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Volunteering with the YICC

Volunteers from the Yosemite Chapter ICC participated in their first volunteer day at Merced County Food Bank on June 16, 2016. Historically the Chapter's Community Project Committee donates money to a few local non-profit organizations yearly that helps individual community members in need. Our donation of \$500 last year went to The Merced Food Bank allowing them to make and distribute 2,000 brown bag lunches to very low-income senior citizens.

This year we decided to take it a step further by not only donating another \$500 toward their Senior Brown Bag Program but to incorporate a chapter volunteer day. Merced Food Bank is blessed to have a large amount of volunteers fill their warehouse. Most of the food that is donated comes in bulk. It is either palletized or in bins/barrels that require sorting. Our job yesterday was to work off our sorting tables to; tape up boxes, separate food into these boxes, label those boxes as to whether they were drinks, cereal, can goods, dry goods, etc., and then palletized them for distribution.

The Merced Food Bank set out 6 pallets and multiple barrels of food that needed to be sorted. After just one hour we had completely boxed up the 6 pallets and the warehouse crew started bringing us even more.

At the end of our shift, Bill Gibbs, Executive Director of Merced Food Bank informed us that out of all of the volunteer groups that help them we placed in the top three along with Gallo Wine and PG&E for efficiency, team work and the amount of food we were able to box. My hat is off to our team for a "NO EQUAL" job well done. This also puts things into perspective as to what a difference just a few hours of our time can make in someone's life.

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*The communal bridge between those who are in need
and those willing to share what they have*