



## San Diego Food Bank – Media Advisory

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### **Governor Schwarzenegger to join San Diego Food Bank for major recession resource fair & food distribution**

**Who:** Governor Schwarzenegger; thirty major non-profits hosting info tables; San Diego Charger players handing out 15 tons of food; 35 trained IRS volunteers; Food Stamp outreach volunteers; and thousands of families affected by the economic crisis.

**What:** The San Diego Food Bank will host a major resource fair and food distribution in conjunction with the First Lady's WE Connect program ([www.weconnect.net](http://www.weconnect.net)) at its Miramar warehouse. Low-income families and people affected by the economic crisis are encouraged to visit the Food Bank for assistance on a range of programs:

- 30 organizations (see full list below) will host information booths helping people sign-up for: job training and employment, Food Stamps, Medi-Cal, emergency housing, discount utility programs (gas, electric & telephone), low-cost healthcare, disabled and senior services, etc.
- A team of Food Bank volunteers will help people sign-up for Food Stamps.
- FREE tax help. A team of trained IRS volunteers will do people's taxes for free and help low-income families file for a major tax refund called the Earned Income Tax Credit. (Many low-income homes qualify, but do not file taxes and forfeit the refund which could total thousands.)
- San Diego Charger players will distribute nearly 15 tons of food to families.

**When:** Wednesday, April 8, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

(Governor Schwarzenegger is slated to arrive in the morning.)

**Where:** San Diego Food Bank, 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego, 92121

For early morning interviews during set-up contact: Chris Carter 619-857-2314

**Editors Notes:**

The following partners will host information tables:

- 211 San Diego
- AARP
- Access Inc.
- Alpha Project
- American Red Cross
- Armed Services YMCA
- AT&T
- California Volunteers
- Catholic Charities
- Chicano Federation
- Chinese Services
- Comprehensive Training Systems
- Consumer Center for Health Education
- Council of Community Clinics
- Department of Developmental Services
- Elder Help
- Family Health Centers
- Interfaith Shelter Network
- International Rescue Committee
- Internal Revenue Service
- Jewish Family Service
- La Maestra Community Health Centers
- Legal Aid
- MAAC Project
- Meals on Wheels
- Mental Health Systems

- San Diego Association of Realtors
- San Diego Coalition for the Homeless
- San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association
- San Diego Hunger Coalition
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- Scripps Health Center
- SDG&E
- Southbay Community Services
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Union Bank of California
- United Way
- Urban League of San Diego
- VA Medical Center
- Vietnam Veterans of San Diego
- YWCA

**Information for attendees about the IRS Tax Service:**

IRS trained volunteers will help prepare attendees' 2008 taxes for free and electronically file them. Refunds will be directly deposited into their bank account within ten days to two weeks. Attendees who make less than \$41,646 will be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit payment but a tax return must be filed to receive the refund. The EITC is based on earned income and the number of children on the tax return. Those who qualify can get a refund up to \$4,824.

| Children | Maximum EITC payment | Income range for Single and Head of Household | Income range for Married Filing Jointly |
|----------|----------------------|---|---|
| 0        | \$438                | \$1 - \$12,880                                | \$1 - \$15,880                          |
| 1        | \$2,917              | \$1 - \$33,995                                | \$1 - \$36,995                          |
| 2        | \$4,824              | \$1 - \$38,646                                | \$1 - \$41,646                          |

Example 1 – Robyn is 25 years old. She had earned income from Form W-2 of \$9,000, which was her only income. She has no children. Her EITC payment is \$295.

Example 2 – Same as above, but Robyn has a 1-year-old son Alex. Her EITC payment is \$2,917.

Call 858-527-1419 Ext. 21 to schedule an appointment with a tax advisor.

**What attendees need to bring:**

- Photo ID
- Social Security Card or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)  
Cards/Letters for every family member
- W2 forms for all jobs worked in 2008
- All 1099 forms for other income (savings account, jobs for independent workers)
- All 1098 forms for college costs for you or your children, childcare provider information (name, address, and tax id number) if your child is in day care while you work

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