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Only 12 days Left to Keep Thanksgiving Tables From Being Bare!

Santa Barbara County, CA. - The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is holding its annual Turkey Drive to feed thousands of hungry children, seniors, families and individuals during the 2009 holiday season. The activities began with a county wide Annual Turkey Drive on November 2 and will run through the 20. The Foodbank needs many turkeys to be donated before Thanksgiving as well as monetary and non-perishable food donations. So far, the Foodbank has received 10 donated turkeys and is looking forward to filling up their freezers.

“Our neighbors go hungry 12 months out of the year, but this time of year we have a special need for food and money,” says Executive Director Erik Talkin, “we can brighten their holidays and provide help through the winter months. For every \$1 dollar donated the Foodbank can distribute \$7 dollars of nutritious food. It is a critical time for those in need and the numbers are growing.”

People can donate turkeys, food and funds at both Foodbank Warehouses, Monday – Friday, from 7 am to 4 pm. They can also join in the fun for the Holiday Turkey Drive this Friday, November 13 in both Santa Maria and Santa Barbara.

In Santa Barbara KCOY 12 and FOX 11 are working with K-LITE radio’s Gary & Catherine who’ll be live in front of Whole Foods from 7am-10am, located at 3761 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Volunteers will be at Whole Foods throughout the day to continue to collect turkey, food and funds.

In Santa Maria people can join Foodbank staff and volunteers, Patti and Randall and Sunny Country’s Jay and Niki for the Annual Holiday Turkey Drive at the KCOY 12 and FOX 11 studios located at 1211 W. McCoy Lane from 5 am to 6:30 pm.

What: *Annual Turkey Drive
November 2 – 20

*Holiday Turkey Drive
November 13

Santa Barbara at Whole Foods from 7am-5 pm
3761 State Street

Santa Maria at 1211 W. McCoy Lane from 5am to 6:30 pm.

*Holiday Food Drive
November 1 – December 31

*Grocery Bags in Santa Barbara News-Press, Santa Maria Times and
The Lompoc Record
December 3 – list of needed items on the bag

Where: Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
South County Warehouse

4554 Hollister Ave.

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Phone: (805) 967-5741 ext 112

Please drop off Turkeys, food and funds from 7 am to 4 pm

North County Warehouse

490 W. Foster Rd.

Santa Maria, CA 93455

Phone: (805) 937-3422 ext 109

Please drop off Turkeys, food and funds from 7 am to 4 pm

About The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County – We are the largest hunger-relief organization in the county with a network of more than 220 member agencies. In 2008, we distributed over 8 million pounds of food locally and our member agencies used this food to feed more than 135,000 people. The programs receiving food from the Foodbank include food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and senior programs. For more on The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, please visit www.foodbanksbc.org

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