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Greetings!

ClassACT HR73 invites you to join fellow Bay Area Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973 classmates to work together to create positive social and environmental change! The newest Class Act Bridge is White Pony Express, an all volunteer nonprofit located in Walnut Creek, CA, in the East Bay region of San Francisco Bay. Its mission is to help eliminate hunger and poverty in Contra Costa County by delivering the abundance that already exists to neighbors in need. Classmate [Emily Fields Karakashian](#) serves as Volunteer Coordinator and Steering Committee member of White Pony Express and is its ClassACT sponsor.

What does White Pony Express do?

Food Rescue and Distribution

Founded in September 2013, White Pony Express collects over 4000 pounds of food a day from more than 100 donors, including Whole Foods, Costco, Safeway, Walgreens and Walmart and distributes it to 55,000 people through 46 nonprofit partners in northern California's Contra Costa County. The food distributed – over 1.5 million pounds and counting – would otherwise have gone to waste!



Clothing Distribution

Its clothing distribution program, the Free General Store, accepts donations of new and gently used clothing and children's toys and books, carefully handles and prepares them, and distributes them free of charge through nonprofit partners in Contra Costa County. This is done either directly or through delightful neighborhood events called Mobile Boutiques, which bring the clothes to underserved areas of the county. In the year since it was founded, the Free General Store has held 17 Mobile Boutiques and freely distributed over 58,000 items of clothing and more than 28,000 children's toys and books.

You can get involved!

WPE is looking for classmates who have time or expertise in the following areas:

- Provide contacts at local and national retailers and manufacturers of adult, teen and children's clothing, children's toys and books, and items for babies and toddlers like strollers and baby backpacks or carriers. These would be people who are in a position to commit donations of goods or funds for operating expenses. [Email Emily](#)
- Help identify foundations that could support WPE through grants for operating expenses or asset acquisitions. [Email Emily](#)
- **Volunteer!** WPE operates its food rescue program 7 days a week, 15 hours a day and always needs food runners, administrative help, and general helpers. The Free

General Store holds clothing preparation workshops 7 days a week:

- o 3-5 pm Monday through Friday
- o 7-9pm Monday
- o Saturday 9 to noon and 3 to 5
- o Sunday 10 to noon and 3 to 5
- o Volunteers are also needed to help serve as hosts at Mobile Boutiques and working as loading and transport helpers before and after Boutiques [HERE](#)
- Help ClassACT organize a food distribution or Mobile Boutique event for HR73 volunteers, their families, friends and networks. [Email Emily](#)
- Donate money in any amount [HERE](#)
- Donate your new and gently used clothing. Find instructions on how to do so [HERE](#)
- Consider doing something similar in your local area. WPE believes any group of neighbors can create and operate similar programs. They are happy to share their experience and growing understanding of how to do this. [HERE](#)

Contact Information

Classmate Sponsor, [Emily Fields Karakashian](#)

White Pony Express

White Pony

Express: <http://whiteponyexpress.org/>

General Store: <http://www.freegeneralstore.org/>

Class ACT

Page: <http://classacthr73.org/project/9>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/whiteponyexpress>



The ClassACT board has created a structure that enables us to collaborate on issues that are of concern to us all. Join us to harness the power of the collective in creating positive change in our world. **Get involved today:**

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E-blurb: Class Act HR73 (Achieving Change Together) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization leveraging the talents of Harvard/Radcliffe 1973 classmates to create positive social and environmental change.

Sincerely, ClassACT HR73

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