

Guiding families on their journey to self-sufficiency since 1976.

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October 3, 2016

Dear California State Employee,

Thank you for participating in last year's CA State Employees' Food Drive. In 2015-2016, the drive raised a combined donation of canned food and cash totaling 720,313 pounds! An impressive total and an increase of nearly 100,000 pounds over the year prior!

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) will be the recipient of your generous donations again this year. Each pound of food donated this holiday season through the State Employees' Food Drive will help to feed 135,000 of the men, women and children who to turn SFBFS each month. Because of you, fewer families will go hungry in Sacramento County this year.

In addition to food distributions, SFBFS offers nutrition education, gardening classes and school pantry support. SFBFS compliments these food bank services by offering a variety of family services including clothing for job interviews, parenting courses, technology workshops, English classes and GED preparation so individuals can complete their journey to self-sufficiency.

All of SFBFS' services are provided at no cost thanks to generous volunteers and donors like you. SFBFS can turn each donated \$1 into \$10 worth of goods and services at no cost. Right now, 245,000 individuals in Sacramento County are unsure of where their next meal is coming from. But thanks to you, SFBFS can now reach nearly 50% of these individuals and help them receive support.

In the coming weeks, you will receive information from State Employee Food Drive Coordinator, Peggy Marshall, with information about how to make this year's drive another resounding success. If you have any questions about SFBFS, would like a tour of our Food Bank Services campus in North Sacramento or our Family Services campus in Oak Park, please contact Peggy Marshall at <u>stateemployees@sacramentofoodbank.org</u>.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual kick-off meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 and I hope you will join us to help battle hunger in Sacramento this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Blake Young President/CEO

P.S. I hope you will join us for Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving Day (and receive food drive credit)! Register at <u>www.runtofeedthehungry.com</u>.

Leave a legacy - please remember Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services in your estate plans.

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