

# CHEERS FOR CHILDREN 2017



The *Cheers for Children* campaign is to help children and families of VUSD. *Cheers for Children* began in 1952 when a couple of caring teachers and an administrator identified a student and his family in need of food over the holidays. This year we are celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> year helping VUSD families in need. *Cheers for Children* has grown to a community campaign to assist 350 families over the holidays and additional needs throughout the year. **We would very much appreciate your support and donations to this one District effort, which is directed at providing good will to our students and families.**

In honor of our Wellness Policy and in an effort to serve nutritious food to all students, we have assigned each school site with a food item for donation. Please check in your school office for information of the assigned item for your site. Please encourage students to participate in the spirit of giving by bringing food items specially selected.

Although there is a deadline for receiving the canned goods, there is no due date for collecting monetary donations. The committee will be happy to take donations throughout the winter recess and into the New Year. Checks should be made payable to *Cheers for Children* and given to your principal or assigned site chairperson. The site chairperson will then send the contributions to my office at the:

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Education Service Center*  
**c/o David Creswell, Superintendent**  
**255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100**  
**Ventura, CA, 93001**

If you have any questions regarding this year's *Cheers for Children* campaign, please contact Kristie Wallace at 641-5000 x 1013.

**FOOD DRIVE DATES: DECEMBER 1-20, 2017**

There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on "behind the scenes" to make this event a reality. If you are able to help with sorting, boxing or delivering, there is no need to call. Please bring your friends and family. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note the important dates below which are held in Balboa Middle School Cafeteria.

**SORTING & BOXING: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**DELIVER FOOD BASKETS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8:00 a.m.**

Thank you so much for helping to make this season a joyous one for those less fortunate than ourselves. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated and I hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays!

David C. Creswell, Superintendent  
Cheers for Children Chairperson

