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Community News

Good Neighbors: Helping the food bank serve

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Share the joy of helping others with your entire family on a second or fourth Sunday each month for a Family Volunteer Day Food Sort at the Food Bank warehouse, 4010 Nelson in Concord. And plan ahead to join other families for a food-sorting special event on Easter Sunday, April 16. Details will be available soon on the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and Solano website, foodbankccs.org/volunteer, or call 925-676-7543 to register.



Photo courtesy of Food Bank of Contra Costa County and Solano
Food Bank volunteers Kristen Muraoka, left, and Jenna Steele and their families recently helped bag fresh produce on a recent Sunday Family Volunteer Day, for those in need in our community.

Tours of the Concord warehouse are offered to individuals and groups between 8 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., or from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Each tour lasts about 20 minutes. Birthday parties may also be arranged at the Food Bank. Contact Rachel Braver at rbraver@foodbankccs.org or call 925-676-7543 ext. 248, for details.

Many of our local businesses, individuals and groups wish to raise funds, collect donations, hold a food drive or other special event on behalf of the food bank. All support is appreciated, and must be planned in advance. For more information on food drives, contact Joan Tomasini at jtomasini@foodbankccs.org or call 925-676-7543 ext. 208.

The food bank offers speakers to share information and raise awareness about methods to fight hunger in our communities. To request a food bank speaker, contact Jenny Shelby King at jking@foodbankccs.org or 925-676-7543 ext. 255.

“Move for Hunger” is a hunger relief organization that has brought the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and Solano together with Anderson Brothers Moving Co. of Martinez to deliver unwanted nonperishable food to the food bank for residents who hire them to help with a move. Visit www.moveforhunger.org for more information and to get a quote.

Golfers can sign up now and receive early bird pricing for the “Drive Fore Break on Hunger” Golf Classic on Monday, April 4 at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo.

Individuals and foursomes are welcome to register with Renee at rbaptiste@foodbankccs.org or by calling 925-771-1310.

Solano County won the 2016 “Counties Care Holiday Food Fight” Big Apple trophy. Each holiday season, Contra Costa and Solano county employees raise funds for the food bank by holding bake sales, auctions and raffles to encourage donations from co-workers, friends and family. Solano County employees raised \$41,780.21 (\$12.74 per employee). Contra Costa County raised \$109,859.37 (\$11.40 per employee). The grand total of \$151,639.58 will provide over 300,000 meals to our hungry neighbors.