

Jeanne Butler

Jeanne has been described as ‘always phoning, delivering, dropping off, picking up and doing it while staying calm, unhurried, incredibly patient and totally unflappable.’ As coordinator of the Food Bank of LA Cares, she helps prepare boxes for 75-100 people in need: the elderly, handicapped and single mothers and retirees on fixed incomes. Boxes contain food, diapers, formula and even pet food. Along with volunteers and her husband Gil, a ton of food is moved each month from storage areas to be boxed, packed and labeled for distribution.

At the time she married Gil, he was a nuclear chemist at LANL and Jeanne was working in the Pion Treatment program. They have fostered four children and adopted two. Jeanne’s degree is in microbiology and in 1965 she served in the Peace Corps as a 4H leader in Malaysia.

In addition to her LA Cares service, she is a 4H leader and co-chair of the United Church Thrift Shop. She also recruits participants for the Church World Service annual Crop Walk which donates 25 per cent of the proceeds to the Food Bank. “I need to be of service to other people,” says Jeanne.



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