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*An Interfaith outreach program to eliminate hunger and homelessness*

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## “Larchmont Goes Hawaiian” a Great Success

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Larchmont – “Larchmont Goes Hawaiian” – proved to be another summer success. On Monday August 24, over 500 patrons enjoyed plenty of delicious food and a good time. Moreover, over \$40,000 was netted to Hope-Net to support its essential services to the low-income and homeless population of our community.

Once again the *Larchmont Chronicle* served as our principle partner. Primary sponsors were Paramount Pictures, Camden Asset Management and Olympia Medical Center.

Neighborhood Sponsors included: Coldwell Banker Hancock Park, Susan and Bill Ehrlich, Jane Gilman, the Islamic Center of Southern California, Mercury Insurance, Ritz Dry Cleaners, St. Brendan Church, Wilshire Boulevard Temple and Wilshire Rotary Club.

Our Friend Sponsors included: Cathleen Collins, Walt and Virginia Engler, First Baptist Church, Bill Gaddy, Hollywoodland Realty, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Larchmont Village Investors, Pickett Fences, Sandra and Richard Rogers, Solari Enterprises, St. James Episcopal Church, Earle and Theresa Vaughan, Tim and Sharon Wood.



As always, the participating restaurants did their part by offering some great food: Avocado Grill, California Roll & Sushi, Chan Dara, El Cholo, Kiku Sushi, La Luna, La Bottega Marino, Larchmont Grill, Le Pain Quotidien, Le Petit Greek, Louise's Trattoria, Larchmont Deli, Village Pizzeria, Z Pizza, Leonidas, and Larchmont Village Wines. The dessert pavilion housed Callendars Wilshire, Baskin Robbins, Canters Deli, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Crumbs Bakery, and the Larchmont Larder.

The raffle attracted lots of participants and excitement. Grand prizes were the traditional dinner for two at 12 local restaurants, and a prize of \$1,000. Headed by Patti Carroll, the raffle consisted of 15 outstanding, beautifully presented gifts and gift baskets that kept a large crowd assembled to the very end. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who participated.

Lastly, we want to thank the Taste of Larchmont committee members and some special people who made it all happen: Sandy Boeck, Patricia Carroll, Jane Gilman, Marion Plato, Pam Rudy, Steve Tator, Gill Wagner, Sunta Izzicupo, Tom Hall for the audio, John Thies and Midwest Lighting for the lights, Dennis Tongue and his partner scout leaders and the members of Boy Scout Troop 10, and Bailey and the Cub Scouts.



## Joane Pickett - a Hope-Net Piggy Bank partner



Joane Pickett is an energetic, engaging person who has owned and managed Pickett Fences on Larchmont Boulevard for 15 years. The store highlights modern and contemporary items presented in an antique setting. She sees the store as serving the neighborhood with an added personal touch toward her customers.

Joane's connection with Hope-Net has evolved over the years, beginning with her attendance at many of the Taste of Larchmont events. She always had a good time and appreciated Hope-Net's role in fulfilling a valuable need in the community. Months ago, she picked up the mantle of distributing Hope-Net piggy banks. As Joane sees it, it's "giving back to the community" by helping those in our area in need. She has placed piggy banks in each of the classes at St. Brendan School and sees it not only as a way to raise Hope-Net funds but as a way for the children to understand the importance of giving back. She says that she wants them "to give some of their own money, not their parents', to use their ice cream or allowance money" to help others less fortunate. Pickett Fences has had its own piggy bank firmly affixed to its counter for many months and has been filled and emptied frequently. Joane adds: "People have been very generous because they know it supports something very valuable."

Already over 350 little banks have been distributed to businesses, schools and individuals throughout the community. The idea is to use "your change to make a change." Put your loose change (or bills) into the piggy and when full, give us a call and we'll come empty it for you. The small, clear "little porker" has inscribed on its side: "Hope-Net ...because none of our neighbors should go hungry."



If you would like to participate and receive your own Hope-Net Piggy Bank, call us at 213.389.9949 and look on our web site at [www.hope-net.info](http://www.hope-net.info).



## Hope-Net wins Raffle Bonus

This year's Taste of Larchmont raffle featured a grand prize of \$1,000. When the winning ticket was picked and the name announced – Jennifer Steele – several in the crowd nodded approvingly. They knew Jennifer and were pleased she won. But then Hope-Net received an unexpected surprise. When called to inform her of her winning ticket, Jennifer announced that she would donate her prize back to Hope-Net. She stated: "I've always wanted to be able to make a significant contribution to Hope-Net's great work. Now I can."

Jennifer has worked as a Coldwell Banker realtor for 20 years and has been coming to the Taste of Larchmont for almost a decade. Though she purchased a ticket for this year's event, she missed it because she needed to be out of town on the night of the event. She added: "Times are tough and Hope-Net is committed to the neighborhood and needs more funds at this time. And I want to give back."

Hope-Net is indebted to Jennifer for her generosity and kindness. She has certainly set a high standard for future winners!

