

# Top Hatters Motorcycle Club benefits Seeley, Westmorland families in need

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Nearly 100 motorcycles rumbled through Westmorland and Seeley on Saturday as the Imperial Valley chapter of the Top Hatters Motorcycle Club presented food donations to families.

"It's from our hearts to them," said Armando Lopez, chapter president for the Top Hatters' Imperial Valley chapter. "There are less fortunate people that are losing jobs and income. We just thought it'd be nice to donate food."

Members of the club and from the Soldiers for Jesus Motorcycle Club launched the Food for Families Support Run from the Hawg Wild bike shop in Imperial at 10:30 a.m. The group continued to Westmorland and Seeley to present food to 25 families in need in each community.

The Top Hatters Motorcycle Club Imperial Valley Chapter raised \$2,500 to purchase food from the Imperial Valley Food Bank for families in need in Westmorland and Seeley.

"In this kind of economic times, we have to help the less fortunate," said Top Hatters Imperial Valley Chapter associate Christopher Hawkins.

He said families and their children appreciated the event and the bikes.

"They liked the motorcycles," he said. "People were taking pictures of the motorcycles, and the kids were checking them out."

Hawkins said another Top Hatters Imperial Valley Chapter program in Niland and Calipatria will send backpacks of food to children in need every two weeks throughout the year.

Lopez said the Food for Families Support Run was personally fulfilling.

"It makes you feel great when you see the expression of the children," Lopez said.

Daniel Medina, sergeant-at-arms for the Top Hatters Motorcycle Club Imperial Valley Chapter, said it was important to help the community and dispel stereotypes about motorcycle riders.

"We came out to help the community, and the Soldiers for Jesus came out to help us like they did in other years," Medina said. "We just want to show the community that all bikers aren't bad," he said.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Earl Slick, president of the Phoenix chapter of Soldiers for Jesus Motorcycle Club; Armando Lopez, chapter president for Top Hatters Motorcycle Club Imperial Valley chapter; Pablo Villa, national president for Soldiers for Jesus; Tommy Gun, vice president of the Top Hatters; "Road Block" Dirk Hall, Los Angeles and Orange County president of Soldiers for Jesus; and "Fat Daddy," president of the Inland Empire chapter of Soldiers for Jesus spent Saturday delivering food to the less fortunate.

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