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The enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation donated $40,000 to the Food Bank as part of its Fill Your Tank program which part of a six-year campaign to fight hunger around the globe.

The Fill Your Tank program donations made locally are determined by local Enterprise operations. Beyond donations, Enterprise Rent-A-Car is supporting the Fill Your Tank program with a hunger awareness and food engagement campaign.

The donation will provide 200,000 meals to families in need in our community! A huge thank you to Enterprise Rent-A-Car!

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Overall, these environmental sustainability efforts will save the Food Bank more than $175,000 annually which will enable us to provide an additional 875,000 meals to San Diegans who want to get an education and work to support their families.

On the program front, two new programs, our College Hunger-relief Program and our Diaper Bank Program, have become established in the community and are serving thousands of San Diegans who want to get an education and work to support their families. For that, I am truly grateful!

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Bank really helps put food on the table for me and my daughter and grandchildren,” she said.

As the ladies continue to share their stories, they receive food from volunteers. They each receive fresh produce including a box of potatoes, a bag of apples, a bag of carrots, a bag of radishes, a bag of fresh green beans, cabbage, celery, a bag of spinach, a box of salad, a bag of broccoli, and a bag of spinach.

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Three senior citizens, Amelia and Dolly (who asked not to be photographed) received their San Diego Food Bank backpacks filled with food from the back of their car through the Food Bank’s Kids Backpack Program which provides weekend backpacks filled with food to elementary school children living in poverty.

Co-chair Jeanne Johnson-Bolinger said, “The Club, Cork & Craft Gala is unique in that it’s held at the Galeria del Pacifico, which boasts an impressive 13,000 sq. ft. waterfront. Being in this atmosphere showcases the magnitudes of the Food Bank’s operations and emphasizes the firm’s commitment to the short scale of the Food Bank’s mission of boiled, 15,000 people every month.”

The gala will feature (five musical entertainment, silent and live auctions, delicious craft cocktails and hors d’oeuvres during the opening reception, a seated dinner in the Food Bank’s world-class culinary environment, and exquisite foods prepared by the region’s best chefs.

This year’s gala co-chairs, Jeanne Johnson-Bolinger and Cheryl Floros, are excited about their plans for the gala which has a spring theme with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal food.

“Our theme this year is spring’s happenings. The décor will reflect this theme throughout. We will couple floral arrangements with rich pastel colors and vibrant spring colors which will create a very welcoming and festive atmosphere,” said gala co-chair Cheryl Floros.

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In addition, we received the Feeding America Energy Award with our warehouse performing better than 15% of similar facilities nationwide.

Overall, the Food Bank achieved several environmental efforts which will save $137,500 annually which will enable us to provide an additional 475,000 meals to San Diegans in need.

On the program front, new programs, our College Hunger-related program and Shop for Skool Program, have become established in the community and are serving thousands of San Diegans who want to get an education and work to support their families.

By helping college students from impoverished backgrounds who struggle with hunger, we are ensuring that they stay in school, get an education, and break the cycle of poverty. And by providing diapers to working poor families, we are assuring that parents are able to send their kids to day care centers. Both are daily necessities that our families need in order to employ and provide for their families.

2017 was definitely a year of innovation! And thanks to your ongoing support, we are helping our service population become self-sufficient and break the cycle of poverty.

Please know that you are at the heart of all we do! Thank you!

Warm regards,

James A. Floros
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Chairs: Joanne Johnson Bolinger & Cheryl Floros
Emcee: SSYS’ Roland Martinez & 2018 Co-Chair

Each chef will host a table of ten guests at the gala, acting as their table’s personal chef for the evening. The chefs are donating the food for the event, and each chef will cook an amazing multi-course meal, preparing their signature dishes for their guests," said Chef Sarah Pekolzky.

This year’s gala co-chairs, Joanne Johnson Bolinger and Cheryl Floros, are excited for what this event has in store, which has a theme on wine, food, and fun.

“From the warm spring in champagne. The sous chefs will reflect this theme throughout. We will couple food and drink with an interactive wine tasting tour, savoring some wine which will create a very welcoming and festive atmosphere,” said co-chairs Joanne Johnson Bolinger.

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Three senior citizens, Amelia and Dolly (who asked us not to print their last names) and Emilia share their stories and help from the Food Bank over the holidays.

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Ticket prices:
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The donation will provide 200,000 meals to families your Tank program with a hunger awareness and local are determined by local Enterprise operations. Beyond around the globe.

The Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation donated $40,000 in the competition! A huge thank you to all of the students who participated students who struggle with food insecurity.

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For Homecoming festivities, at sporting events, concerts, and collected food drive and monetary donations during our 10th annual Aztecs Rock Hunger Food Drive during the 2017 Holiday Food Drive campaign which was a huge success!

A big thank you to everyone who donated a $5 pre-filled bag of food at Vons, donated online, and hosted a virtual food drive on behalf of the Food Bank!

The San Diego Food Bank CEO James Floros will lead the Board of Directors in maintaining oversight of CAFB's operations and will help its policy team represent the body at the state and federal level.

Low-income Seniors Get Help from the Food Bank for the Holidays

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The CAFB also actively advocates at the state and federal level for anti-hunger legislation and programs. Floros will lead the Board of Directors in maintaining oversight of CAFB's operations and will help its policy team represent the body at the state and federal level.

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The Food Bank thanks everyone in the community who supported our 2017 Holiday Food Drive campaign which was a huge success! We would also like to thank special thanks to the sponsors: Pillars on Park, San Diego, Wells Fargo Bank, Altherr, Vose, the San Diego Union Tribune, FOCUS, Star 94.1 and the family of Bill/Media San Diego radio.

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