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County workers lend a hand

Contra Costa County employees are pitching in to help the less fortunate during the holidays by taking par in "The Counties Care" community campaign organized by the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

"With the economy still struggling and the numbers of needy continuing to rise, it falls on the rest of us to demonstrate our compassion and generosity when we can," said Federal Glover, District 5 county supervisor.

Cardboard barrels will be placed at various county offices so that people can contribute nonperishable food items or money to purchase food. Monetary donations are especially encouraged because for every donated dollar, the Food Bank will be able to distribute $6 worth of food.

Consider these facts released by the Food Bank:

- 43 percent of the recipients of emergency food in Contra Costa County are children;
- 23 percent of parents using emergency food programs in Contra Costa County skip meals to feed their children;
- 63 percent of the clients of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano have annual incomes of less than $10,000;
- Since 2003, the number of people receiving help from the Food Bank has risen by 12,000, raising the total of Food Bank clients to 84,000 each month.

The Counties Care campaign will be conducted until Dec. 16. East County businesses or individuals who wish to help in the campaign can bring their donations to Supervisor Glover's office at 315 East Leland Road in Pittsburg or the YMCA, 1250 O'Hara Ave in Oakley.

For more information, call 925-427-8138.