



2020 THE YEAR THE RESET BUTTON WAS HIT!

Lilli J Parker, Executive Director

A new year has begun and the old has come to an end. Thank God, we made it into 2021. 2020 was a year the reset button was hit in all our lives, we will never forget but will move past it knowing we've learnt a lot about ourselves, as well as others. We've been isolated, limited in our going and coming, but yet, we made it and only have God to thank for bringing us to this new year.

Monday, January 4, 2020 **The 2020 Subaru Share the Love Event**, comes to an end. We're incredibly grateful to Subaru and its Retailers for supporting our organization and the seniors we serve. With that in mind, we thought you might want to learn a little bit more about the Subaru [Share the Love Event](#).

Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of participating charities.* Meals on Wheels is one of four national participating charities and has been since the inception of the event. Through this event, as a member of Meals on Wheels America, Bakersfield Senior Center will receive a share of the donation from Subaru vehicles sold at participating Subaru Retailers.

Even though we weren't able to invite our congregates back inside the facility we were able to invite the community to participate in our five (5) Drive-through events. Our first event was the Subaru Share the Love Honey, it's Cold Outside where the staff and I gave out ice cream and a brochure explaining the accomplishments of Meals on Wheels. The second event was Subaru Share the Love

Smoked Turkey Giveaway for Thanksgiving. Three representatives from Sangera Subaru helped hand out the turkeys and Subaru tote bags donated by Subaru. The third event was called Subaru Share the Love Can Food Drive. Our fourth event we visited Sangera Subaru and presented Sales Manager, Richard Romero with a Thank You card and See's Candy for allowing his staff to help with the events at the center. Our fifth event was our Share the Love Warm Bag sponsored by The Pearl Lowery Winters Missionary Society (TPLWMS) of Cain African Methodist Church.

Shirley Gordon, TPLWMS & Lilli J Parker



Subaru Share the Love Can Food Drive

Trenton & Eric – Subaru Reps



Thank you to Meals on Wheels for your support, leadership and funding opportunities you provide to organizations like ours. Together we're able to fight hunger one person at a time. As an Advocate for the OAA, you are leading the pack and always providing direction and next steps.

Here's what happened in 2020 at BSC:

January 1 – March 12, 2020



Jennifer Fisher
Meals on Wheels Driver

The year started out very well, BSC had just celebrated its 5th Annual “An Evening of Jazz, Gospel & More at the Marriot Downtown.

- 2019 Subaru Share the Love Event ended January 3, 2020
- BSC Food Walk-in Pantry was completed by Rebuilding Together
- BSC returned from the Winter Recess
- Super Bowl held at BSC and the Kansas City Chiefs were the Champions
- Valentine Dance – you had to be of age to attend (smile)
- BSC suspended all Events & Activities in the center due to COVID19

March 13, 2020

- Friday, March 13th BSC began the Nutrition Lunch Drive-Through Program - process for contactless pickup only
- The Nutrition Lunch Program increased in meals as well as the number of people feed
- BSC leased equipment for Home Delivered Meals

April – September

- The Aging and Adult Services of Prado Senior Center (PSC) joined BSC April 29, 2020. PSC was unable to perform their daily duties out of their center due to COVID19 testing being performed at their facility.

- Executive Director began writing COVID19 Relief Grants and was awarded grants from these organizations: PG&E, United Way of Kern, Kern Community Foundation, Meals on Wheels, Vallarta

Supermarket, Valley Republic Bank, Bank of America, and San Dimas Medical Group. These organizations were all supportive of BSC and aware that we were unable to host any fundraisers during the pandemic.

Funding from Vallarta Supermarket allowed BSC to purchase this 2021 Chevrolet Spark! The car will allow BSC to continue delivering Home Delivered Meals to seniors that can't get out or they don't have someone to assist them with picking up meals. Funding has also been used to feed over 14,500 meals to over 5,000 seniors and families, purchase PPE equipment such as mask, sanitizers, wipes, contactless thermometers, shield barriers for protection throughout the center where the public would gather once opened. We also purchased Freezers, and Refrigerators for storage. We also hired 2 new kitchen staff members, and a temporary driver to deliver meals, Jennifer Fisher.

As of today, the center has no re-opening date at this time but please check our website for any and all updates. Please take good care of yourselves and if you have any concerns please call the office 661-325-1113. Monday thru Thursday from 9-1pm during this pandemic.



*Disclaimer: Subaru will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased from November 19, 2020, through January 4, 2021, to four national charities designated by the purchaser or lessee. Pre-approved Hometown Charities may be selected for donation depending on retailer participation. For every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased during the campaign period, participating retailers will donate a minimum of \$50 in total to their registered Hometown Charities. Purchasers/lessees must make their charity designations by January 15, 2021. The four national charities will receive a guaranteed minimum donation of \$250,000 each. See your local Subaru retailer for details or visit subaru.com/share. All donations made by Subaru of America, Inc