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Our efforts benefited both Santa Barbara AND San Luis Obispo Counties.



- Good Samaritan Shelter, Santa Maria
- New Life Church Pantry, Pismo Beach
- St. Patrick's Church, Arroyo Grande
- People's Kitchen, Grover Beach
- Meals that Connect, San Luis Obispo
- Micah Mission, Lompoc
- Kindness Coalition, Morro Bay
- Welcome Home Military Heroes
- Central Coast Athletics Foundation
- Vandenberg Chapel Ministry

- 80 Youth Livestock Exhibitors Assisted
- 22,494 lbs of Protein Purchased

The 37th District Buyer's Coalition served youth livestock exhibitors, the homeless, veterans and active military, housebound individuals, youth athletics, and those facing food insecurity.

## DID YOU KNOW?

FOOD NEED FOR RESIDENTS IN BOTH COUNTIES INCREASED ABOUT 38% IN 2024.

4-H MEMBERS IN GRADES 7-12 ARE 4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE COLLEGE, 2 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO PURSUE A STEM CAREER, AND 2 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND DONORS



- C&M Nursery
- Cavaletto & Moore Ranches
- Mary O'Connor
- Steve and Holly Teixeira

- Sunny Country Radio
- American Riviera Bank
- Larry Mendez
- Optimist Club of Arroyo Grande
- Frederick Family



"I am beyond grateful for your investment in not only the SBC Fair, but also in our community."



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# OUR PROCESS

1. Students from both Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties exhibiting livestock at the Santa Barbara County Fair apply to 37th Buyer's Coalition to purchase their animal at auction.
2. Funds are raised through grants, non-profit partnerships, donors and community fundraising support.
3. The 37th Buyer's Coalition Board reviews student applications.
4. The Coalition board members attend livestock auctions and purchase animals based on application status, and the need for auction support.
5. Animals purchased are then processed and donated to local organizations in need of food assistance.





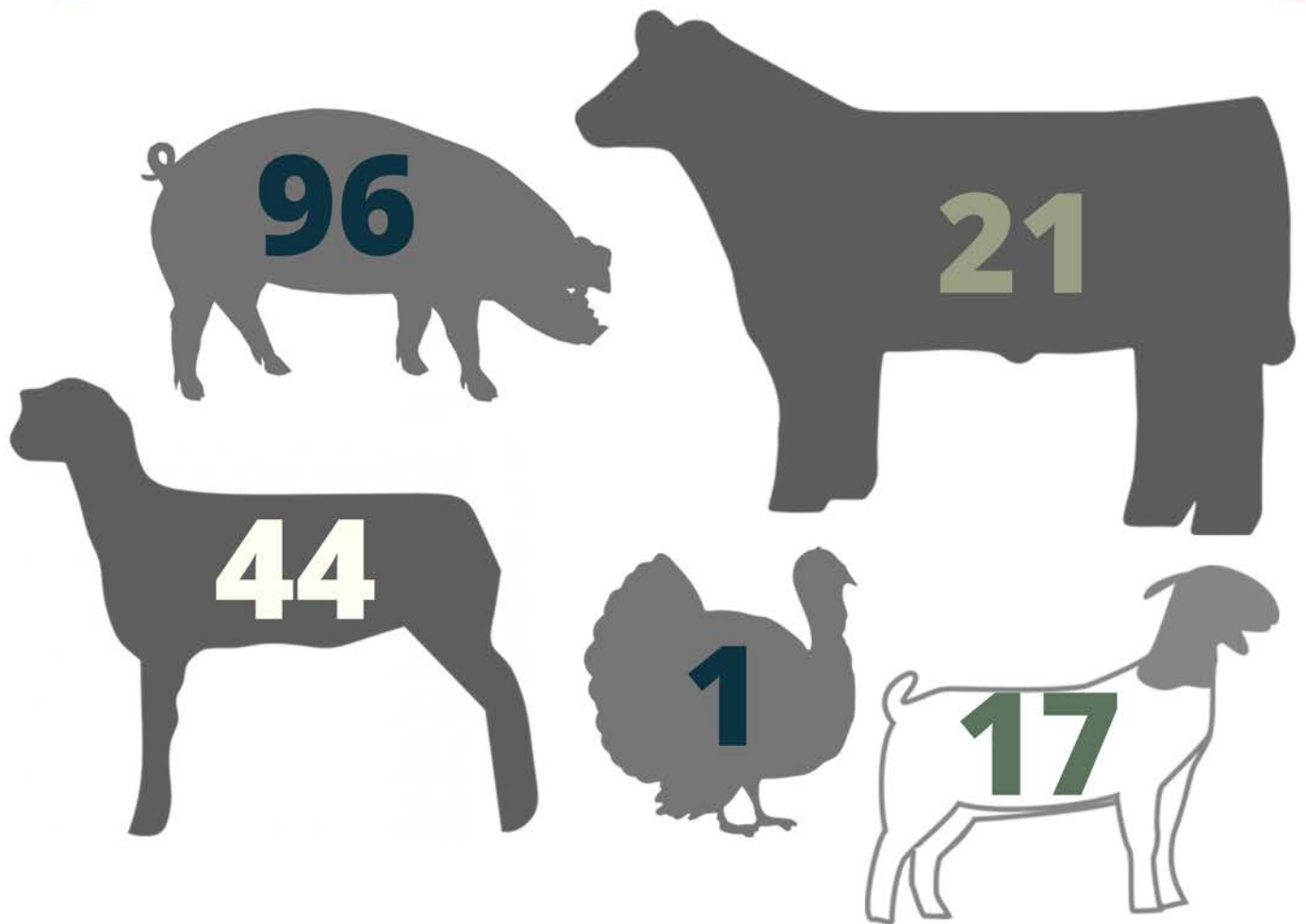
*Total Animals  
Purchased for  
Charity*



