

Rice *plus* Project

Volunteers dedicated to helping Monterey-Santa Cruz County families in need

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Dear Friends,

The Rice *plus* Project is a nonprofit group who feed, clothe and help those less fortunate in our local communities. Since all the work is accomplished by generous volunteers, every penny received goes directly to those in need.

Right now the project needs additional funds to meet the needs of the Monterey-Santa Cruz County families it serves.

We support these families all year and especially in Winter/Christmas time when the need is even greater. Last year's holiday season, we bought and wrapped over 300 gifts for children, distributed about 4600 lbs of rice and 300 lbs of beans, warm jackets, shoes, blankets, canned goods, and other necessities. In 2007, we packed 32025 lbs of rice, 3025 lbs of beans, 1298 cans of vegetables, 321 jars of peanut butter, 60 blankets, 49 baby sleepers and 321 baby receiving blankets. In addition, 87 lbs of almonds and 56 lbs of dried fruits were repacked and distributed as snack food for farm workers and school children. Further, we also provided 660 lbs of potatoes, 11 cases of Ramen soup, and 768 granola bars.

This year we are hoping to feed at least this many people and more. There are many people in our community who are hungry, cold, and lack the basic necessities of life.

Please help us to reach out to those in our community who so desperately need our help by your generous tax deductible donation or a percentage of your profit. We urge you to pledge monthly donations or if you prefer annual donation. Checks may be made out to the Rice *plus* Project¹. For further information, please contact Sandhya Kolar at (831) 624-6715.

With Warm Wishes For The Season,
Sandhya and Ramesh

¹ Rice Plus Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization