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Food Production Sites

1. Sunwise

Address: 2525 Westernesse Road, Davis 95616

Sunwise is a cooperative 8 bedroom home in Davis. The house is located on 2535 Westernesse Road in Davis. They are very similar to the Domes as they provide low income housing opportunities with environmental consciousness and sustainability. They have been located in the Village neighborhood in West Davis since 1979. Micheal Corbett served the city council and helped design the house for the Davis Student Cooperative. These students started the village home project in 1978. The eco-friendly house consists of solar water heating, photovoltaic panel, greywater laundry, and solar design. The house also has room for the students to grow their own food in the community garden. The students have grown and maintained the garden through organic practices such as composting and no pesticides. They also have beekeeping and chickens included into their garden for eggs and honey. The household works together as one unit as they will share dinners together Monday through Thursday. They often even have vegetarian meals as their main meals as an action for cutting down greenhouse gasses by consuming less meat. The Solar Community Association operates the housing co-op in Davis. The goal of the organization has a focus on confronting oppression through ecological and alternative economic models. Sunwise focuses on getting applicants that are in the low income to provide these more affordable housing and students who respect those goals.

2. The Domes

Address: Baggins End, Davis, CA 95616

The Domes also known as Baggins End is an innovative housing option for on-campus cooperative housing, one of the only student co-housing cooperative communities in the United States. The Domes are located in Orchard Park Circle next to student apartments. It opened in the fall of 1972 after the community proposed it in the 1960s by a group of students who wanted less expensive housing on campus. The contractor Ron Swenson directed the students to choose the dome/bubble housing style. This type of construction style uses air and concrete, an airform construction that can withstand earthquakes, hurricanes, and fires. This type of style was also more affordable and sustainable as it was made of polyurethane-insulated fiberglass. Within a year, the Domes were built by students and volunteers. 14 domes were constructed out of the 15 planned. The project ran over the budget so the last dome was never built. The domes are now known as a living-learning cooperative community of 26 residents. The space is now emphasized for people with marginalized identities and is seen as a space to unlearn oppressive behaviors. The cooperation aims to enact values to the residents as resistance to consumerism and

structures of oppression. The community within the homes has daily free potluck dinners and the ability to grow gardens of various produce. The Solar Community Housing Association is the non-profit organization that joined the dome space to help assist renovation after the domes closed in the Fall of 2011. The association now assists in providing housing for low-income people and applications for those interested to be a resident.

3. The Student Farm

Address: 1050 Ext Center Dr, Davis, CA 95616

The UC Davis Student Farm is student run and located next to the Bowley Plant Science Teaching Facility. The farm is a community where students explore sustainable food systems. The students first planted crops in 1977 to explore alternative farming and gardening practices. Interns gain experience and learn about several areas of organic farming. On the 23-acre farm, the student hosts various programs and projects throughout the plots. These projects have developed over time as the space holds space for students to learn different agriculture practices. Programs include the Market Garden internship where the produce is sold back to the university dining halls. Produce is also harvested to create CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) baskets for subscribers of the CSA. The ecological garden is used to teach ecological horticulture with flowers and different products. The fresh focus internship grows food for the food access program such as Fruit and Veggie Up! The kids in the garden program allow hands-on-experiences for children. The Student Collaborative Organic Plant Breeding Education program focuses on plant breeding and crop varieties. Still, many more programs with class courses are involved to bring healthy nutritious food to the community and the students. Most funding for the farm depends on the grants, donations, and profits for the different programs associated with the farm. Being centered on hands-on and experiential learning, the farm has also been used for courses within the university. Students can work, volunteer, or take part in an internship to experience the UC Davis Student Farm.

