Street Ministry to feed the needy

Clearlake, Community UMC:

- ◆ Hosts Church for Head Start
- ◆ Provides counseling space for therapists who work with foster children
- ◆ Raises funds for Habitat for Humanity

Nevada City UMC:

- ◆ Food closet
- ◆ Care of a room at Manzanita House
- ◆ Participates in rotating homeless shelter

Gridley UMC:

- ◆ Provides suitcases for foster children going into agencies
- ◆ Shoe Box Ministry, giving Christmas boxes and bags to children in foster care

Tracy, First UMC:

- ◆ Partners with Tracy Interfaith Ministries and the McHenry House Homeless Shelter

Linden UMC:

- ◆ Linden Community Food and Clothing Closet
- ◆ Caring Christmas Tree: providing food, gifts and clothing to needy families

Santa Cruz, UMC of Santa Cruz:

- ◆ Provides overflow housing for homeless women
- ◆ Partners with local organization to host ESL classes

Bakersfield, Trinity UMC:

- ◆ Explores daycare/preschool options with city schools
- ◆ Supports local food pantry with Wesley UMC

Vallejo, Wayside UMC:

- ◆ Loose change offering to homeless shelter and families in transition
- ◆ Heifer project

San Jose, Evergreen Valley UMC:

- ◆ Serves meals
- ◆ Collects food for "Lord's Pantry"
- ◆ Collects clothing supplies for school age children

Montague UMC:

- ◆ Food pantry that can serve local families breakfast, lunch and dinner

San Jose, Cambrian Park UMC:

- ◆ Helps area homeless shelters
- ◆ Advocates for healthcare reform

Clovis, Memorial UMC:

- ◆ Warm Tree Project – providing clothes to children in need
- ◆ Community Garden feeds 20 families

Winnemucca UMC:

- ◆ Soup Kitchen two times per week
- ◆ Members of Ministerial Association which operates food pantry

San Francisco, Temple UMC:

- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Tutorial Center
- ◆ Brown Bag of Love for homeless people

Woodland UMC:

- ◆ Provides dinner three times a month to Wayfarer Center

Berkeley, Trinity UMC:

- ◆ Supports and houses three major food/medical/case management services for the homeless and an immigrant/refugee center

Kernville UMC:

- ◆ Provides dry/canned goods to "God's Store House"
- ◆ Mommy and Me programs
- ◆ Summer VBS
- ◆ Angel Tree at Christmas

Pinole UMC:

- ◆ Works with GRIP Homeless Shelter
- ◆ Provides groceries to families in need
- ◆ Adopted a girl in India

Sonoma UMC:

- ◆ Collects coins for Mission in Zimbabwe
- ◆ Provides a school in India
- ◆ Has a lunch program for kids in China and Haiti

Castro Valley UMC:

- ◆ "Kids Club" for 1st – 5th graders that offers community, fun and a meal for local children

Fallon, Epworth UMC:

- ◆ "Kids Helping Kids" provides help to needy families
- ◆ Fallon Daily Bread provides free dinners twice a week

Fremont, First UMC:

- ◆ Provides meal service at a local shelter
- ◆ Raises money for malaria nets

Rock Island, IL, UCC, UMC Pastor:

- ◆ Sponsors "Book Nook" for local schools
- ◆ Pleasanton, Lynnewood UMC:
- ◆ Homeless Initiative of Transitional Assistance
- ◆ Partner ministry with women and children's shelter

Napa, First UMC:

- ◆ Day services for homeless
- ◆ Food programs
- ◆ Supports lunchtime reading tutors

Chester UMC:

- ◆ Mt. Methodist Children's Center Preschool, provides meals and medical screening for local children

Loomis UMC:

- ◆ Provides food for local shelters
- ◆ Ten-year commitment to Children First in Nyalinda, Kenya

Los Altos, Senior New Ways, Judith Pruess-Mellow:

- ◆ LIFE Center at LAUMC: works with Senior New Ways to help poorer, frail seniors in the community

Eureka, First UMC:

- ◆ Mission trip to Mexico
- ◆ Gas Voucher Ministry
- ◆ Scholarships for camps

New Vision:

- ◆ Works with Catholic Workers Hospitality House providing food, bedding and dry goods to local homeless

San Rafael, First UMC:

- ◆ Provides meals at homeless shelter
- ◆ Homeless Chaplaincy
- ◆ Works with San Quentin families

Carson City, First UMC:

- ◆ Hosted Tent City
- ◆ Lobbies on behalf of youth and children at state capital
- ◆ Organizes community homeless programs

Citihope International, Michael Christensen:

- ◆ Supplies nutritional meals and medical supplies to orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children in Malawi, Africa

Arbuckle UMC:

- ◆ Hosts FEMA food bank
- ◆ Hosts weekly Youth Club with dinner for neighboring kids