



Daniels keeps community service tradition alive

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For more than 30 years, family owned Daniels Western Meat Packers, Inc. has provided not only top cuts of beef, seafood and poultry, but also financial support to city organizations.

Daniels, one of the largest wholesale food distributors in Southern California, has helped youth sports teams, nonprofits and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

With more than 50 years total in business in Pico Rivera, Daniels feels a familial connection with the community.

"This city is our family's second home," said Lisa McGroarty, one of owner Al Santos' daughters. "Our office and plant is like a second home, and giving back through volunteering or donating is a small way for us to show we are thankful."

The company's mission statement - "Small enough to know you, large enough to serve you" - adheres to the family's penchant for community service and support.

"They have definitely been a great partner with the city," said Councilman Ron Beilke. "They have the respect of community leaders and have built strong goodwill with the entire community."

Sheriff's Capt. Michael Rothans said the support of companies like Daniels is invaluable.

"We rely on the philanthropy of businesses to donate items, services or time for our programs," he said.

Those include fundraising barbecues for the station's annual scholarship programs.

"Donations help to keep costs down so more money can go to the scholarships for high school students," Rothans said.

In addition to a list of local family restaurants, country clubs, steak houses, delicatessens and caterers, Daniels' clientele includes theme parks and other wholesale distributors.

"We deal with hundreds of customers locally, including the public's favorite hamburger stands, taquerias and family-owned restaurants and diners," McGroarty said.



“On another side of the spectrum, we also deal with a lot of high-end local establishments, which can be franchises or part of a corporation.”

But, she said, the local connection is the strongest.

“My dad is the guy who people call upon when they need help or advice,” McGroarty said.

“As long as he is able, he will do what he can to support any type of organization or individual in the community.”

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