Sources:

[Student Farm | Agricultural Sustainability Institute \(ucdavis.edu\)](http://ucdavis.edu)

4. Experimental Gardens

Location: Sandwiched between the UC Davis Student Farm Market Garden and the Domes on Orchard Park Drive

The Experimental Community garden is a campus organic farmland space in the university. The garden location is right across the University Activities Recreation Center. The garden space is open to the general public and university members. The Garden is an independent unit run by the Associated Students of the University of California Davis. The space has existed since 1970 and is run by organic and sustainable standards. In 1972, the plots of land were rentable with a refundable deposit or a work-trade agreement. With the garden plot, water, tools, manure, and mulch are included as well as any assistance. The garden plot provides to the community organic fruits and vegetables. The gardens are also roamed by chickens and wildlife such as turkeys, jackrabbits, squirrels, and barn owls. The garden mission and core value focus on community building in allowing anyone to take part. Most produce harvested is sold to students or part of the various programs to give food to students. The garden also allows educational opportunities for students. Opportunities include internships in various positions. Currently, the garden is a hop plot to be used in homebrewed beer. Access to these gardens also allow for students to explore what organic farming looks like and learn from the director who is always present to assist and teach.

5. The Farm at the Cannery

Address: 1550 Cannery Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

The Farm at the Cannery is an urban farm used as an agricultural buffer. The farm is located on Cannery Loop road. It is a land property intended to lessen the relationship between intensive farming and residential uses. The farm was built by a cannery developer and leased to the Center for Land-based learning (CLBL). The current lessee operates on the urban farm as a farm incubator site to help farmers begin their enterprise in the agriculture industry. CLBL interacts with the local communities to provide education to the small-scale farmers, students, and community members to teach about urban farming. The produce that is harvested is then sold in various local farmer markets and donated to the food bank. Currently, CLBL will not renew the lease so the urban farm will be operating as a resource as a public farm to the community. The farm provides to the lease a barn, cooler, storage, packing areas, and a well. The lessee has minimized the cost and infrastructure needed to operate the farm. Currently, the city is involved in new options for programming the Urban Farm. The project listed possible options to convert the open space for student use, plant new produce, and explore different programs for the community's desires. Although the Farm of the Cannery is in a current transition, it's still for certain that it will continue to be part of the community to provide food access.

21. UC Davis Ecological Garden

Location: In front of the Bowley Plant Science Teaching Facility, 1200 Ext Center Dr, Davis, CA 95616

The UC Davis Ecological Garden is located on the student farm off of Extension Center Drive in front of the Bowley Plant Science lecture/lab building. The hours of operation for the Ecological Garden vary from quarter to quarter though the hours for the neighboring market garden are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday. The garden is operated by the student farm and is a space for garden education both for students and community members. Though only half an acre, it has a wide variety of plant species including vegetables, fruit trees, and herbs as well as non-edible components such as flowers like the California poppy. Some plants in the garden display signs indicating students may pick their own produce from the plants as well as cut their own flowers. Near to the garden is a bucket that typically has fresh produce and flowers already picked and meant to be taken by students for free. While not necessarily a large-scale operation, they provide simple and small access to select produce which invariably contributes to communal food security and general wellbeing particularly in the student population of UC Davis. This is especially important considering the undergraduate student population experiences food insecurity to greater degrees than the general population. Students interested in getting involved with the Ecological Garden can potentially do so through volunteering or interning for the student farm. Information can be found on the student farm website.

Food Distribution Sites

6. The Freedges

Locations: Silo Freedge on campus, Memorial Union freedge on campus facing the quad, 801 North Campus Way
Led by Ernst Oehninger and funded by The Green Initiative Fund of UC Davis, the Freedge project promotes the installation of community fridges, or public refrigerators, that are used to share food and ideas, promote equal access to healthy food, reduce food insecurity and food waste, and build a stronger, more resilient community at the neighborhood level. It provides resources to help future hosts through the process of installing a community fridge. The partners for the Freedge project include Giving Garden in Davis (a startup aims to promote food security, grow communities around food and food around communities), UC Davis Food Recovery Network (the largest student-led movement fighting food waste and working to end hunger in America, located at Segundo Dining Commons and Tercero Dining Commons of UC Davis), HUBBUB and the Community Fridge Network in the UK (provide local public space where organizations and households can make perishable food that would have been wasted available to the local community), and La SAUGE Urban Farms. On their website

(<https://freedgedge.org/>), they not only have resources to find Freedgedges near you but also tutorials on how to build freedgedges by yourself. In addition, the Freedgedges project is in cooperation with Davis Night Market.

