The Chula Vista Welfare Council (CVWC) was founded in 1917 to provide emergency food assistance to families in need, and over a concern that students on the school lunch programs would go hungry during Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. As Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) began to grow, and the need for food assistance during school breaks also grew, the CVWC recruited school nurses to assist with the program. Nurses referred families for holiday food assistance and assisted with annual canned food drives at their CVESD sites.

Over 100 years later the CVWC, with the help of many organizations and groups, work to provide an emergency food box and $25 grocery card to over 300 families every year. The December distribution to families, referred by school nurses, uses about half the supply of food packed. The other half is disbursed throughout the year through our partnership with the Chula Vista Community Collaborative Family Resource Centers, who offer support to these families with resources and referrals. The Chula Vista Community Collaborative (CVCC) also provides CVWC with office space. CVWC operations are staffed and lead by a volunteer Board and Executives.

1,500 Emergency Food Boxes provided for Families in need from 2018—2020

50 Partnering Schools in CVESD

Chula Vista Welfare Council is Youth and Volunteer Driven with decades of community service in Chula Vista.
CVWC brings together Chula Vista Elementary School District Staff members, Nurses, Students and community groups every year to celebrate the spirit of giving and volunteering.

The crucial support of partners and collaboration with CVCC spreads magic during the holidays and sets up an emergency food bank for Family Resource Center families. Together, in solidarity both organizations have been able to help thousands of Chula Vista families across the decades. Thank you for all of the support to strengthen the community and ensuring no children in Chula Vista are food insecure.

Thank you organizations and groups who continue to support our efforts.

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