



The Emerald Star Project “4-H Brings Food Forward” ended 2013 on a high note.



From October through December, Kings Harvest 4-H members Hayden Costa, Michal Chrissakis, Darian Roeber and Trenton VanderVeen appeared at various events and locations to spread the word about the existence of food insecurity in Hanford and its surrounding areas. Brown paper bags with green fluorescent flyers became a common sight at 4-H

events and meetings, local sport team events, Hanford High School, and among the students of St. Rose McCarthy School, all in an effort to collect nonperishable food items for distribution through the Kings Food Pantry. Odwalla and DelMonte Foods also helped with the effort by donating generously to the Project.

Ultimately, “4-H Brings Food Forward” provided the Kings Food Pantry with 3834 nonperishable food items to be distributed during the Christmas season. On the day of delivery, every available shelf, table, and open space at the Pantry was overflowing with items. According to Pantry personnel, this was the largest donation ever received by the organization.



The members of “4-H Brings Food Forward” are very thankful for the generosity of everyone who helped make the Project a huge success. This was truly a community effort which brought to life the larger-service pledge of 4-H.

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