

Preserving the bounty of local produce, wanting to be more self-sufficient in stocking your pantry, or helping others experiencing food insecurity ... why is food preservation important to you?

Interest in food preservation is surging, but most people have little to no experience and lack essential knowledge in food safety. Which, could be a recipe for disaster ...

Thankfully, the UC Master Food Preserver Program offers a unique combination of online resources and hands-on learning to make food preservation expertise accessible to all. Our volunteers are delivering these important lessons directly to people in their communities.

This is why we are writing to you today. Your support helps ensure UC Master Food Preservers continue to provide researchbased knowledge and essential resources to communities across California. We are committed to safety, connecting, and learning from our shared experiences.

Help us reach more people in 2022. By investing in our volunteers and improving training and continuing education we can strengthen and grow our program to meet the increasing demand.

Your gift will increase our capacity to deliver more hands-on learning opportunities, workshops and online programming, as well as outreach at Farmers Markets, County Fairs, and local Food Banks. We are delivering knowledge that crosses cultural and economic barriers, and keeps people safe, healthy, and happy.

"Preserve today, relish tomorrow." Your special yearend gift will demonstrate that you, too, know the importance of safe food preservation and the value of the UC Master Food Preserver community.



You donate. Make a one-time or monthly donation to the UC Master Food Preserver Program.



We deliver. We extend researchbased knowledge on safe home food preservation to the residents of California.



Online and Hands-On Training

More than 150 new volunteers and mentors participated in a statewide UC Master Food Preserver Program training workshop providing a combination of online curriculum and hands-on practical learning in their local communities. This model makes the unified and comprehensive content easily accessible with broader reach to participants across the state.

Junior Jams and Jellies

El Dorado County youth participated in a free hands-on workshop with experienced mentors where they learned to safely can jams and jellies. Their efforts were rewarded as each participant took home delicious fruit preserves and lots of precious memories. Their jam was also entered in the County Fair for judging.

Food Bank Pickling Kits

UC Master Food Preserver Program volunteers in San Luis Obispo County regularly partner with their local food bank to provide free pickling kits to community members experiencing food insecurity. The kits contain directions and supplies so recipients can preserve seasonal produce, extending the time the food can feed their families.



Lives change. Together, we promote life-long learning and live and serve in our communities.

Yes, I want to support the sustainability of the UC Master Food Preserver Program!

Enclosed is my year-end gift of: □ \$50 □ \$100 □ \$250 □ \$500 □ \$___

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□ support the greatest needs of the statewide UC Master Food Preserver Program

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You can make a transformational gift through your will or estate plan. Consider leaving your legacy to the UC Master Food Preserver Program and support the program for generations to come. Contact Mr. Kelly Scott, <u>kdscott@ucanr.edu</u> or visit <u>mfp.ucanr.edu/support</u> for more information.

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