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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County workers launch holiday food drive

WHAT: Holiday Food Drive
WHERE: County offices
WHEN: Through Dec. 22
INFO: Tanya Smith, 427-8138

County workers of both Solano and Contra Costa Counties are again launching an annual food drive for the Food Bank to feed thousands of the counties' residents over the holiday season.

The statistics released by the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano are sobering:

- Almost 80 percent of the people using emergency food programs in Contra Costa County in the past year ran out of food and didn't have the money to purchase more.

- About a third of the people receiving emergency food in Contra Costa County are children, 9 percent are seniors.

- Two-thirds of the clients at emergency food programs have household incomes of less than $15,000 a year. The Federal Poverty Level for a family of four is $20,000.

- The Food Bank serves over 82,000 residents each month.

Last year, county employees from both counties were able to raise $100,000 in a friendly competition dubbed "Holiday Food Fight."

The public is invited to participate. One easy way to take part is through the "Buy A Bag" program in which donors can "purchase" a bag of food in sums of $1 and above. Each dollar equals $6 of food purchases.

Donations of cash or non-perishable food will be accepted until Dec. 22. Collection barrels will be placed at most county buildings, including the offices of Supervisor Glover at 315 East Leland Drive.