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## **Food Bank honored at inaugural California Nonprofits Day celebration**

**Concord, CA**— On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano was honored as the Nonprofit of the Year within the 4th Assembly District at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The Food Bank was recognized by Assemblymember Bill Dodd for being an exceptional nonprofit organization within his six-county district. The Food Bank joined other nonprofits from across the state that were also honored at this first-ever California Nonprofits Day event.

The award recipients visited the Assembly Floor and were recognized at a luncheon. Presentations were conducted by former Senate President Pro Tempore [and Sacramento Mayor-Elect], Darrell Steinberg; Assemblymember, Rich Gordon; and Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits).

CalNonprofits is a statewide alliance of over 10,000 organizations, representing and promoting California's growing nonprofit sector and working to bring the full power of nonprofits to strengthening communities.

"Nonprofit organizations are vitally important to the economy and well-being of California. But too often nonprofits are 'hidden in plain sight.' We are thrilled that the State Assembly has passed a resolution putting the spotlight on nonprofits as an economic power that uses that power for the common good. We congratulate all of the award recipients on being honored for the great work they do every day to make California a better place," said Ms. Masaoka.

An alarming 1 in 8 people within Contra Costa and Solano counties turn to the Food Bank for emergency and supplemental food.

The Food Bank distributes food directly to low-income adults, children, seniors and disabled individuals. In addition, they partner with 180 local nonprofits to reach even more people in need.

The Food Bank also serves the community by reducing food waste, promoting the importance of good nutrition, and by raising public awareness of issues related to food and hunger through advocacy and outreach.

"I am proud of what the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano has accomplished in our 40 plus years of serving the community as a nonprofit," said Food Bank Executive Director, Larry Sly. "I am honored that we were selected by Assemblymember Dodd as the Nonprofit of the Year for our district."

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