7. Davis Farmers Market

Address: 301 C St, Davis, CA 95616 (Central Park in downtown Davis)

The history of the Davis Farmers Market begins with the social awakening of the late 1960s and early 1970s, which set the stage for the establishment of alternative, local food systems. Since then, farmers' markets, led by Davis, a college town in the Sacramento Valley, have exploded across the country. Today, there are more than 7,100 farmers' markets nationwide – more than 700 of them in California. The main Davis market, in the city's Central Park, takes up about a third of a 5-acre park on Saturday mornings and more on Wednesday evenings during Picnic in the Park. It operates under a pavilion built with public funds, and it draws 7,000 to 10,000 people each week. In "The Davis Farmers Market Cookbook" by Ann M. Evans, she mentioned that "The market in Davis could be a market in any town where the public good is put to the use of the people, where the surrounding soil is fertile and worked, and where people of different faiths and purposes on the planet are willing to slow down, gather together, and shop while they swap the news." The project aims to educate and engage the public about nutrition, sustainable agriculture, and the economic value to our area of buying locally grown food and locally sourced products directly from growers and artisans. In this effort, the Davis Farmers Market Alliance connects and supports communities, local agriculture, farmers, and artisan food producers.

8. Davis Night Market

Address: 301 C St, Davis, CA 95616 (Central Park in downtown Davis)

The Night Market is an environmentally sustainable community-based food recovery organization that aims to recover both cooked and non-perishable excess food and redistribute it to the community. Their mission is to reduce the community's carbon footprint and increase equitable access to food through organized collective action. The Night Market strives for a non-hierarchical, anti-racist operating structure steeped in the ideals of radical inclusivity and climate change awareness. The Davis Night Market project also holds a broader mission to empower other communities to start their own local food recovery systems, for which they provide guidelines and tutorials on their website (<https://davisnightmarket.github.io>) that can walk viewers through the steps of establishing their system in other cities. Their local goals include 1. Decrease food waste. 2. Increase stigma-free food access. 3. Promote environmental sustainability. 4. Build and empower communities. 5. Bring awareness and educate about food waste, food insecurity and sustainability. The local donors in Davis for this project include ChickPeas Kitchen, Sophia's Thai Kitchen, Davis Food Co-op, Panera Bread, Village Bakery, Capay Farms, Noah's NY Bagels, Peet's Coffee. In addition, the Freedgedges project is in cooperation with the Freedgedges project.

9. Baptist Church Food Closet

Address: 770 Pole Line Rd, Davis, CA 95618

The Pole Line Road Baptist Church holds a food pantry known as the food closet, which distributes foods to the residents in need. It is open to Yolo County residents, but the church prefers Davis residents only. People who would like to get free food from there need to bring proof of a Yolo County address with them, and it is limited that each visitor can access the food closet only once a month. For visitors who would like to donate items to the food closet, it is recommended to drop off the items at the church office during their weekday office open hours (which is listed above) or brought to the church on Sundays. The church only accepts non-perishable food items that are not outdated. Cash donations are accepted as well, which will be done through making checks payable to Pole Line Road Baptist Church and designate it "food closet" (mailing address: 770 Pole Line Road, Davis, CA 95618). The Food Closet aims to help with meeting the nutritional needs of individuals and families that are unable to provide adequate food for their households. In addition, the Pole Line Road Baptist Church Food Closet project is in partnership with Yolo Food Bank.

10. Yolo Food Bank

Address: 233 Harter Ave, Woodland, CA 95776

Yolo Food Bank has been around for 50 years. Founded as a volunteer-run backyard gleaning program, Yolo Food Bank now is a Feeding America partner serving the nutrition needs of tens of thousands Yolo County residents each month. Employees would collect donated food and the funds are from farmers, manufacturers and processors, wholesalers, retailers, food drives and individuals, which would later be transported to the warehouse to be weighed and sorted for storage. Until ready for distribution, perishable food is kept in cold storage, while dry goods are organized into racks and shelves. At the last stage, food will be distributed to food pantries, homeless shelters, and after-school, healthcare, and senior nutrition programs, as well as to individuals and families in crisis. Yolo Food Bank receives donations from large corporations, like Amazon and Target Corporation, as well as local resources like school, church, and individuals. Except for general food distribution services, Yolo Food Bank also has diverse programs such as Eat Well Yolo (Community members in need of food assistance can attend weekly distributions in Yolo County to receive fruits, vegetables, and other perishable goods including bread and dairy when available), Eat Home Yolo (Emergency Food Home Deliveries Program that provides equitable access to free, fresh food for our senior, low income, mobility-restricted, and homebound neighbors throughout Yolo County), and Kids Farmers Market.

