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CAPSBC Food Bank to Start Holiday Food Drives

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- Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) Food Bank is announcing its first food drives for the upcoming holiday season. During October, there will be several locations accepting food donations on behalf of the CAPSBC Food Bank. Those who can give are invited to participate.

Food donations to the CAPSBC Food Bank support a food distribution network of 200 locations throughout San Bernardino County, including Catholic Charities of San Bernardino & Riverside County, Salvation Army, Lighthouse for the Blind, the Rock Church, Set Free Christian Fellowship, Desert Manna Ministries, St. Paul A.M.E., Boys & Girls Club, local schools, community & senior centers, domestic violence shelters, soup kitchens and countless other faith-based organizations. The CAPSBC Food Bank has been supporting the County of San Bernardino since 1984 with food distributions of USDA Surplus Food Commodities and privately donated food from food drives and large supporters like, Stater Bros., Albertsons and others.

With so many in need during these difficult economic times, the CAPSBC Food Bank is a lifeline for thousands of San Bernardino County families. The new 2010 Census data has confirmed record-breaking poverty in our county. One in four children are living in poverty in San Bernardino County and their



1 in 4 People in San Bernardino County lives in poverty. Help us help them.

FOOD DRIVE

**PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
 OCTOBER 1 - 16, 2011**

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| Highland Dental Group & Orthodontics
27949 Greenspot Road Suite H
Highland, California 92346
909-864-6010 | Fontana Dental Group & Orthodontics
14305 Baseline Ave
Fontana, California 92336
909-355-1700 |
| Hub Plaza Dental Group
1047 E. Harriman Place Suite B
San Bernardino, California 92408
909-796-6700 | |

OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2011

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| Tom Bell's Redlands Auto Plaza
500 West Redlands Boulevard
Redlands, Ca 92373
909-793-2141 | Tom Bell Chevrolet
800 Alabama Street
Redlands, Ca 92374
909-793-2681 | Toyota of Redlands
921 New York Street
Redlands, Ca 92374
909-793-0300 |
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families are facing tough decisions about how to feed the kids. Within the 43rd congressional district, which includes cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, Grand Terrace, Fontana and Ontario, 32% of people under 18 years of age are living in poverty. Without proper nutrition, these children's futures are in jeopardy. A large body of research has shown the relationship between childhood poverty and chronic health, development and education problems.

"Requests for food assistance at the CAPSBC food bank have risen dramatically. More and more, the new face of poverty is what used to be middle class American families. For many, they have exhausted every last option. Unemployment runs out, savings runs out, homes are lost, and children who used to not worry about such 'adult' issues are now facing the stark reality of poverty. So many families in our communities continue to struggle. We urge those who can help to come forward," stated Patricia Nickols, CEO at CAPSBC. The CAPSBC Food Bank accepts donations of food and cash. Volunteers are always needed to help pack food for distribution.

CAPSBC can help you or your business to organize pledge drives and food drives, or volunteering to helping to pack and distribute food to the needy. If you are interested in helping and have any questions about our community food programs, please call (909) 723-1580.

CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. We have been serving San Bernardino County since 1965. As one of the largest non-profit human services agency in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC provides resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Home Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, Family Development, Assets for Independence/Individual Development Accounts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems and the CAPSBC Food Bank. For more information about Community Action Partnership and its programs call (909) 723-1500 or visit us on the web at www.capsbc.org. You can also follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/cap.sanbernardino or on our blog where we invite your comments at <http://capsbc.blogspot.com>