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CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK CHALLENGES BUSINESSES TO DONATE TIME AND FUNDS TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS TO MEET UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND

Bank donated \$27,000 plus team volunteerism for 15 local food banks with 6th annual Business Food Fund Challenge and encourages others to do the same through September

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA...September 1, 2021...James M. Ford, President and Chief Executive Officer of Central Valley Community Bank (Bank), announced that its sixth Business Food Fund Challenge is underway to benefit 15 local food banks in the San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento region. The Bank led the effort by donating both team volunteerism and \$27,000 to food banks throughout its footprint with the goal of encouraging regional businesses to do the same.

Food banks are reporting unprecedented levels of food insecurity due to the lingering COVID-19 pandemic and regional wildfire evacuations. Families who have never had to rely on food assistance are finding their way to local food banks for the first time, in addition to those who continue to be affected by economic stresses, homelessness and job loss.

For every \$1.00 donated, qualified food banks are able to provide up to seven meals through their bulk contracts. For example, Central Valley Community Bank's donations will help underwrite up to 189,000 individual meals. The Business Food Fund Challenge works to raise awareness of the need by providing an easy reference page at www.cvcb.com/business-food-fund-challenge which displays contact information for all 15 food banks detailed below, as well as their volunteer preferences and direct links to make donations.

"Central Valley Community Bank is proud to donate time and funds to support our local food banks which tirelessly provide assistance to those in need," said Ford. "We encourage other local and regionally-based businesses to join us in their own communities to fight hunger."

According to Feeding America, a nationwide organization of food banks, an estimated 45 million people, including 15 million children, were food insecure in 2020, up from 35.2 million people, including 10.7 million children, in 2019. Even more troubling is that 1 in 8 children are expected to experience food insecurity in 2021 according to the same report. While federal and local

governments provide some relief for food banks, all of them rely heavily on the generosity of the private sector. Additionally, due to the lingering pandemic, food banks have lost many of their regular volunteers, further straining these vital organizations.

The Business Food Fund Challenge has donated nearly \$100,000 since 2014 and has received some matching support from the FHLBank of San Francisco to help food banks in the communities it proudly serves.

Listed below are the food banks receiving Bank donations and volunteer support. Their contact information, donation preferences and direct links to give and volunteer are up-to-date so other interested businesses can easily access this information for their own use. An ongoing social media campaign through the Bank’s networks will remain active, sharing stories and food bank information found [here](#) for the Central Valley Community Bank Business Food Fund Challenge.

Community Food Banks	Counties Served	Volunteer Sign-Ups	Donation Link
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY			
Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno	Fresno, Merced and Kern Counties	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Central California Food Bank	Fresno, Madera, Kings, Kern and Tulare Counties	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Emergency Food Bank Stockton and San Joaquin County	San Joaquin County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
FoodLink of Tulare County Inc.	Tulare County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Love, Inc. of Greater Merced	Merced County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Madera County Food Bank	Madera County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Merced County Food Bank	Merced County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Second Harvest Food Bank of the Greater Valley	San Joaquin and Stanislaus County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
GREATER SACRAMENTO			
Food Bank of El Dorado County	El Dorado County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Placer Food Bank	Placer County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank	Sacramento County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services	Sacramento County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Sacramento Loaves & Fishes	Sacramento County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online

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St. Vincent de Paul Roseville	Placer County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online
Twin Lakes Food Bank	Sacramento County	Become a Volunteer	Donate Online

About Central Valley Community Bank

Central Valley Community Bancorp trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange under the symbol CVCY. Central Valley Community Bank, headquartered in Fresno, California, was founded in 1979 and is the sole subsidiary of Central Valley Community Bancorp. Central Valley Community Bank operates 20 full-service offices throughout California’s San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento Region. Additionally, the Bank maintains Commercial Real Estate, Agribusiness and SBA Lending Departments.

Members of Central Valley Community Bancorp’s and the Bank’s Board of Directors are: Daniel J. Doyle (Chairman), Daniel N. Cunningham (Vice Chairman), F. T. “Tommy” Elliott, IV, James M. Ford, Robert J. Flautt, Gary D. Gall, Andriana Majarian, Steven D. McDonald, Louis C. McMurray, Karen Musson, Dorothea D. Silva and William S. Smittcamp. Sidney B. Cox is Director Emeritus.

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