



Loaves and Fishes OF CONTRA COSTA Nourishing Lives Campaign

A Leadership Update from Janette and Joleen

Thank you for the role you play in advancing the *Nourishing Lives Campaign* and the vision for Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa's (LFCC) new Central Kitchen. We're pleased to share this brief insider update as the project moves decisively from planning to execution.

Once complete, the central kitchen will function as a countywide hub for preparing, cooking and distributing hot meals and groceries, allowing LFCC to triple daily meal production while improving efficiency, coordination, and reach.

While the campaign remains in its quiet phase, the level of early support and confidence has been deeply encouraging. Because of your leadership, this project is no longer aspirational—it is underway.



Janette Kennedy, Co-ED
Development & External Relations

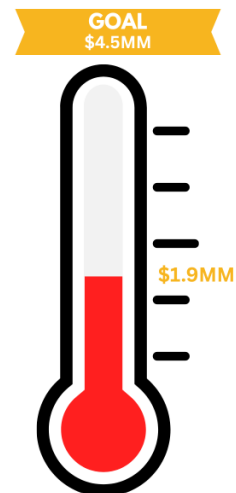


Joleen Lafayette, Co-ED
Operations

Capital Campaign Update

We are grateful to **Justice, Justice Foundation** for their **\$500,000 leadership gift**, which has played a catalytic role in advancing the project. This early commitment enabled LFCC to begin interior construction immediately, shortening the timeline and demonstrating readiness to deliver.

“We made our gift to propel this campaign forward — to move the project from vision to reality, accelerate construction, and help more people sooner rather than later. By providing early momentum, we knew our support would strengthen the organization’s partnership with the County and create powerful leverage to inspire the remaining gifts needed to bring this transformational project to completion.”



— **Jerry Weintraub and Melody Howe Weintraub**
Co-Presidents, Justice, Justice Foundation

We are thrilled to announce the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a **\$1 million ARPA investment** in LFCC's Central Kitchen as part of a broader **\$5 million commitment** to the Food Security Collaborative of Contra Costa County.

To date, **\$1,988,500 has been raised** toward the *Nourishing Lives Campaign*. With strong early momentum, our goal is to reach **\$2,555,000 by midsummer**, allowing construction to continue without interruption and keeping the project on track for launch as planned.

Each leadership commitment, public and private, has reinforced the confidence that this project is both needed and achievable.

Project Update



LFCC received a donation of kitchen equipment estimated at over \$100,000 from Quanta Manufacturing Nashville.



We hired Lescure Construction who has completed 90% of interior demolition.

Continuing the Work Together

For those who have already contributed, thank you for your leadership and partnership. Stay connected by reaching out to **Janette Kennedy** or **Joleen Lafayette** to:

- Tour the new central kitchen site to see progress firsthand
- Connect us with peers who share an interest in long-term, scalable solutions to food insecurity
- Make a gift/additional gift

Together, we are building infrastructure that will serve more neighbors, more efficiently, for years to come.



Our **Community**
Our **Kitchen**
Our **Future**



Tax ID # 68-0018077

Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa | 835 Ferry Street | Martinez, CA 94553 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email & social marketing for free!