



## **BACKGROUNDER**

### **History**

The Burrito Project was started in 1996 by a group of friends in San Francisco. We started with the idea to help out homeless and disenfranchised families and individuals in our community. From there, our project expanded to over 10 locations across the country, with new ones continuing to pop up. We all have a personal connection to the project and the people we feed and share our food with. We know that warm food and a human connection can have a profound impact on people of all ages.

### **Mission**

There are more than 150,000 homeless people in California, and over 550,000 in the United States ([www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)). Our goal is to feed and help as many people as possible. We are not under the impression that we can solve the homelessness issue, but we believe this is a great place to start.

When we were kids, one of the first things we were taught was to share, and as we get older, we tend to forget that aspect of life. This idea knows no socioeconomic or cultural discrimination. The Burrito Project is all about coming together as a group to make and share food with each other to break down the barriers and offer a helping hand to the homeless community.

As a society, we have learned to look away when we see something that makes us uncomfortable instead of helping out when we can, and we at The Burrito Project are looking to change that. We meet monthly, and when we come together, there is no sermon or lecture, just warm food, conversation, and hugs. Through our work, we hope to inspire others around the country and the world to look at their communities and see how they can help out.

### **Fundraising Events**

The Burrito Project is a non-profit organization, so we rely on the help of our community, sponsors and fundraising events to provide help for others.

We have many different types of events that are held throughout the year. Our bowling, karaoke, dancing, baseball, poker and other events are the ways in which we receive the bulk of our donations. When you purchase a ticket to these fun gatherings where you can meet likeminded people, it is also a donation to help feed the homeless, so it's a win, win! In addition to the main events, our different locations gather to pass out food multiple times per month on their regular schedule which can be found at [www.theburritoproject.com](http://www.theburritoproject.com).

### **Contact**

For future events or further information, we can be reached at [info@burritoprojectsf.org](mailto:info@burritoprojectsf.org) or by phone for the different locations listed on our website.