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**KAISER PERMANENTE EMPLOYEES DONATE HUNDREDS OF TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING**

November 18, 2016 -- Employees with [Kaiser Permanente](#) in the Napa Solano service area are helping to provide many Thanksgiving meals this holiday by donating \*324\* turkeys to the [Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano](#).

"This holiday season, in addition to providing everyday groceries, more than 30,000 families will receive extra groceries which they can use to prepare a special holiday meal," said Larry Sly, Executive Director of the Food Bank. "Thanks to the support of Kaiser Permanente and their very generous employees, the holidays will be more hopeful for our neighbors who struggle to put food on their plates daily."

In Contra Costa and Solano counties, 1 in 8 people rely on emergency food throughout the year and the need increases during the holidays.

"Part of our mission is to give back to the community and this is a great way to help provide a Thanksgiving meal for some families that might not have a turkey. This was entirely employee driven and we were excited to help provide for the communities we serve," said Rhonda Zancanelli, a recruitment consultant for Kaiser Permanente in the Napa Solano area.

Turkeys were collected at both the Vacaville and Vallejo Medical Centers in a turkey drive led by the employees. This collection surpassed their goal of 300 turkeys.

"I had a great time helping to collect turkeys donated by the generous employees at Kaiser Permanente," said Food Bank ambassador Joe Darrell. "I love knowing that hundreds of families in our community will now have a happier Thanksgiving."

Join Kaiser Permanente and the Food Bank to help transform the lives of your neighbors in need by making a donation today at [foodbankccs.org](http://foodbankccs.org) or 855-309-FOOD.

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**ABOUT THE FOOD BANK OF CONTRA COSTA AND SOLANO**

For over 40 years, the [Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano](#) has been serving the community by feeding hungry people, reducing food waste, and raising public awareness about issues related to food and hunger. We serve 190,000 people a month, and last year we distributed 20 million pounds of food, enough for more than 16 million meals.