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## Fact Sheet

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- ◆ Since 1985, the Alameda County Community Food Bank has served as the county's clearinghouse for donated, surplus and purchased food for nonprofit agencies. We receive food from food drives and directly from manufacturers, retailers, grocers, growers, individuals and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In 2010, the Food Bank distributed 20.1 million pounds of food—52% of it fresh fruits and vegetables. Since moving into its permanent home near the Oakland Airport in 2005, the Food Bank has ramped up distribution of farm-fresh produce by 845%.
- ◆ Through a network of 275 community based organizations, including food pantries, soup kitchens, after-school programs, senior centers, shelters and other community-based organizations, the Food Bank provides food assistance to 49,000 people each week. In 2010, 1 in 6 residents of Alameda County used our services; 43% of them children.
- ◆ The Food Bank works to break the cycle of poverty by educating community members and elected officials about the causes of hunger and poverty and advocates for policies that improve the lives of low-income people. The Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and receives funding from public and private sources including individuals, foundations, businesses and local, state and federal governments.

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### Programs and Services

#### Food Distribution

- ◆ Produce program, a targeted strategy of distributing farm-fresh produce to low-income communities.
- ◆ Children's Food Distribution, a program that provides low-income school children who qualify for free and reduced price school meals with bags of nutritious food to carry them through the weekend.
- ◆ Distribution of USDA Government Commodities, a federal food distribution program.
- ◆ Emergency Food Box Program, ensures low-income families have access to healthy food through distribution of nutritionally balanced food boxes at neighborhood sites.

**Food Helpline** ◆ The Food Bank's toll-free helpline (1-800-870-3663) is among the busiest—and most efficient—in California, connecting callers to emergency food providers in their neighborhoods for same-day free hot meals or bags of groceries, and gives callers information about food stamps, school meals and other government programs.

**Community Outreach** ◆ Provides information about the food stamp program and offers application assistance.

**Nutrition Education** ◆ Provides workshops and nutrition education to agencies and clients so they can make healthy food choices, learn simple recipes and maximize limited resources.

**Hunger Education and Advocacy** ◆ Raises awareness about the extent and causes of hunger and poverty with presentations to schools, businesses and organizations. Food Bank staff and volunteers meet with local, state and federal legislators to aggressively advocate for policies that would benefit low-income people.

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### Facts about Hunger

- ◆ According to the most recent U.S. Census data, 340,000 Alameda County residents are low-income and are at the risk of experiencing hunger. (U.S. Census Bureau)
- ◆ Of the Food Bank's emergency food recipients, 43% are children, 19% are seniors and 42% have at least one member of the household that is employed.
- ◆ Most Food Bank clients are among the working poor.

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