**261**

**79,328 LBS OF  
MEAT DONATED**

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**2022-2025**



# MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

- As we look ahead, there are new and exciting opportunities to do more, make a *greater impact with increased financial support.*
- Help us connect with additional non-profits serving our communities.
- Reward youth livestock exhibitors by attending the auction in person to join our community in recognizing their hard work and dedication .
- We are a direct conduit that connects the exhibitor to the need in our community in addition to providing donors a tax credit.  
In other words, this program is a Win-Win-Win.
- The Buyers Coalition is a full-circle model of the lasting, positive impact that generations of agriculture leaders, their families and our community can have.





# THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE





# A THANK YOU LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR NON-PROFIT PARTNERS



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To the 37th District Buyer's Coalition,

We at Micah Mission Lompoc want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your innovative and compassionate approach to building stronger communities. Your commitment to supporting youth livestock exhibitors, celebrating agriculture, and ensuring that high-quality, locally raised meat reaches those facing food insecurity is both inspiring and impactful. By honoring the dedication of young agriculturalists and investing in the well-being of our neighbors experiencing hunger and hardship, your full-circle model of giving strengthens our region in meaningful and lasting ways.

#### At Micah Mission, we believe no journey should be walked alone.

Micah Mission is a grassroots, based nonprofit organization dedicated to walking alongside individuals and families who are unhoused, under-resourced, marginalized, and living with Housing & Food instability in the Lompoc Valley. Founded in 2017 out of a desire to meet people where they are—physically, emotionally, and practically—we respond to gaps in services and support by building intentional relationships, addressing immediate needs, and fostering long-term stability and restoration.

Through weekly programs such as Saturday Meals & Showers and Soup, Salad, and Care for the Soul, along with housing support and coordinated care, Micah Mission is committed to meeting people where they are and providing a consistent, reliable source of help, dignity, compassion, and human connection.

In 2024 alone:

- We served over 10,741 meals
- Offered 2,697+ showers
- Delivered over 152 meals weekly on Sunday evenings, including to encampments, vehicles, and motels
- Reunited 9 individuals with their families and provided housing assistance to 4 households
- Supported hundreds of neighbors living in instability or crisis

#### Why a Partnership Matters

At Micah Mission, we serve individuals and families living in tents, cars, trailers, or on the edge of eviction—often unseen and under-supported. Protein, especially high-quality meat, remains one of the most requested yet least accessible items in our outreach. A partnership with the 37th District Buyer's Coalition would significantly enhance our ability to meet this critical need. Your support would allow us to serve over 200 guests each week with hearty, nutritious meals, support food-insecure families and seniors who rely on our weekend

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meal programs, and help fill a major gap in nutrition for those experiencing housing and food instability. It would also empower youth livestock exhibitors to see the tangible impact of their hard work through direct service to their local communities. Most importantly, this partnership would continue to build a vital bridge between agriculture and community care—where neighbors feed neighbors and relationships grow stronger.

#### Building a Stronger Community Together

As Micah Mission expands its reach—including the launch of a Women's Care Day in the Fall of 2025 and the opening of our 7-day-a-week Multi-Service Transitional Day Center in the Fall of 2025 as well — collaboration with local partners like the 37th District Buyer's Coalition is more important than ever. Your support enables us to serve our neighbors with greater consistency, dignity, and compassion.

We would be honored to steward your donation of meat with care and transparency, and we welcome the opportunity to work together in meaningful ways. A partnership with the 37th District Buyer's Coalition would allow us to:

- Invite your team and participating youth to tour, and even serve during our Saturday Meals & Showers or upcoming Care Day programs.
- Share stories, photos, and impact data that highlight how your donation directly supports individuals facing food and housing insecurity
- Celebrate your generosity in our outreach materials and community updates—showcasing how agriculture and compassion can come together to create real, lasting change
- Demonstrate the full-circle impact of your mission, connecting youth agriculturalists directly to the kitchens and programs where their work feeds the community

We would love to connect personally to share more and answer any questions you may have. By working together, we can continue bridging the gap for those who are often overlooked—offering not just a meal, but a moment of care, stability, and hope. Thank you for considering this opportunity to expand your impact to the Lompoc Valley, where the needs are great, but hope is growing daily.

With gratitude,

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# JOIN US

**Our main goal is bringing the community together.  
Our student application process is designed to encourage  
and increase community participation.**

**This is accomplished by requiring the youth to submit at least five buyer's letters  
where they invite local individuals and businesses to attend  
the Santa Barbara County Fair Livestock Auction.**

**Our hope is that some of these invitations will increase the in-person presence and  
financial impact of the auction.**

**One of the truly unique aspects of our organization is being able to see our efforts  
through in their entirety. The youth involved whose animals we purchased, helped us  
deliver THEIR animals, directly to the non-profits we partner with, creating a tangible  
impact in their communities.**

**Once again, this is all in thanks to generous community support.**

**Thank you for helping us grow this worthy program.**

**We look forward to continued and additional partnership and support,  
beginning with our young agriculturists.**



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