22. Table Tuesday

Locations: 409 Scripps Dr, Davis, CA 95616, 1421 Buckeye Ln, Davis, CA 95618, 3416 Breton Ave, Davis, CA 95616

The Table Tuesday is a movement that arose from a demand for greater resources as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic's effect on people's financial situation. Catherine McMullen started the Table Tuesday initiative in March 2020 along with Melanie Carr who is the organizer. Table Tuesday is a fully volunteer-run initiative supported and funded by donations from the Davis community and local groups including the UC Davis student farm, Davis period, and Knights Landing One Health Center: Veterinary Clinic. They require products to be unexpired and unopened in order to donate. Furthermore, this program is held at the three venues stated above on Tuesdays from 8 to 12 p.m. Table Tuesday has a Facebook page where information and updates, such as location and images of what is served at the venue, are shared with the public. People are encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distance when picking up meals. There are no requirements that need to be met when picking up food, but they do encourage bringing your own bags and taking only what is needed. On the tables they have canned goods, fresh produce, cleaning supplies, dairy products, baby items to feminine products. A struggle Table Tuesday faced when it first started was communicating the event information to a wide spread of the Davis community, so as a solution the Facebook page was created. This not only helped make the community aware of this assistance, but also attracted more donors to expand supplies options. Another struggle they came across was trying to eliminate the threat of COVID-19. In response they took precautionary measures that are mask-wearing, social distancing, proper cleanliness of donation items and taking an item if it has been touched.

School Food Resources

11. ASUCD Pantry

Location: Memorial Union, 1 Shields Ave #154, Davis, CA 95616

The Associated Students of the University of California, Davis (ASUCD) Pantry is student-run and located in Room 167 of the Memorial Union in between the Market and Aggie Compass on the University of California, Davis campus. The Pantry's current hours are Monday through Friday from 10:15am to 5pm and weekends from 10:15am to 1pm. At the ASUCD Pantry, students can walk in and pick up perishable food items such as eggs, milk, and produce and/or place a pre-bag order for non-perishable food items as well as hygienic and menstrual products for pickup at a convenient time. All students, whether undergraduate or graduate, are welcome to stop by the pantry and utilize its services. The first discussions of creating a pantry were sparked by the 2010 biennial University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey which revealed that students were struggling to

pay for food and often skipped meals as described by former ASUCD Pantry Director, Ryan Choi. The idea was spearheaded by then UC Davis students, Hannah Kirshner and Justin Gold, to address this as well as rising tuition and university fees faced by students leading to the observed food insecurity (Easley, 2010). Initially it was funded solely through donors, however, in Fall of 2010 ASUCD senate bill 12 was drafted and passed officially inducting the Pantry as a unit of ASUCD thereby granting it secure funding for operations in addition to donor support (R. Choi, personal communication, February 2022). Some hurdles included securing aforementioned reliable funding as well as logistical challenges such as passing health and safety inspections and accessing a space within the university to house the pantry (Easley, 2010). Originally the Pantry was housed in the basement of the Memorial Union, making it a challenge to entice students to visit, however in 2018 it moved to the main floor in Room 154 resulting in increased awareness and foot traffic (R. Choi, personal communication, February 2022). Ultimately the Pantry ended up at Room 167 granting it the ability to have increased operations through more space and cold storage. Currently, the pantry distributes over 4000 pounds of food each week and sources its food predominantly from Yolo Food Bank and the Student Farm (R. Choi, personal communication, February 2022). As a central and visible food access hub on campus, the ASUCD Pantry continues to break the stigma of using food resources and promote food access on campus.

