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Martinez Chamber joins forces with Food Bank

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MARTINEZ, Calif. – The Martinez Chamber of Commerce is once again joining the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano in a collaborative effort to help feed the hungry this June, and they're seeking the community's support.

The Chamber is asking attendees to bring a non-perishable food donation to its annual family event, the King of the County BBQ and Music Festival. The festival will be held at Martinez Waterfront Park June 14-15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both admission and parking are free.

"This is the kind of partnership that helps feed people throughout the year," said Larry Sly, executive director of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. "Many think of giving during the holiday season. However, hunger does not take a vacation and our community need continues year round."

"It just makes sense if we are having a festival and enjoying barbecue that we help others be able to eat," said John Stevens, CEO of the Martinez Chamber.

The event will have 10 live bands, children's activities, arts and craft booths, and a barbecue competition to round it out. To find out more, call the Chamber at (925) 228-2345 or visit www.countybbq.com.