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MEDIA ALERT: Thanksgiving Food Drive to help hundreds of struggling families have a happy holiday

Hundreds of volunteers to pack more than 300 Thanksgiving food boxes on November 23 in Concord

CONCORD, CA (October 30, 2019)— SHELTER, Inc. wants to ensure that all families and individuals struggling with homelessness have a Thanksgiving meal this November. For more than 15-years SHELTER, Inc.'s annual Thanksgiving Food Drive has provided thousands of meals for low-income and homeless families. Until November 22, the Concord-based homeless services organization will be collecting non-perishable food for those in need.

"Thanksgiving is about gratitude and sharing with others," said SHELTER, Inc. Director of Development Julie Clemens. "This community comes together every November to show how much they care about their neighbors by not only donating thousands of pounds of food, but then showing up on a Saturday to pack hundreds of boxes for these families in need. It is the truest meaning of Thanksgiving."

The annual food drive cumulates on Saturday November 23 when more than 100 volunteers sort and pack the Thanksgiving food boxes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then those boxes of food are delivered directly to families in-need in time for their Thanksgiving meals.

To get a full shopping list for the Thanksgiving Drive go to: Shelterinc.org/support All contributions can be delivered to the Concord office, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m., 1333 Willow Pass Road Suite 206 Concord, CA 94520 or mailed to P.O. Box 5368, Concord, CA 94524. For more





information about the drive contact Volunteer Coordinator Yareth Rodriguez at <u>Yareth.Rodriguez@shelterinc.org</u> or call 925-957-7561.

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About SHELTER, Inc:

Since 1986, SHELTER, Inc. has provided critical housing assistance and case management to help families and individuals facing eviction, living on the streets or struggling to obtain affordable rental housing. SHELTER, Inc., works to prevent homelessness, end homelessness and provide affordable housing. On average, 2,500 children, women and men annually participate in SHELTER, Inc. programs in Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano counties.