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ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK RECEIVES ADDITIONAL MORGAN STANLEY GRANTS TO EXPAND SCHOOL-BASED HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAMS

Oakland, Calif. (October 21, 2015) – Alameda County Community Food Bank today announced the receipt of two new grants from Morgan Stanley, totaling \$75,000, to sustain and grow its childhood hunger initiatives. These grants will fund the growth of the Food Bank’s Mobile Pantry program, while also seeding the pilot for permanent school-based food pantries. This funding is a continuation of grants received from Morgan Stanley since 2013, including a \$250,000 grant in 2014 to launch [Morgan Stanley Healthy Oakland](#) – one of the initial three pilots for Morgan Stanley’s national “Healthy Cities” program.

The grants from Morgan Stanley will help Alameda County Community Food Bank more-than double it’s programming at schools throughout its service areas during the 2015-16 school year. Among the additions:

- **Increased Mobile Food Pantry distributions** from 11 (at 10 sites) to 21 (at 14 sites) per month. The expansion includes additional public sites and extended distribution times at some locations to reach more people in need.

The Food Bank will also be doubling the amount of farm-fresh produce provided through the mobile pantry distributions.

- **New permanent, fixed-site** food pantries at Ralph J. Bunche Academy (Oakland), West Oakland Middle School and East Oakland Pride Elementary. School-based fixed sites better integrate pantry distributions into high-need schools, while providing the pantry more autonomy to function as it best sees fit. Furthermore the Bunche Academy distribution will be staffed by students looking to gain work experience.

Morgan Stanley and Alameda County Community Food Bank will be commemorating these grants and the program expansion at **West Oakland Middle School’s fixed-site pantry food distribution at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.**

“Morgan Stanley’s continued support of these critical programs – through funding and countless volunteer hours – speaks volumes of their commitment to building vibrant communities,” said Suzan Bateson, the Food Bank’s executive director. “Morgan Stanley has seen first-hand the impact of their investment and we’re honored to have their renewed support to grow these programs. Partners like Morgan Stanley truly exemplify what it means to build a movement to end hunger.”



These new grants are part of the latest phase in Morgan Stanley's more than \$14 million commitment to Feeding America and its network of 200 local food banks that distribute millions of meals every year to children and families across the United States. Over the past three years, food banks like Alameda County Community Food Bank have collectively received more than \$4 million from the firm to help launch, expand and sustain critical childhood feeding programs.

"We are honored to be able to help Alameda County Community Food Bank in its important fight against child hunger," said Morgan Stanley Branch Manager Peggy Wang. "Giving back to the communities where we live and work is one of Morgan Stanley's core values."

According to Feeding America's *Hunger in America 2014* study, 89 percent of Feeding America's client households with more than one child lack reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. Alameda County Community Food Bank serves 1 in 5 county residents. Children make up the largest group the Food Bank serves.

"Grants like this from Morgan Stanley make a vital difference in our efforts to provide these children with the nutritious meals they need every day," said Nancy Curby, Vice President of Corporate Partnerships for Feeding America.

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About Alameda County Community Food Bank

Since 1985, Alameda County Community Food Bank has been at the forefront of hunger relief efforts in the Bay Area. This year, the Food Bank will distribute the equivalent of 28 million meals. More than half of the food distributed is farm-fresh produce. The Food Bank serves 1 in 5 Alameda County residents by distributing food through a network of 240 food pantries, soup kitchens, and other community organizations, as well as direct-distribution programs including Children's Backpack and Mobile Pantry. For eight consecutive years, Alameda County Community Food Bank has received Charity Navigator's top rating — Four Stars — ranking the organization among the top 1 percent of charities nationwide. Learn more at www.accfb.org