



## **San Diego Food Bank – Press Release**

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### ***San Diego Food Bank welcomes new Board Members***

San Diego, Calif. – November 2, 2008 – The San Diego Food Bank welcomes two new members to its board of directors.

Jerry Swain, founder and CEO of Jer's Handmade Chocolates and Edward P. Wallace vice president for community affairs at Sony Electronics Inc. both will take up posts on the board of directors.

Local San Diego businessman Jerry Swain began making chocolates in college and after a successful career as executive vice president at IBM Swain founded Jer's Handmade Chocolates in 2001.

In his first year of business Jer's Handmade Chocolates was awarded the Silver Cup Award for "Best First Time Confection" at the 2001 International Confectioner's Conference in Boston for the "Original Incrediball™". This was the first of a succession of awards for his highly sought after chocolates.

A long-time contributor to food banks through the proceeds of his chocolate sales, Swain has been involved with philanthropy from a very young age and has served on numerous San Diego charitable organizations.

Edward P. Wallace, Jr. is vice president for community affairs for the Sony USA Foundation where Wallace manages corporate contributions and volunteer activities for Sony Electronics Inc.

He serves on the board of directors and is a member of the executive committee of the Association of Corporate Contribution Professionals as vice-president (ACCP) — a national trade organization for corporate contributions and community relations professionals.

Wallace is in charge of grant making in the United States and Mexico. He also oversees the matching program, scholarship programs, corporate sponsorships and in-kind donations for the Sony USA Foundation.

He sits on several charitable boards both in San Diego and nationwide.

Commenting on the new appointments, board president Stephen P. Cushman said,

“We are absolutely delighted with the appointment of two leading members our community. Their expertise and skills will be of huge value to the San Diego Food Bank, especially given the exponential increase in demand we have experienced over the past year.

Jerry and Ed’s combined business acumen and depth of experience in the charitable sector will make them welcome additions to the board of directors, and we greatly look forward to working with them.”

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