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Bay Area Food Bank



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Penny Beaulieu Manager, Grant Programs The Community Foundation 3700 Sixth Street, Suite 200 Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Ms. Beaulieur

On behalf of the board and staff, I would like to thank the S.L. Gimbel Foundation, a component fund of The Community Foundation, for the generous donation in the amount of \$10,000 as part of the Holiday Grant Program. With money received from this grant request, the food bank will purchase shelf stable food to augment other food donations including fresh produce, meat, dairy and breads as part of approximately 100,000 pounds of food for distribution to Choctaw County in Alabama, Perry County in Mississippi, Bay, Holmes and Walton Counties in Florida through 20 mobile pantry distributions. At each of these distributions, individuals and families who suffer from hunger will receive a box of fresh and packaged food. In Choctaw County, we will also register individuals and families onsite to receive benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly called food stamps.

Bay Area Food Bank is the only food bank in Alabama to provide both immediate and long-term food assistance by combining two innovative programs - the Mobile Pantry Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP continues to be the nation's primary domestic nutrition assistance program for low-income households. The food bank is making headway in having a direct impact on thousands of families who desperately need long-term food assistance by having our state trained SNAP advocates accompany mobile pantry distributions. Financial support from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation helps strengthen our efforts in achieving that mission.

Again, thank you for your generous gift in support of Bay Area Food Bank. Please visit our website, www.bayareafoodbank.org, to learn more about our programs. With your help, we will help to reduce hunger within our community.

Sincerely,

David W. Reaney J Executive Director

Thank you for your support of our work again this year