

PACS 2026

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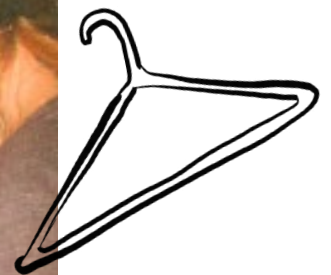
*A year of treasuring people
and strengthening community.*

In a time
when many
people feel
overlooked—



we're here to
do something
deceptively
simple:

pay attention



At PACS, attention is not an extra touch. It is the foundation of our work— from distributing food to low-cost goods and dental care. This is the community of PACS: people from different walks of life who give and receive the gift of attention every day.

in 2025 alone we had...

30,202
hours
volunteered

\$3,550,330

in food value shared
with neighbors



FOSTERING DIGNITY AMONG THOSE WE SERVE

2,366,885

pounds of food
distributed



632,220

donated
items sold

When food is thoughtfully sourced—when it includes fresh produce and items people are proud to cook—it communicates something unspoken: You are worth quality care.

Beyond the box, Jonalynn mentioned her experience collaborating with PACS—“The workers here— they’re amazing. It’s very appreciated.” Quality food, offered with warmth, becomes more than provision. It becomes care made visible.

Karina, a PACS store volunteer, spoke to how she practices the “Art of Noticing”—

“Because I do photography, I already like to pay attention to people. To be noticed is a very important thing. The reason why I wanted to volunteer here is because I really enjoyed how the managers treated people. They would remember names, chat with people.

When asked if it feels good to be remembered by regulars, she said: “Yeah, it does. And when they don’t, that’s fine too—because I remember them. I feel like everyone needs to be remembered in some way.”

To treasure someone is to remember them—their name, their face, the small details that say: you matter.

“You get produce—fresh stuff that you wouldn’t think you would get in a food box. There’s stuff that’s really actually decent, not just stereotypical canned food. The quality...that was really surprising.”

-Jonalynn
Community Partner speaking to PACS’ attention to details

“I think I get way more out of it than they do—to be able to serve.” Traci has exemplified that service, in this community, is not one-directional.

Clients ask about staff when they are gone. Volunteers feel uplifted by the people they greet each week. Relationships form across cultures, languages, and circumstances.

These are more than numbers—

Behind every pound is a family.

Behind every dollar is a meal prepared with dignity.

Together, we’re overcoming isolation, one moment of attention at a time.

“People are looking down so much because of [the] craziness in this world...I’m trying to give them a moment of looking up.”

-Traci
who has worked with PACS for nearly 2 decades is a beloved community member



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*and Mary Flower
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If you believe in a community where no one is overlooked, we invite you to give or volunteer. Your donation sustains meaningful connection, and gives us all a moment to look up and feel hope.



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