

ABOUT “UDDERLY BLESSED” ARTWORK

Upon its auction in 2017, “Udderly Blessed” encouraged us to continue Christine’s legacy by helping the SLO Food Bank to provide for hungry neighbors in need through one more cow.

The cow displays the beautiful concept of “Farm to Table” nutrition and a variety of donated foods feeding families of all sizes, ages, and ethnicities.

Christine’s family hopes “Udderly Blessed” will remain on display as a source of inspiration to all those entering the SLO Food Bank facility.

Please consider contributing what you can to the SLO Food Bank so they can continue their mission to alleviate hunger and be “Udderly Blessed”.



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IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINE ALLEN “UDDERLY BLESSED”

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ABOUT CHRISTINE



Christine Allen was born and raised in San Luis Obispo, the 5th of 7 children in a blessed and loving family. From an early age it was clear that Christine was destined for big things and to leave her mark on the world around her. Also

from an early age, all you had to do was open her wardrobe to see that her favorite color was any shade of purple!

Growing up, Christine was active in many youth activities and sports, including swimming, junior guards, soccer, basketball, snowboarding, and backpacking. As a teen, she embraced a healthy lifestyle and enjoyed participating in various 5k runs and the SLO triathlon each year. She would have loved the SLO Food Bank Turkey Trot run, as its course is on one of her favorite stretches of beach — a place where she and her family have spent many treasured hours walking, running, tossing a Frisbee, or just enjoying a wonderful sunset.

4H PROJECTS FOR SLO FOOD BANK

Christine was proud to have been active in 4H for eight years — her last three years as president of the Edna 4H club.

After several initial years of lamb and horse projects, she was searching for a higher purpose and a way to benefit the community, when she learned about the possibility of raising an animal to donate to the Food Bank from a local breeder.

This began a passionate series of projects that benefitted many local hungry families over a five year period. Altogether they provided approximately 2,000 pounds of high-quality meat to the SLO Food Bank to feed neighbors in need in San Luis Obispo. Christine said of her experience:

My community service involvement with steer projects for the Food Bank has taught me so many life skills and challenged me to think creatively about how to help the community within a project I am already doing and have a passion for. The whole experience has influenced my life in ways that I am sure will manifest themselves in the future, but immediately challenged and taught me to think of ways to help the community.



CHRISTINE'S LEGACY

On May 7th, 2013 Christine and her family were returning from her freshman year at college. They had stopped at a favorite spot in Utah and had taken a short family hike after dinner. Christine's mother had just snapped a photo of her standing on a bluff with her open hands stretched to the sky as the sun set behind her. Moments later, Christine was lost in a tragic rockslide when the 15-foot boulder she was standing on gave way.

Christine's spirit is still with us, however, encouraging us to continue her legacy by helping the SLO County Food Bank to provide for people in need.