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Neighborhood House Association and San Diego Food Bank Finalize Agreement on Distribution Ave. Property

Agreement represents efforts on behalf of both agencies

San Diego, Calif. – Dec. 16, 2008 – The San Diego Food Bank (SDFB) and the Neighborhood House Association (NHA) announced the success of a joint collaboration in completing the transition of ownership for the San Diego Food Bank Distribution Ave. A deal reached between the two organizations will allow the SDFB to become the official owner of the Distribution Ave. property.

"We are pleased to be able to announce this significant achievement and to more importantly, now be able to plan for the future and specifically, about how we will utilize this asset to provide support to needy families and individuals around the region for a long time," said Eugene "Mitch" Mitchell SDFB Board Chairman. "This agreement allows us to move forward and even look at new ways to enhance and expand our service operation."

The transaction will also complete the San Diego Food Bank's move to complete independence, which began in July of 2007, from the NHA and concludes the 30 year relationship that began when the Food Bank was created by NHA in 1977.

"Throughout this process our Board of Directors provided their fiduciary oversight to ensure that this resolution protects the interest of NHA, while resolving an important community issue," said Rudolph Johnson III, President and CEO of NHA. "The collaborative agreement of

the Distribution Ave. property solidifies our commitment to the on-going viability of San Diego Food Bank and our efforts to enhance our local communities.”

“This agreement will allow the Food Bank to truly focus on building the operation to meet the growing needs of our community while also continuing our efforts to strengthen the financial security of this essential organization so that there is never a question about whether the doors will be open,” said President of the SDFB Board Stephen P. Cushman.

The joint agreement on behalf of both agencies was facilitated by a multi-agency collaboration that included Jack McGrory, Executive Vice President of Price Charities and Bob Kelly, President and CEO of the San Diego Foundation.

“Working as a collective team we were able to insure that the ultimate beneficiaries of this agreement were the people that depend on the services of these agencies,” said Jack McGrory, Executive Vice President of Price Charities. “The success of these agencies in resolving previous issues and moving forward is testament to the new leadership in both NHA and the Food Bank.”

Editors notes:

About San Diego Food Bank: Established in 1977, the San Diego Food Bank is a critical component to the welfare of San Diego County, providing food to people in need, advocating for the hungry and educating the public about hunger-related issues. Through a combination of government programs and partnerships with more than 300 San Diego County non-profit charities, SDFB acts as a central repository and distribution point for government and donated food. Funded by foundations, grants, the USDA, corporations, sponsors and individual donors, SDFB distributes more than 10 million pounds of food annually to individuals, families and a network of non-profit organizations that work to alleviate hunger throughout the county. For more information, please visit www.sandiegofoodbank.org

About the Neighborhood House Association: The Neighborhood House Association (NHA) is San Diego County's largest multi-purpose human services agency. NHA helps thousands of individuals and families improve their quality of life by providing vital social services including employment, healthcare, child, family and senior services. For more information, visit www.neighborhoodhouse.org

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