



# Rice plus Project

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

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## September 2011 Newsletter

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### September Donations

60+ Volunteers  
2500 lbs Rice  
225 lbs Beans  
11 Cases Tomato Sauce  
8 Cases Corn  
2300 Corn Tortillas  
54 Jars Peanut Butter  
6 lbs Almonds  
96 Oz Apricots  
96 Oz Raisins  
540 String cheese  
15 Dozen Bananas  
384 Granola Bars

### Natividad

#### Mother & Infant Unit Donations

128 Hats  
8-Receiving Blankets  
7-Sweaters  
7-Sweaters & Hats Sets  
1-Scarf  
1-Bag of Misc. Toiletries

### THANK YOU!

#### Generous Donations:

Jane Flury  
Henry Azama &  
Mishka Chudilowsky  
Lynda & Kim Richardson  
Johanna Liebmann  
Judith Karas

### RICE BAGGING SUNDAY

Oct 2 ,2011, 11AM

Please RSVP

### Donations Needed

Financial help  
Canned Goods  
Children's Clothes  
Non perishable-Food  
Peanut Butter

### Letter from Monterey County Homeless Resource Center

#### Excerpts of the letter from the Homeless Liaison Office

Dear Sandhya ... Thanks so much for chatting with all of the Homeless Liaisons from the school districts at our meeting on 9/9/11. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your vision and your heart with us! It is amazing what Rice plus Project is doing to make an impact on our community. Thank you again. I wanted to also thank you for some of the goodies you had in your car. This will help make a difference with some of our homeless families.

Salinas City Elementary School District (pre-school through sixth grade) has a Homeless Education Family Resource Center. During this last school year, 2010-11, our staff provided services to 1,039 homeless families. The data for the previous years is as follows: 09/10 = 537, 08/09 = 308, 07/08 = 261. This school year, 2011-12, it is anticipated that over 1,300 homeless families will be identified and served.

Students receive school clothing or uniforms, sweater or coat, socks, backpacks, school supplies, personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, soap/washcloth, etc.), reading books, non-perishable foods, etc. to help ensure success and continuity in their educational process.

Many homeless children fall behind in school. This creates frustration in the children, the feeling of inadequacy, truancy, anger, and a downhill slope in self-esteem and school grades. It is the goal of our program to lift these children up by providing them with basic school supplies and support that will level the field for them at school.  
-Cheryl

**This is an opportunity for Rice Project volunteers to help and provide necessities to homeless children in our community. Please contact Sandhya for additional information.**



### Thanks to:

- Serrita for snack packs !
- Supriya & Viraja for Books!
- Adelheid and Big Red
- Allison Rease for knitted hats and sweaters
- Elaine Orgaine for 50+ hats for newborns
- Carole Erickson- Organizing to collect Clothes
- Lynda, Serrita, Eva and their team helping clean up after rice bagging
- Red Shift Internet Services for generous website hosting

Rice plus Project is a 501( c ) (3) not for profit organization

### Whole Foods Donation

80 Loaves of Bread  
75 Boxes of Cereal  
25 Cans of Vegetables  
15 Coconut Water  
30 Bottles- Seasonings  
15 Bottles- Juices

Over 25 Children and parents from BalaKendra School of San Ramon joined us for Rice Packing! Thank You for participation and donations!

