



## San Diego Food Bank – Media Advisory

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### Launch of “one-stop-shop” for food, Food Stamps and low-income “advice clinic”

**What:** The San Diego Food Bank and Councilmember Todd Gloria will launch the new Community Cares Project’s (CCP) site in Hillcrest. The CCP is a collaboration between the San Diego Food Bank and thirty organizations that provide programs for low-income families.

The CCP will provide a “one-stop-shop” where people in need can receive food, pre-screen for Food Stamps and receive advice from nearly thirty organizations on services including: housing assistance, employment training, low-cost utilities, services for the elderly and disabled, and medical care, etc.

**When:** Tuesday, March. 3, 8 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. (Set up will start at 5.30 a.m. The “advice clinic” starts at 8 a.m., and the food distribution will start at 9.00 a.m.)

**Where:** The food distribution and advice clinic will be held in the LGBT Community Center parking lot at 3909 Centre Street San Diego, 92103.

#### Interviewees/ photo opportunities:

- San Diego Food Bank staff setting up tents/ tables/ food (from 5.30 a.m.)
- Councilmember Todd Gloria (from 6.30 a.m. to 8 a.m. during set up).
- San Diego Food Bank Chair “Mitch” Mitchell (from 6.30 a.m. during set up).
- Volunteers from over 30 charities (listed below) hosting information booths.
- San Diego Food Bank volunteers distributing food boxes.
- San Diego Food Bank volunteers pre-screening people for Food Stamps.

**Community Cares Project members include:**

- 211 San Diego
- Alpha Project
- American Red Cross
- AT&T
- Armed Services Y.M.C.A.
- Catholic Charities
- Chicano Federation
- Comprehensive Training Systems
- Consumer Center for Health, Education and Advocacy
- Council of Community Clinics
- Family Health Centers
- Elder Help of San Diego
- Interfaith Shelter Network
- Jewish Family Service
- La Maestra Community Health Centers
- MAAC Project
- Meals on Wheels
- Mental Health Systems
- San Diego Coalition for the Homeless
- San Diego Hunger Coalition
- San Diego Y.W.C.A.
- SDG&E
- South Bay Community Services
- United Way of San Diego
- Urban League of San Diego County
- Vietnam Veterans of San Diego
- Workforce Partnership

**Editors Notes:**

**About the Community Cares Project (CCP) & Distribution Sites**

The Community Cares Project is a collaborative effort with over 30 leading San Diego charities and companies. Its mission is to provide food and advice to people need utilizing the San Diego Food Bank’s food distributions.

**CCP schedule of food distributions & advice clinics for the next three months:**

LGBT Community Center:	March 3,	April 7,	May 5	(Councilmember Todd Gloria)
South Bay Pentecostal:	March 6,	April 3	May 1	
Teen Challenge:	March 9,	April 13,	May 11	(Councilmember Marti Emerald)
Hearts & Hands:	March 10,	April 14,	May 12	(Councilmember Ben Hueso)
Crosspointe Life Church:	March 13,	April 10,	May 8	
St. Stephen’s Church:	March 16,	April 20,	May 18	(Councilmember Tony Young)
Children’s Choice:	March 17,	April 21,	May 19	
New Seasons Church:	March 24,	April 28,	May 26	
Samoa Independent:	March 27,	April 24,	May 29	

**San Diego County poverty data:**

- According to U.S. Census data, over 480,000 people in San Diego County either live in poverty or near the poverty level and face hunger. Of this number, 267,000 are children.
- Over 70% of eligible residents do not receive Food Stamps in San Diego County, and San Diego ranked last in survey of 25 metropolitan areas in a 2008 with a Food Stamp participation rate of 29%.
- San Diego County loses over \$144 million federal dollars in Food Stamps due to lack of participation. The money could be spent supporting local grocers and supermarkets.
- Currently 120,669 people in the county receive Food Stamps. Of this number, 76,731 are children.
- A family of four cannot earn more than \$27,560 (gross income) to be eligible for Food Stamps. And the family cannot have more than \$2,000 in liquid assets (including IRAs and checking accounts).

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