



# community *in action*

LOCAL NEEDS > LOCAL RESOURCES > LOCAL SOLUTIONS

## > Food & Nutrition nonprofits

The Community Foundation has compiled a list of some of the local nonprofit organizations and community groups that are working on food policy, nutrition services and education.

**Homeless Service Center**  
(831) 458-6060 [www.scsshelter.org](http://www.scsshelter.org)

**La Manzana Community Resources**  
(831) 724-2997 [www.communitybridges.org/lamanzana.html](http://www.communitybridges.org/lamanzana.html)

**Life Lab Science Program**  
(831) 459-2001 [www.lifelab.org](http://www.lifelab.org)

**Monterey Bay Certified Farmers Market**  
(831) 728-5060 [www.montereybayfarmers.org/home.html](http://www.montereybayfarmers.org/home.html)

**Organic Farming Research Foundation**  
(831) 426-6606 [www.ofrf.org](http://www.ofrf.org)

**Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes**  
(831) 722-4144 <http://members.cruzio.com/~loavesandfishes/>

**Salud Para La Gente**  
(831) 728-0222 [www.saludparalagente.org](http://www.saludparalagente.org)

**Salvation Army - Santa Cruz**  
(831) 426-8365 [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)

**Salvation Army - Watsonville Corps.**  
(831) 724-3922 [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)

**Santa Cruz AIDS Project**  
(831) 427-3900 [www.scapsite.org](http://www.scapsite.org)

**"Santa Cruz Chapter, American Red Cross"**  
(831) 462-2881 [www.sccredcross.org](http://www.sccredcross.org)

**Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau**  
(831) 724-1356 [www.sccfb.com](http://www.sccfb.com)

**Santa Cruz County U.C. Cooperative Extension**  
(831) 763-8040 <http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>

**Santa Cruz Farmers' Market**  
(831) 454-0566 [www.santacruzfarmersmarket.org/index.html](http://www.santacruzfarmersmarket.org/index.html)

**Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange**  
(831) 476-6424 <http://www.greengrange.org/home.html>

**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
(831) 722-7110 [www.thefoodbank.org](http://www.thefoodbank.org)

**St. Francis Soup Kitchen**  
(831) 459-6712 [www.stfrancissoupkitchen.org](http://www.stfrancissoupkitchen.org)

**Sustainable Fisheries Advocates**  
(831) 427-1707 [www.sustainablefishery.org](http://www.sustainablefishery.org)

**United Way of Santa Cruz County - Go for Health**  
(831) 479-5466 [www.unitedwaysc.org](http://www.unitedwaysc.org)

**Valley Churches United**  
(831) 336-8258 [www.vcum.org](http://www.vcum.org)

**Watsonville Farmers' Market**  
(831) 726-7266

**"Education, Training and Research Associates, Inc."**  
(831) 438-4060 [www.etr.org](http://www.etr.org)

**Western Service Workers Association**  
(831) 429-6016 [scrzswswa@juno.com](mailto:scrzswswa@juno.com)

**Wild Farm Alliance**  
(831) 761-8408 [www.wildfarmalliance.org](http://www.wildfarmalliance.org)

Find more local organizations that work to engage community members on the Santa Cruz Public Libraries Community Information Database at [www.santacruzpl.org/cid/public/](http://www.santacruzpl.org/cid/public/).



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## > Loaves and Fishes

Living out the Biblical miracle of the Feeding of the Multitudes, the non-denominational Loaves and Fishes is a Watsonville food pantry and lunch program that runs on a shoestring budget and staff while positively effecting the lives of hundreds of Pajaro residents. Responding to nearly a third of the calls for emergency food assistance in the county, Loaves and Fishes is on the front lines in the endless battle against hunger in the middle of one of the richest belts of agricultural land in the country.

Today, the organization manages two distinct programs. The first is a food pantry, which provides nutritious foodstuff for families in food crisis. The second is a hot lunch program that serves a diverse population of clients, including migrant workers, the elderly and disabled and members of the homeless population.

Last year the group managed to server over 15,000 hot lunches, distribute 150,000 pounds of food from its pantry and help out thousands of people and families that would otherwise go hungry. More information is available at [members.cruzio.com/~loavesandfishes/](http://members.cruzio.com/~loavesandfishes/)

## > tools for action

### Get Educated

Get Weekly Farm Bill Policy Updates at [www.cal-foodandfarming.org/policy/](http://www.cal-foodandfarming.org/policy/). Local agricultural news can be found at [www.sccfb.com/current\\_issues.aspx](http://www.sccfb.com/current_issues.aspx). Learn about **Buy Fresh Buy Local** at <http://www.caff.org/programs/buylocal.shtml> and **Efforts to End Hunger** at [www.thefoodbank.org/heh\\_advocate.html](http://www.thefoodbank.org/heh_advocate.html).

### Get Involved

Volunteer your time and expertise as a board member to a local nonprofit working on issues you care about. Get trained and connected through the **BoardMatch** program at [www.cfsc.org/page19694.cfm](http://www.cfsc.org/page19694.cfm). Other volunteer opportunities available at the **Volunteer Centers of Santa Cruz County** online at [www.cfsc.org/page19694.cfm](http://www.cfsc.org/page19694.cfm).

### Get Connected

Farmers' markets are a great way to meet your neighbors and find what is fresh today. Find one near you online at the **Monterey Bay Certified Farmers Market** [www.montereybayfarmers.org/home.html](http://www.montereybayfarmers.org/home.html), the **Santa Cruz Farmers Market** <http://www.santacruzfarmersmarket.org/index.html>, the **Market Cart at UCSC** <http://casfs.ucsc.edu/community/calendar.html> or the **Watsonville Farmers Market** on the website of the **California Federation of Certified Farmers' Markets** [www.cafarmersmarkets.com/](http://www.cafarmersmarkets.com/).

> together we can make a difference, get involved.