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## **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS LEAD CITY-WIDE FOOD DRIVE**

(San Leandro, CA) The League of San Leandro Neighborhood Associations, a coalition of local homeowner groups, is the driving force behind Thanksgiving in July, a city-wide food drive to benefit Davis Street Family Resource Center's (DSFRC) food pantry.

On Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21 at 9:00 a.m. a curbside collection will take place to pick up donations throughout the city. All donated food will benefit Davis Street's pantry to help feed thousands of the area's low-income families.

"Thanksgiving in July give the people and small businesses of San Leandro a real role in reducing hunger in our own city during a time when the food bank's shelves are bare," said Tim Holmes, League president.

"The request for groceries and other services continues to rise, especially in the summer when children cannot access the free lunch program through the schools," adds Rose Padilla Johnson, DSFRC's executive director. "Without the ongoing support of the community, many of our neighbors would not have access to fresh, nourishing food."

Residents of participating associations can place non-perishable items outside their home. Donations may also be dropped off at bins located throughout the city, including Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave., and Mission Bay, 15333 Wicks Blvd. Contact 510.384.1977 for information on residential pick up and drop off sites. All donations are tax-deductible.

"Davis Street plays a vital role in helping stamp out hunger in San Leandro and in our surrounding communities," says San Leandro Mayor Stephen Cassidy.

**What: Thanksgiving in July, a city-wide food drive for Davis Street Family Resource Center**

**When: Saturday July 20 & Sunday July 21**

**Where: Curbside in designated neighborhoods and collection bins throughout the city**

**Information: Tim Holmes, 510.384.1977**

The League of San Leandro Neighborhood Associations is a coalition of eight local homeowner associations working together for the benefit of the entire community. Davis Street Family Resource Center is a registered 50(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low-income people in the Eden area and its surrounding communities improve their quality of life through short- and long-term assistance.

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