



Louise Coonrad, 74, was in the right place at the right time last week, when she became the recipient of the 10,000th brown bag distributed by the California Grey Bears. The local organization of senior citizens provides a free bag of groceries weekly for its members.

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Groceries Given

Grey Bears Hit 10,000 Mark

Nine thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine...10,000!

The California Grey Bears handed out their 10,000th brown bag last week to Louise Coonrad, 74, of Santa Cruz.

She's a volunteer who works weekly with the senior self-help organization, as well as one of the 700 Grey Bears who receive a bag of groceries each week.

Total membership is now 1,320. Many Grey Bears have joined for the satisfaction of helping other elderly people, and don't need the weekly brown bag.

With lots of local and national publicity behind them, the Grey Bears now are concentrating on finding more sources of food.

And of brown bags — local

residents are asked to save large shopping bags and bring them to the Grey Bears headquarters at 1298 Fair Ave.

After all, they've given away 10,000 bags with groceries already.

The organization just opened two more distribution points for the free food. Ziggy Rendler, assistant director, said Grey Bears members will receive fresh produce for a few more weeks.

Cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, lettuce, apples and prunes now fill the brown bags. Only frozen foods will be available after November.

Seniors 60 years or older are invited to join. Membership is \$1 per year. For information call 427-3000.