

# Chula Vista, California Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge Project

### **Project Overview**



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Chula Vista, California

- American Public Health Association, Aetna Foundation and National Association of Counties award \$100,000 for Chula Vista Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge Project.
- Project Focus is to increase access to healthy foods while simultaneously reducing obesity.
- Collaboration with the City of Chula Vista, UC San Diego Center for Community Health, San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative, Northgate Gonzalez Market and other community partners.



### **UC San Diego Center for Community Health**

Transforming health and wellness in diverse communities by improving health equity.





## San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative

We envision healthy eating and active living resulting in optimal health and wellness for all children and families in the San Diego region.







### Northgate González Market



- Largest Hispanic grocery market chain in the United States
- 41 stores across Southern CA:
  - Often located in "food deserts"
  - Works closely with USDA, Local Health Departments, CalFresh, WIC, and others to create healthier communities
  - Commitment to community health, including their Viva la Salud Program



### **Program Partners**

- Chula Vista Community Collaborative
- Chula Vista Elementary School District
- City of Chula Vista
- County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency
- First 5 San Diego
- Global Action Research Center
- Mi Clínica/San Ysidro Health
- ❖ Northgate Gonzalez Market
- San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative

- San Diego County Promotores Coalition
- ❖ San Diego Hunger Coalition
- South Bay Community Services
- UC San Diego Sanford Institute for Compassion and Empathy
- University of California San Diego School of Medicine, Center for Community Health
- **❖** WE SUPPORT U
- **❖** YMCA of San Diego County



### **Key Initiatives**



- Provide Chula Vista CalFresh participants
  with up to \$100 a month when they
  purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the
  Chula Vista Northgate Gonzalez Market.
- Conduct a 10-week Chula Vista Resident
   Leadership Academy to engage community
   members in enhancing the health and well being of Chula Vista community members.
- Provide ongoing support for policy, systems and environmental change in support of healthy eating and active living.





# THANK YOU!

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Goal with VLS is to be Recognized and **Trusted Supermarket Champion of Health & Wellness** to the Communities we Serve!



### **2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT**



Nutrition/ Health Events



175+ Community **Partners** 



Over \$400,000 Grant Funds through Partnerships



90 healthy cooking demos by Chef Pablo



\$600,000 in FREE health screenings at store level



2,735 Bilingual **Nutritional Tags** 



Cooking up Change



50,000 water bottles Six Year National Champions donated community events



\$30,000 awarded to Dreamers



# Our Commitment in over \$300,000 during Pandemic Supporting Food Insecurity

Over 80 Partner Efforts by Providing:

#### March - Ongoing

- In-Kind Product Donations
- Over 55,000 Bags of Northgate Tortillas
- Bulk Sales at Cost
- One of the First Retailers to Open Early Special Hour for Seniors
- Northgate Gift Cards & Vouchers
- Coupons for LA City Program
- · Meals on Wheels for Seniors on Saturdays
- Boxed Lunch Meals for First Responders
- Lending of New Costa Mesa Store for Food Distribution Warehouse
- Refrigerated Trailers for Multiple Nonprofit Food Distribution Events
- In-Kind Donation of Canopies for Food Distribution Events
- Weeks worth of Groceries for Quarantined Families Partnership
- Back to School Free Backpack/School Supplies & Chromebooks Promo
- NGM own Food Distribution/Backpack in #45 South Gate for Back to School

#### **September – December**

- 2 Ways 2 Give Back 2 Your Community
- Free Covid-19 Testing at Vista, SD Store Parking Lot
- Free Onsite Breast Exams & Mammograms
- Free Flu Clinics
- Turkey Vouchers
- 3 Virtual 5K Races, Dia De Muertos Run, Tamale Run and Posada Run
- (Video) Virtial Dia De Los Muertos Store Tour for Elementary Students
- Virtual Diabetes Educational Cooking Class







## September – December Programs benefiting our Communities



**2 WAYS 2 GIVE Back 2 Our Community** is a giving program that allows our customers to either purchase a predetermined bag of groceries that will be donated to local food banks and/or donate their change (round up) or give a monetary donation at the register. The groceries and money raised will help out families in need through our local community food banks. Program dates are September 16<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Fundraiser Goal \$80,000!







**FREE** Health Screenings for September-December





During Pandemic Screenings for Mammograms has Decreased by 80%.