Sources:

Easley, J. A. (2010, December 16). Proposed food pantry to serve UC Davis students. *Daily Democrat*. <https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2010/12/16/proposed-food-pantry-to-serve-uc-davis-students/>

12. Fruit and Veggie Up!

Location: South Memorial Union Patio (facing the quad)

Fruit and Veggie Up! operates as part of the Aggie Compass which is located in the East Wing of the Memorial Union next to the ASUCD Pantry. Fruit and Veggie Up distribution occurs outside at the South Patio of the Memorial Union next to the flagpole on Mondays from 10:30pm to 12:30pm and Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm. At Fruit and Veggie Up! students can pick up fresh produce for free. Produce comes from Yolo Food Bank and the Student Farm while fresh eggs come from the. Fruit and Veggie Up was originally formed and run by the Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) in an effort to promote nutritional wellbeing on campus in about 2015/2016 (L. Kemp, personal communication, February 7, 2022). This came about in response to the institution of the University of California Global Food Initiative by then UC President Janet Napolitano which

sought to support sustainable and nutritious food efforts both on and off campus ("Global Food Initiative", n.d.). This resulted in some degree of funding at UC campuses to encourage initiatives like Fruit and Veggie Up. With that, SHCS began using food recovery methods to provide free produce to students by reaching out to local grocers and producers such as the Davis Co-op, Nugget Markets, Savemart, UC Davis Avian Research Facility, and Tandem Properties Farm in order to collect any excess, unsellable produce and fresh eggs (L. Kemp, personal communication, February 7, 2022). With the opening of Aggie Compass in 2018 which had a distinct focus on addressing basic needs such as food insecurity, Fruit and Veggie Up was moved under their direction and is now led by the center's staffers with student interns and volunteers providing support. Though Fruit and Veggie Up has grown, it hasn't come without challenges. Navigating the food quality of leftover produce donated by local grocers has been an obstacle faced in finding low to no cost food sources of optimal distribution quality for students. Currently, Fruit and Veggie Up is supported in part by the state through basic needs in education funding and through produce donations. Fruit and Veggie Up! continues to serve as a gateway for basic needs in the way it engages students and encourages them not only to pick up fresh produce, but to also utilize other resources similar to it as highlighted by Aggie Compass Director, Leslie Kemp.

Sources:

Global Food Initiative. (n.d.). University of California Office of the President.

<https://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/index.html>

13. UndocuPantry

Location: Room 1003 of the Student Community Center at UC Davis

The UndocuPantry is located in the AB540 and Undocumented Student Center which is Room 1003 of the Student Community Center on the University of California Davis campus. The center's hours are 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Its mission is to empower undocumented students, their families, and community members as well as holistically support the recruitment, retention, and wellbeing of undocumented students (AB540 and Undocumented Student Center, n.d.). Though the center was founded in 2014, it wasn't until 2019 that food access became a core focus of the center. Associate Director, Ignacio Alarcón, conducted focus groups which revealed students' desire for a food access component to the center. From there, they reached out and fielded food and hygienic item donations from faith organizations around Davis as well as

coordinated with Yolo Food Bank (YFB) with the support of a former center director to provide food more consistently (I. Alarcón, personal communication, February 1, 2022). Since then through the continued work of Alarcón, their Basic Needs Community Advocate, and other center staff and stakeholders, the UndocuPantry has expanded its services to include food vouchers and hot meals on occasion. These food vouchers are funded by Aggie Compass which is supported in part through funds from the University of California Office of the President. Students can apply to the food voucher program and are then given electronic Safeway gift cards. This has been especially impactful over the course of the pandemic, allowing the center to send food access support despite their center physically being closed at various times. Through additional partnerships, the center also provides fresh produce with the help of a once-a-week donation from the Student Farm. The impact of the center in providing food access to undocumented students in particular cannot be understated. Undocumented individuals are barred from using CalFresh, California's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. This limitation means that such students and their families don't have access to broader social services leaving them vulnerable to experiencing food insecurity (I. Alarcón, personal communication, February 1, 2022). The center's positionality as a food resource brings food to the community as well as gives them the agency to make their own food choices without restrictions which is something that Undocumented students are often subjected to in other areas such as their finances and academics as highlighted by Alarcón.