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## Executive Director Report

Being involved on a daily basis with the food needs of our low income neighbors, it is clear that the number of persons coming to our Hope-Net pantries and the amount of food distributed to provide them supplemental food assistance has grown significantly. Until this year, Hope-Net delivered two truck loads (using a 24 foot truck) filled with pallets of food bi-weekly. This year we began making this delivery weekly, and now we are delivering dry, nonperishable food twice weekly with each day involved two truck loads of pallets of food. To repeat, twice weekly we fill a 24 foot truck full of food twice and deliver the food to our Hope-Net pantries for distribution to clients. So, we know that the number of clients (households and persons) we are serving has grown as has the food we need to provide them.

I thought you might be interested in the following charts.

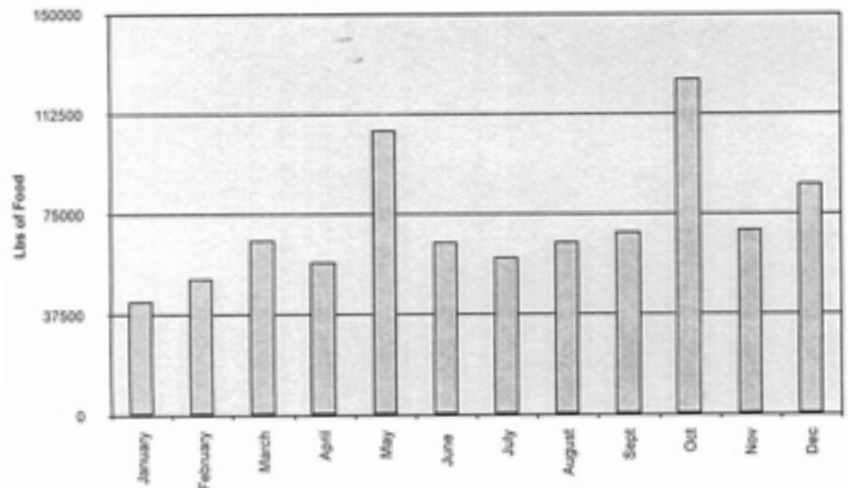
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Monthly Chart of Food Groups in lbs - 2008

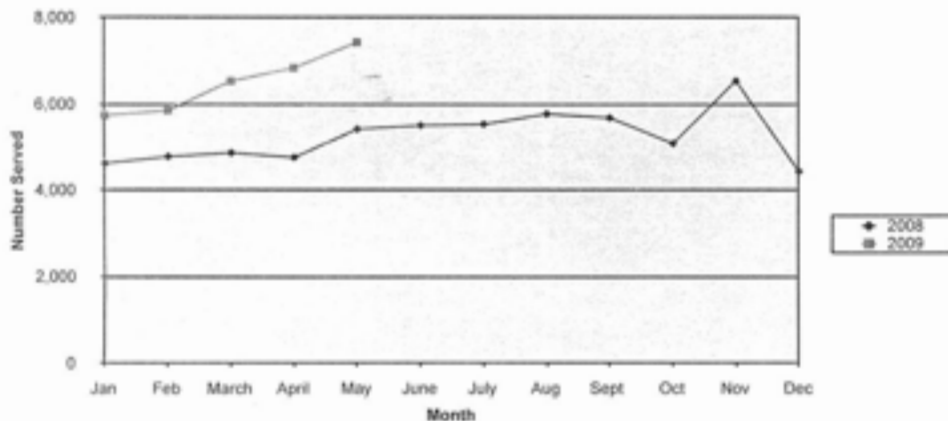
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Month	Dairy	Fruit	Grains	Proteins	Sweets	Vegetables	Other	Grand Total
January	1,051	5,345	4,550	8,042	6,084	14,258	3,317	42,647
February	2,145	5,881	7,668	5,582	4,252	18,281	7,254	51,073
March	6,639	6,702	753	14,960	3,108	22,161	10,956	65,279
April	1,487	10,689	5,931	9,702	4,407	21,052	4,005	57,273
May	2,837	16,694	12,341	18,160	3,238	42,691	10,488	105,429
June	1,482	16,357	8,393	11,368	2,985	13,162	10,913	64,641
July	5,863	3,105	3,535	3,790	3,298	20,240	19,101	58,930
August	1,250	11,215	11,334	12,619	2,968	13,712	11,545	64,673
Sept	2,007	14,191	5,661	11,053	4,449	11,180	19,855	68,386
Oct	1,740	9,391	14,945	20,285	1,857	39,203	38,420	125,641
Nov	1,051	18,748	4,412	10,829	1,882	24,407	8,139	69,278
Dec	2,719	17,470	7,160	13,449	735	32,868	12,258	85,460
Grand Total	30,281	135,788	86,683	139,849	38,883	272,995	156,231	860,710

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Lbs of Food Distributed by Month



Clients Served 2008 vs 2009



### Food Pantries Plus!

At Hope-Net we try to address the varied needs of those who come to our pantries for food. For several years, Hope-Net has partnered with QueensCare to provide basic health services and has worked with Nurse Faye Russell to offer services as need and her schedule allows. Faye has scheduled fall flu shots at each Hope-Net food pantry throughout October and November. For example, on October 4, she distributed 81 flu shots to clients at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

At First Unitarian food pantry, Rochelle McAdam and her team of volunteers hand out clothing, toys and household items each Saturday. As she says, "Anything that is donated. It all goes!" The congregation also provides social service referrals each week under their "Community Helpers" banner with members of the church talk to community members about their concerns.

Clothing is also distributed as supply allows at Wilshire Christian pantry and Immanuel Presbyterian pantry.



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