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Rotary in Livermore Unites for Good:

Three Rotary Entities Join Forces to Deliver \$75,000 in Emergency Food Support

Livermore, CA — November 20, 2025 — In an extraordinary show of unity and generosity, the [Rotarian Foundation of Livermore](#) (RFL), [Rotary Club of Livermore](#), and [Livermore Valley Rotary Club](#) announced a collaborative effort to deliver \$75,000 in vital emergency food funding and support to three cornerstone nonprofit organizations serving our Livermore community and greater Tri-Valley: [Open Heart Kitchen](#), [CityServe of the Tri-Valley](#), and [Tri-Valley Haven](#). Each organization will receive \$25,000 to strengthen food distribution, resource access, and essential services for neighbors most in need.

This unprecedented partnership reflects Rotary International's 2025 global theme, ***"Unite for Good,"*** and demonstrates the power of collective impact when local service organizations align their efforts to serve their community.

A Matching Challenge that Doubles Community Impact

At its November meeting, the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Board of Directors unanimously voted to match, dollar-for-dollar, all unrestricted donations to the Foundation in November—up to \$37,500. Combined with funds raised or contributed by both local Rotary clubs, this match has generated a generous total gift of \$75,000.

Under this model:

- The Rotary Club of Livermore and Livermore Valley Rotary Club together raised or contributed \$37,500
- The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is providing a \$37,500 matching contribution
- The effort resulted in a combined philanthropic investment of \$75,000 for three leading local nonprofits

Meeting the Moment: Supporting Local Organizations Where the Need Is Greatest

The Tri-Valley continues to see an unprecedented rising demand for emergency food support, safety-net resources, shelter, and crisis assistance. Open Heart Kitchen, CityServe of the Tri-Valley, and Tri-Valley Haven are on the front lines—providing nutritious meals, emergency support, housing navigation, shelter services, crisis intervention, and direct assistance for local families, seniors, survivors, and vulnerable residents.

QUOTES FROM ROTARY LEADERSHIP

Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (RFL)

“This is Rotary at its finest — united, compassionate, and committed to taking meaningful action where it matters most,” said Dennis Gambs, President of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. “By matching every unrestricted donation we receive in November, we are doubling the generosity of our community and amplifying the impact for our neighbors who need immediate support. As the nonprofit arm of both Rotary clubs we are gratified that we inspired our members and collaborated to make this happen.

Rotary Club of Livermore

“*Unite for Good* isn’t just a theme — it’s a mindset and a promise,” said Pat McMenamin, President of the Rotary Club of Livermore. “In joining forces with the Rotarian Foundation and Livermore Valley Rotary Club, we are demonstrating Rotary’s belief in collective service. Together, we’re ensuring essential resources continue to reach those who rely on the strength and compassion of our community.”

Livermore Valley Rotary Club

“Our members are deeply committed to serving the Tri-Valley with generosity and purpose,” said Sarah Palmer, President of the Livermore Valley Rotary Club. “This initiative shows what’s possible when we work together — not only within our clubs, but alongside the nonprofit organizations who work tirelessly every day to support our community members in their time of need.”

QUOTES FROM NONPROFIT BENEFICIARIES

Open Heart Kitchen

“This generous commitment from the Rotary community couldn’t come at a more critical time,” said John Bost, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen. “As more families and seniors struggle to put meals on the table, this gift strengthens our ability to meet rising demand with compassion and dignity. We are profoundly grateful for Rotary’s partnership and shared commitment to ensuring no one in our Tri-Valley goes hungry.”

Tri-Valley Haven

“Rotary’s extraordinary support will make an immediate and lasting difference for local survivors and hundreds of Tri-Valley families in need who Tri-Valley Haven serves every week,” said Christine Dillman, Executive Director of Tri-Valley Haven. “ This funding ensures that the local individuals who rely on Tri-Valley Haven’s client choice food pantry will continue to receive the nutritious groceries that they need to live. We are honored and fortunate to join Rotary in this partnership to help individuals and families find stability, safety, and hope.”

CityServe of the Tri-Valley

“We are truly grateful for this collaborative gift that reflects the unity and compassion our community needs right now so that no families facing hardship fall through the cracks,” said Christine Beitsch-Bahmani, Chief Executive Officer of CityServe of the Tri-Valley. “Rotary’s investment empowers CityServe to provide vital services and critical support to vulnerable residents, helping stabilize families and uplift neighbors with essential care, connection and a stronger path forward.”

About the Beneficiary Organizations

[Open Heart Kitchen](#) is the largest hot-meal provider in the Tri-Valley, serving seniors, families, and individuals experiencing food insecurity.

[CityServe of the Tri-Valley](#) provides safety-net services, resource navigation, and emergency support for residents in crisis.

[Tri-Valley Haven](#) offers shelter, food pantry programs, crisis intervention, and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, and poverty.

About Rotary in Livermore

[Rotarian Foundation of Livermore \(RFL\)](#)

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting charitable, educational, and humanitarian activities that strengthen the Livermore community.

[Rotary Club of Livermore](#)

Serving since 1947, the Club engages in hands-on volunteer work and community projects, local philanthropy, youth leadership programs, and global humanitarian efforts.

[Livermore Valley Rotary Club](#)

Founded in 1984, the Club brings together community-minded leaders committed to service, fellowship, and projects that make a lasting difference locally and internationally.

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Formal check presentations to each nonprofit organization and a whole group photo