Sources:

AB540 and Undocumented Student Center. (n.d.). *About Us*. <https://undocumented.ucdavis.edu/>

14. Graduate Student Association Pantry

Location: Room 1213 of the Graduate Student Association offices in the Graduate Center (Walker Hall) on the UCD campus

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) Pantry is located in Room 1213 of the Graduate Student Association offices in the Graduate Center (Walker Hall) on the University of California, Davis campus. The Pantry hours are Monday 9am to 12pm and Friday 11am to 2pm though these hours may change. The GSA Pantry is exclusively dedicated to the graduate student population. At the Pantry, students can find free food items such as pasta, canned goods, and other non-perishables. The GSA Pantry first opened its doors in summer of 2019 at the former Graduate Student Association headquarters in South Silo,

however, food wasn't always a central focus for the Graduate Student Association as discussed by Gwen Chodur, a PhD candidate in Nutritional Biology and a founder of the GSA Pantry. The first ideas for the creation of a food pantry for graduate students began arising in Fall 2017 after a report by Sarah Messbaur, called "The Great Big Graduate Review" which highlighted that graduate students were wary of using the ASUCD Pantry despite being able to out of fear of running into one of their students as well as a general lack of knowledge about how to use the ASUCD Pantry (G. Chodur, personal communication, February 3, 2022). Following this, the University of California Global Food Initiative released a report in December 2017 titled, "Global Food Initiative: Food and Housing Security at the University of California" which indicated that graduate students, to a lesser degree than undergraduates, were also experiencing disproportionate levels of food insecurity than the general population. With the creation of Aggie Compass in 2018, basic needs were pushed to the forefront resulting in new, larger funding support. Aggie Compass director, Leslie Kemp, began working with Gwen and others on graduate student outreach, however, there remained a desire for a graduate-only space to access food (G. Chodur, personal communication, February 3, 2022). In collaboration, Aggie Compass and GSA members, including Gwen and GSA President, Jonathan Minnick, created the GSA Pantry with Britt Loofbourrow as its first coordinator. The GSA Pantry operates in a mixed funding model where GSA funds a coordinator to staff the pantry while Aggie Compass provides funding for the food. Since its inception, the GSA Pantry has served as a safe and consistent food access point for the graduate student population at UC Davis and will continue to do so in its new home within the Graduate Center.

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15. "All pEOPlE Eat" (EOP)

Location: The EOP cottage, the southwest corner of the Quad next to South Hall

The "All pEOPlE Eat" program is operated by the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and is located at the EOP cottage which is in the southwest corner of the Quad, next to South Hall. Every Friday the EOP distributes fresh produce through the "All pEOPlE Eat" program from 10am until they run out though it's important to note the center closes at 3pm on Fridays. The

produce is supplied and donated by the Student Farm. Students can come to the cottage and pick up as much produce as they need. The “All pEOPlE Eat” program was started around 2017 and has been running since though distribution was halted during the pandemic due to the center being closed (EOP Staff, personal communication, February 4, 2022). The program arose out of students' desire and requests for broader food access points. Thus, through student advocacy and coordination with center staff the program was able to take off and provide food to students particularly those that are first-generation and/or low-income which is who EOP works to support. This is in alignment with EOP's history overall which came about in response to student efforts to unify and support underrepresented students at the university (Center for the Educational Opportunity Program, n.d.). The “All pEOPlE Eat” program along with other services the EOP provide are funded by multiple institutional budgets ensuring that food access and other support services are able to continue to promote student academic success and well-being. Beyond just the “All pEOPlE Eat” program, EOP also serves as an access point for information about CalFresh which they promote alongside their food distribution (EOP Staff, personal communication, February 4, 2022).

Sources:

Center for the Educational Opportunity Program. (n.d.). *About Us*. <https://eop.ucdavis.edu/about>

23. Center for African Diaspora Student Success Pantry

Location: Room 207 of South Silo

The Center for African Diaspora Student Success (CADSS) Pantry is located in Room 207 on the second floor of South Silo on the University of California, Davis campus. The center's hours are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 8pm and Friday from 9am to 5pm. The pantry keeps non-perishable items such as pasta and other dry goods in stock and available for students to pick up at any time during center hours. The pantry came to fruition at CADSS through student advocacy efforts in pushing for broader food access spaces on campus as discussed by the center Associate Director, Maya Bell. Then student and ASUCD senator, Jumoke Maraiyesa, created the CADSS Pantry in November 2019. While the pandemic proved to be an obstacle as the pantry had to close due to the center being closed, the CADSS Pantry returned in Spring 2021 and has been providing students with access to food since. In addition to this, CADSS also receives fresh produce from the student farm every other week (even numbered academic weeks). They distribute this food on Tuesdays which they aptly named the program “Fresh Tuesdays” at the center. At Fresh Tuesdays they not only provide fresh produce to students but ensure that they also present information about CalFresh to students that pickup produce to further bolster avenues for student food access. Beyond the

