

golden state foods
FOUNDATION



Heartline

**Welcome to the Spring/Summer
2019 Heartline!**

The GSF Foundation's International Impact



The GSF Foundation has 25 local, associate run committees across the U.S. In addition to providing grants and volunteering in their immediate communities, these committees also influence and inspire other GSF businesses around the world.

In the spirit of the GSF Foundation's mission of improving the lives of children and families in need, GSF KanPak China, a GSF-owned company in China, [donated a set of water purifiers](#) to the Fuxing Primary School, whose students typically carry heavy water bottles in their school bags more than 20 miles each day. They've also donated school supplies, including materials, basketballs, jump ropes and projectors for the 180 in-need children.



"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

– Desmond Tutu

GSF in Egypt also donated food boxes to two orphanages called Sondos and SOS Children's Villages International that support children with various disabilities for the holy month of Ramadan.



Share Your Story:

A Reflection on What's Gained Through Giving

The QCD Committee in Fontana, California asked their associates how they wanted to donate the funds they raised back into the community. Two associates, Ernesto Sosa and Vicky Valle, nominated the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, California. Both Ernesto and Vicky are deaf/partially deaf, and this donation was a cause close to their hearts.

"We wanted our QCD associates to experience the deaf culture and we're so glad that our committee donated playground equipment to this school. When the kids saw the playground toys they were so happy. We are very thankful that QCD made this donation, and we thank you for the opportunity."

– Ernesto Sosa, Receiver, QCD Fontana

The team provided hundreds of dollars worth of playground equipment (all of which were supplies the children requested specifically) and spent the day with the children playing outside with their new toys!

Read more about this donation from this [Press-Enterprise](#) article.



Front row, left to right: Brandon Alkas, Leadership Development; Ernesto Sosa, Receiver; Vicki Valle, Warehouse Associate; Tess McAnena, Executive Director, GSF Foundation; Monique Anderson, Inventory Control Clerk; Rina Acosta, Operations Clerk.

Back row, middle to right: Larkin Williams, General Manager; Danny Paxton, Warehouse Manager; Ajae Hermida, Assistant Warehouse Supervisor; Ismael Perez, Assistant Warehouse Manager.

The Benefits of Volunteering

While people who volunteer report that they feel better emotionally, mentally and physically, according to [Nonprofit Source](#), only 30% of employees volunteer.

At Golden State Foods, 80% of associates donate money or their time to the GSF Foundation, which is considered some of the highest numbers in the industry.

Here are some other worthwhile reasons to [consider volunteering](#):

1. **Volunteering connects you to others**
2. **Volunteering is good for your mind and body**
3. **Volunteering can advance your career**
4. **Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life**

Whether you're an associate, business partner, customer, or friend of the Foundation, we'd love to have you volunteer with us! See the events calendar below and reach out if you want to join us for our next community event.

We our Volunteers

CLC and Craftsman Partner for their Community

The Centralized Leasing Company (CLC) GSF Foundation Committee partnered with Craftsmen Trailers for a [Pedal to Perfection](#) donation event with Blackburn Elementary School in St. Charles, Missouri. The program, funded by CLC associates, provides brand new bicycles to children with perfect school attendance for the year.

This year, they donated **22 bikes** and look forward to increasing their donation with even more perfect attendance next year!

Additionally, they supplied **more than 700 books** to students who completed reading 150-300 books during the school year. For those who made it through 150 books, the students were allowed to select two books to take home. Those that read 300 or more, were able to select five books to read over the summer break.

Thanks to **Tony Mercurio, Crystal Barz, Erin Theobald and Lauren Stuart** from Craftsmen for your partnership!



Get Involved! Upcoming Foundation Events

July

- RMHC Inland Empire Cookout (QCD Fontana)
- 4th of July BBQ Fundraiser (KanPak NY)
- Geneva Lunch Program Volunteer Service (KanPak NY)
- Metrolina Food Bank (QCD Charlotte)
- Fishing Tournament

AUGUST

- Back(pack) to School (Various Committees)
- RMHC Dinner (QCD Spokane and Charlotte)
- Pedal to Perfection (QCD Los Angeles)
- RMHC Dinner (KanPak KS)
- Levine Children's Hospital (QCD Charlotte)
- Casino Night (City of

September

- 2020 Associate Campaign (All Committees)
- Relatives Fishing Event (QCD Charlotte)
- Best Foot Forward (QCD Fontana and Spokane)
- Keuka Comfort Care Run (KanPak NY)
- RMHC Dinner (KanPak KS)

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- RMHC Dinner (KanPak KS)
- Cubby Chase Fun Run (KanPak NY)

- Industry Manufacturing)
- Golf Tournament (KanPak KS)

- National Beach Clean Up (QCD Los Angeles)
- Geneva Church Lunch Program (KanPak NY)

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