

Food Bank Drive at Tri-Valley Safeway Stores

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Drive is part of a Bay Area-wide effort to collect donated food.

Six Bay Area Food Banks will be volunteering at Bay Area Safeway stores on Saturday July 16 in a special one-day effort to significantly increase their donations on behalf of needy families.

The food banks are: Alameda County Community Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, San Francisco Food Bank, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties, Napa Valley Food Bank and Redwood Empire Food Bank.

Volunteers will ask customers to purchase a specially produced grocery bag containing tuna, peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese and instant mashed potatoes for \$10.

Safeway launched the grocery bag offering to make a donation easier for shoppers and to ensure food bank recipients receive good quality items.

According to a collaboration of local food banks, the demand for food assistance in the Bay Area has increased by 45 percent since 2008.

In the San Francisco Bay area, one in five adults are at risk of hunger and nearly 40 percent of those seeking food come from a household with at least one working adult.

More information on the demand for food in the Bay Area can be found at www.bayareahunger.org