pantry and Fresh Tuesdays, CADSS has also given out meals at various points such as through programming called “Cooking with CADSS” where they make meals from recipes that utilize seasonal produce they get from the student farm as well as meals during finals week. They place emphasis on inclusivity in these meal programs such as supplying gluten-free and vegan options to students (M. Bell, personal communication, February 9, 2022). This inclusivity makes certain that all students are welcomed and removes potential barriers to food access especially during critical points in a student's academic journey like finals week. The locality of the pantry and food access program at CADSS is impactful in the way it makes food accessible to students that otherwise may not use other campus food resources as highlighted by Bell who has also seen an increase in use by regular center visitors. In doing so, CADSS promotes an atmosphere of care and support for the student community that bridges the gap between a student asking for help and the center's resources.

Meal Distribution Sites

16. Davis Community Meals

Address: St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 640 Hawthorn Lane, Davis, CA 95616

Davis Community Meals provides free meals every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:45pm to 6:30pm and lunch on Saturday from 11:30am to 12:15pm. According to Bill Pride, the Executive Director of Davis Community Meals, DCM was founded by numerous local individuals and some from the faith community. They were set up as a non-denominational organization and organized as a 501c3 non-profit. They started serving the Davis community in 1990 and served their first meal in February of 1991. Realizing the need for greater services, DCM expanded to include a second free meal each week in 1993, and additionally expanded to include a third free meal each week in 2006 by collaborating with UC Davis student group HELP (Help and Education Leading to Prevention). Luckily, not too many obstacles were faced during development. The organization received support from the city and many individuals were involved. The location for the meals program was difficult to determine initially as not many local churches had the capacity to have a hall large enough for the program and/or did not have a fully functional kitchen to cook meals. It was determined to use the hall at St. Martin's Church in Davis and DCM has been there since. Almost all of their initial funding came from donations from local individuals, churches, and businesses. After several years, they began receiving some city Community Development Block Grant funding.

Sources:

Bill Pride, Executive Director of Davis Community Meals and Housing (personal communication, February 3rd, 2022)

<https://daviscommunitymeals.org/meals-program/>

17. Grace in Action

Address: United Methodist Church (1620 Anderson Rd, Davis, CA 95616) on Mondays, Pole Line Baptist Church (770 Pole Line Rd, Davis, CA 95618) on Wednesdays

Established in 2004, Grace in Action is a non-profit outreach ministry designed to serve low-income individuals and the houseless located in Yolo County. Grace in Action is assisted by more than 10 local churches, volunteers, and local supporters. One way Grace in Action serves their community is by providing food resources. Grace in Action provides weekly afternoon Rest and Respite lunches at two locations: United Methodist Church on Mondays and Pole Line Baptist Church on Wednesdays in the parking lot. In addition to being a distribution location, The United Methodist Church collects cans and other non-perishable food items for the food distribution. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Grace in Action offers lunch in to-go bags rather than hosting indoor gatherings. The lunches are prepared the day prior by a reduced team of volunteers and food preparers who engage in social distancing and mask wearing. Lunch typically includes sandwiches, fruit, dessert, chips, and a drink. During these lunches, participants can also grab hygiene products, laundry vouchers, masks, hand sanitizer, and bus passes. If you are interested in volunteering with GIA, please contact their director Edward Johnson at graceinactiondavis@gmail.com or by phone at 530-564-9912.

