



KCAPS' NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

At KCAPS, April 20 – 25th is Volunteer Appreciation Week. KCAPS is blessed with wonderful volunteers. Some of our volunteers are with us almost daily. Others are here once a week, and some come once a month. **All are very much appreciated.** A staff of 10 people, several of whom work part-time, could not possibly accomplish what we do without our volunteers. We have volunteer receptionists, food bank volunteers, and many who cover a variety of positions in our Thrift Stores.

We will be celebrating our volunteers with fresh donuts - daily, a small gift, and hopefully more than our usual rounds of verbal thanks and hugs.

If you shop in our stores enough to recognize a volunteer – please join us in giving them a big thank you!

HALLELUJAH, IT IS FINALLY DONE

We started with an old, ugly, non-functional car wash - that was used primarily by motorists practicing their bumper cars technique. (People were constantly running into it.) Now we have a completed parking lot.



You would have thought this would be an easy project, but it got unexpectedly complicated pretty early in the process. The single best thing we did was hire Anderson Striping & Construction, which is located here in Kingsburg. They went way beyond normal expectations to help us accomplish all that needed doing; and they did so with a great deal of patience.

So, to Erick, Amanda, Sean, Gary and the rest of your team – **thank you!**

If you haven't yet been here to drop off your donations, please note that there is now a circular pattern in the donation area. *Please pull forward, around the circle, as far as possible* and drop your donations in the bin. This new system is working well for all concerned – thanks for your cooperation. Donations are received Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00-1:00 and Saturday from 9:00 – 3:00. The exceptions being rain, or if we have reached our capacity.

Come early! Your donations are tax deductible.



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MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

For about the last 20 years, we have been hosting Mother's Day events in Kingsburg, London, and Traver. These events are special to our staff, volunteers, and our clients and customers.

Each year we have a special speaker, "girl food," decorations, gifts, prizes, and fun. Every woman needs to know that she is unique, valuable, and loved. That's how God sees each of us, even though He is fully aware of every single thing we have messed up, and every rotten thought that has crossed our minds. We are loved in spite of that, and that is our message.

You are welcome to join us in hosting these events. If you would like to attend one of them as a guest, please consider yourself invited; please let our office staff know if you are joining us so we can plan accordingly. 559-897-7961



Kingsburg May 4th 11:00 – 1:00 1139 Draper Street

London May 7th 5:00 – 7:00pm 37835 Kate Rd

Traver May 8th 5:00 – 7:00pm 3957 Kitchner Drive




INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

KCAPS doesn't want to be the place that offers people a handout. Our goal is to offer people a hand up. Certainly there is a lot of emphasis on our food distributions. That is without a doubt an in-your-face type of continual and immediate need. We also help *qualified* people with other emergency needs such as emergency rent and utility assistance. (Provided the funds are available.)

However, we have found that helping people invest in their own futures can make the most profound difference. Although we aren't limited to these following areas, they are points of major concentration in our ministry.

- **Tutoring:** We offer free after school tutoring. A good education is one of the key pathways out of poverty. We currently have 50 students enrolled. Several of our students have additional needs other than straight academics. Some struggle with English, or need a structured environment, or have specific learning disabilities.
- **Counseling:** Families struggling with overwhelming life or mental health issues benefit greatly from counseling. We are fortunate to be able to offer free or reduced fee professional counseling. We are seeing this make huge differences in people's lives.
- **Parenting classes:** Working in conjunction with Kingsburg Elementary we are offering 8 week parenting courses beginning in September and January. Watch for future information on "Raising Highly Capable Kids." Those who have attended this course have found it to be extremely helpful.
- **Emotional Support classes:** This is primarily for women who have completed the parenting classes. Those attending have expressed that they are gratefully enjoying the benefits they have received from this class.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please be in prayer for: ~ the above mentioned four ministry areas, ~the upcoming Mother's Day events, ~Praise for the parking lot completion, ~Praise for our ministry partners, ~Praise and thanksgiving for our many volunteers and donors ~That as a staff we would daily remember who we serve and why – because He first loved us. 

DID YOU KNOW?

- KCAPS was incorporated in 1979 and is a non-denominational Christian outreach and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donations to us are tax deductible.
- Our Thrift Store sales cover 100% of staff related expenses and 87% of our total administrative expenses such as property taxes, insurance, and utilities.
- Household items and clothing donated to KCAPS provide the goods for our Thrift Stores in Kingsburg, London, and Traver.
- In 2025 we spent \$290,805 on Emergency Services and Ministry Outreach. Of that \$126,052 was spent purchasing food. (This does not include the value of donated food items.)
- In 2025 KCAPS distributed enough food through our food bank to make approximately 39,685 meals
- In cooperation with the Central California Food Bank's Neighborhood Market, whose food offerings we supplemented, an additional approximate 15,660 meals were provided to primarily Traver and London families. These distributions are coordinated and staffed by KCAPS.
- That equals approximately 55,345 meals

OUR THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Our faithful volunteers who donate their time, talents, smiles, prayers, and hugs
- The hundreds and hundreds of people who donate to our Thrift Stores
- The 22 businesses and organizations that donated financially
- The 12 churches and church related small groups that donated financially
- The 171 families that donated financially
- Those 47 others that donated anonymously

AND



Donates \$5,500 per month to KCAPS Food Bank.
Provides for the needs of the people in Kingsburg & Traver
Funds \$35,000 per year for tutoring for students in the community – offering homework help in all subjects.



Provides Grant funds that enable us to offer reduced fee or free counseling services to qualified residents of Kingsburg, London, and Traver.



Purchases food for our Food Bank, assists with Backpacks-of-Hope, and the Christmas With Dignity Toy Stores.