

African American Community Food Donation Drive

Antioch Baptist Church food basket program (Website:<https://abc-sj.org/>) ,located in San Jose,CA ;serves the most vulnerable to food insecurity and the poor and homeless in the community.

"Antioch Baptist Church is one of the oldest African American Baptist Churches in the South Bay area. In 1996, Antioch was added to the Historical Landmark inventory for the City of San Jose by a unanimous vote of the City Council. They also affiliate with "Second Harvest of Silicon Valley (website :<https://www.shfb.org/get-food/>)" which is one of largest food bank in USA and a trusted nonprofit leader in ending local hunger. Second Harvest distributes nutritious groceries through a network of more than 300 partners at drive-thru and walk-up sites across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

A very friendly and hardworking volunteer from their organisation , Cowander Gage, kindly agreed to carry all the food donation items made by the Balaji Matha to their food pantry.

In her feedback she shares "Thank you for the donation of rice in support of our food ministry. The Antioch Baptist Church Food Basket serves our community by distributing boxes of food to those in need. During 2020, we served over 8,000 individuals (over 4,300 families). Because of Covid-19, we are a small group but try to provide to as many families as possible. Your donation went to those families in need. Thank you once again for your donation"

Balaji Matha donated approximately around 30 bags of 20lbs rice and other food items to their food basket program.