Source(s):

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https://grace-in-action.org/?page_id=76

18. Cal Aggie Christian Association

Location: Main House of Cal Aggie Christian Association (433 Russell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616) accessible by code 24/7
Cal Aggie Christian Association has partnered with Yolo County Food Bank to create the Nourish Food Pantry. The Nourish Food Pantry provides shelf-stable groceries, frozen food, fresh vegetables, and other amenities to students. It is primarily used by residents of the Multifaith Living community but is open to all UC Davis students. Nourish Food Pantry was created by Cal Aggie House staff and student residents in 2019 in response to immediate student needs. A few obstacles that were faced were establishing the location of the Nourish Food Pantry, rules of access and food safety, and funding. At first, they housed

the Nourish Food Pantry within the Main House at CA House. It has moved locations within the house and is now in a room off the main dining area which allows students to have 24/7 access to the pantry with a code. To establish rules of access and food safety, their staff worked with current residents to establish the best rules and processes and their director took an online food safety class so that they qualified as a vendor/partner of the Yolo County Food Bank. Initial funding for the Nourish Food Pantry came from a "Peace with Justice Grant" awarded from the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church, one of CA House's founding partners, along with donations of both money and materials from the wider Davis interfaith community. It then was incorporated into the CA House programming budget.

Sources:

Lauren Jewett, Director of Spiritual Engagement and Campus Minister, CA House (personal communication, February 3rd, 2022)

19. Food Not Bombs

Location: Central Park (4th and C)

Davis Food Not Bombs provides homemade, free, and vegan meals on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month per request or by pick up while supplies last. Meals can be picked up at Central Park (4th and C) between 1-2pm. Meals ordered will be delivered in Davis between 1-2pm. The Food Not Bombs organization started in Massachusetts in 1980 to help feed activists at anti-war protests. Food Not Bombs Davis began serving free vegetarian and vegan meals in 1996. Food Not Bombs Davis almost stopped their operations in 2014 when the original crew wanted to retire. Luckily, a new crew stepped up and kept Food Not Bombs afloat. The current incarnation started around October 2019. Josh, a Davis FNB volunteer, describes Food Not Bombs as "...just a collective of people cooking and sharing food together so it wasn't "developed" by anyone in particular". Also from Josh, one of the biggest obstacles to overcome has been the lack of having a dedicated kitchen space to cook the meals. To maneuver this obstacle, FNB volunteers have had to jump around from different kitchens on a weekly basis. In addition to lack of a consistent kitchen space, the pandemic was a great challenge especially when COVID cases were peaking. FNB volunteers traditionally cook together, but because of the pandemic, folks are cooking mostly on their own. Pre-pandemic, meals were served and participants would eat together at the park, but now they have transitioned to doing to-go meals. The

community building aspect of this work feels like it's been missing since the pandemic started. In terms of funding, they have gathered some cash donations over time to use towards ingredient and materials purchases. Additionally, potential food waste from The Davis Co-Op, Village Bakery, and The Delta of Venus is retrieved by Food Not Bombs and is redirected to be used as ingredients for the free meals. Sometimes, they need to buy bulk items like oil, rice, and beans. Overall, FNB really does not rely on much funding at all. According to Josh, the one thing they've had to start buying that changed when the pandemic started is to-go boxes, "...but it's manageable".

Sources:

Josh, Food Not Bombs Volunteer (personal communication, January 31st, 2022)

<https://www.facebook.com/FNBDavis/>

https://localwiki.org/davis/Food_Not_Bombs?fbclid=IwAR3abYlvRCoGBZjjRAYkCGtDV2lmmgWCIBo8FkFhauz4pGGyMdjC-Fqwhvw

<https://theaggie.org/2013/02/12/food-not-bombs-davis-celebrates-17-years/>

20. Davis Community Church

Address: Location: 412 C Street Patio

Davis Community Church is a Presbyterian Congregation formed in 1868. Every Friday at 12pm, Davis Community Church hosts a "Friday Faith and Food" event at C Street Patio where they provide a family style lunch to all participants. In March 2020, Friday Faith and Food transitioned to distributing to-go meals to 15-20 participants a week until operations were suspended in early April 2020 in response to new food handling guidelines. DCC also hosts another event called "Everybody Eats". Like Friday Faith and Food, Everybody Eats is open to all Davis residents. The gathering occurs on the first Sunday of each month and the free meal provided at the function draws quite a crowd. They rely on the help of volunteers and accept donations during their meal distributions. If those seeking food resources prefer to not attend an in-person gathering, DCC also operates a public food distribution on the corners of C and 5th Streets. Every Saturday, grocery items are available starting at 1:00 pm while supplies last. They ask that participants please bring their own bag or cart. DCC is partnered and receives support from the Yolo County Food Bank in order to provide food and meals to families experiencing food insecurity.

Sources:

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