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### **CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK DONATES DOLLARS TO FOOD BANKS AS THE NEED GROWS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

#### ***Campaign Challenges Other Businesses to Donate to Local Food Banks***

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA...December 18, 2017... James M. Ford, President and Chief Executive Officer of Central Valley Community Bank (Bank), announced the fourth annual Business Food Fund Challenge to San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento Area businesses to help local, impoverished families battle hunger during the holiday season. To assist in meeting their needs, the Bank will be contributing \$8,500 to ten food banks covering the San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento region. For every \$1.00 raised, qualified food banks are able to buy nine pounds of food through bulk contracts, thus allowing Central Valley Community Bank's donation to provide 76,500 pounds of food for individuals in the regions it serves.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture reported a four percent decline in California's overall agriculture value in 2016 and with a slower harvest during the cold winter months that come with the holiday season, the need for food aid is greater for families dependent on crop production during this time of the year. This puts extra strain on local food banks as they strive to help those who have nowhere else to go to feed their families.

Food banks cannot meet their needs without communities coming together to support them. For the fourth year in a row, Central Valley Community Bank has decided to take action to assist in the fight against hunger by initiating a challenge to other businesses to do the same. The Bank's four-year contribution to this cause is in excess of \$25,000.

"The winter season means tighter food budgets for many farming families, as agricultural work is scarce. Central Valley Community Bank takes pride in providing help to these families in need through their local food banks and making this time of the year merrier for all. We encourage

other local and regionally-based businesses to do the same, especially during the holiday season,” said James M. Ford, President and CEO of Central Valley Community Bancorp and Central Valley Community Bank.

Listed below are the food banks receiving donations from Central Valley Community Bank with contact information for other interested businesses to use so they too can support their local food banks. For more information on Central Valley Community Bank’s Business Food Fund Challenge, contact Debbie Nalchajian-Cohen at (559) 222-1322.

Community Food Banks	Counties Served	Contacts
Community Food Bank	Fresno, Madera, Kings, Kern and Tulare Counties	Denise O’Canto Corporate Relations Manager (559) 237-3663 ext. 114 <a href="http://www.communityfoodbank.net">www.communityfoodbank.net</a>
The Salvation Army – Fresno Citadel Corps	Fresno County	Major Carole Abella, County Coordinator Major Daniel Abella, Corps Officer (559) 233-0139 <a href="http://www.salvationarmycentralvalley.org">www.salvationarmycentralvalley.org</a>
Madera County Food Bank	Madera County	Ryan McWherter Executive Director (559) 674-1482 <a href="http://www.maderafoodbank.com">www.maderafoodbank.com</a>
Merced County Food Bank	Merced County	Bill Gibbs Executive Director (209) 726-3663 <a href="http://www.mmcfb.org">www.mmcfb.org</a>
Second Harvest Food Bank	San Joaquin & Stanislaus Counties	Jessica Vaughn Development Director (209) 239-2091 <a href="http://www.localfoodbank.org">www.localfoodbank.org</a>
The Salvation Army – Visalia and Tulare Corps	Tulare County	Captain Carlos Armendariz Corps Officer, Tulare (559) 687-2520 Major Yonathan Escobar Corps Officer, Visalia (559) 733-2784
Emergency Food Bank Stockton/San Joaquin	San Joaquin County	Mike Donaghy, Executive Director Alesha Pichler, Community Relations Manager (209) 464-7369 <a href="http://www.stocktonfoodbank.org">www.stocktonfoodbank.org</a>
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services	Sacramento County	Blake Young President and CEO (916) 456-1980 <a href="http://www.sacramentofoodbank.org">www.sacramentofoodbank.org</a>
The Food Bank of El Dorado County	El Dorado County	Mike Sproull Executive Director 530-621-9950 <a href="http://www.foodbankedc.org">www.foodbankedc.org</a>
Placer Food Bank	Placer County	<a href="http://www.placerfoodbank.org">www.placerfoodbank.org</a>

**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 24 full service offices throughout California's San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento region. Additionally, the Bank operates Commercial Real Estate Lending, SBA Lending and Agribusiness Lending Departments. Central Valley Investment Services are provided by Raymond James Financial, Inc.

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