Food Bank’s Annual Chefs, Cork & Craft Gala Raises $500K for Hunger-relief Programs

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The event raised more than $500,000 for our hunger-relief programs including our Food 4 Kids Backpack Program which provides weekend backpacks of food to elementary school children living in poverty.

Bake Sale, which sold out in hours, featured 30 local food vendors, and featured the culinary talent of 30 of the county’s best chefs. All of the participating chefs donated their time, talent and food to prepare an exquisite dinner for their assigned tables of gala guests.

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**School's Out, Hunger's Not**

During summer vacation, children living in poverty may go six weeks without free meals at school. In San Diego County, over the summer months these families are forced to turn to the Food Bank to help feed their children. At the same time, donations to the Food Bank drop dramatically when need from the community is greatest.

Thousands of students across San Diego County like Khloe (pictured above), aged 8, and her brother Elijah, aged 6, live in poverty and receive free meals at school Monday through Friday.

And nearly 2,000 students, including Khloe and Elijah, are enrolled in the Food Bank’s Food 4 Kids Backpack Program. Children in the program receive a backpack full of child-friendly food every Friday afternoon to nourish them over the weekend until they return to school on Monday morning.

Khloe and Elijah’s mother, Rebecca, struggles to provide food for her children the thousands of low-income San Diego parents.

“Your day changes everything,” her husband, Jared, and I was single with three kids not knowing I was going to be able to feed our kids,” she explained.

“I asked myself, ‘What are we going to do for my children?’” she continues. “I didn’t want to go back to that and I did a child, I refused to put that strong young face on for my kids, but I was hurting and an anxious mind.”

**Vince Kasperick of AimLoan.com Receives the 2018 Eugene “Mitch” Mitchell Community Hero Award**

Vince Kasperick, of AimLoan.com, received the Food Bank’s annual Eugene “Mitch” Mitchell Community Hero Award for his incredible contributions to the Food Bank’s mission through fundraising campaigns, public awareness programs, and through employee volunteering.

Vince Kasperick founded the AimLoan.com San Diego Blues Festival in 2010 as a food fund and fundraiser for the Food Bank. The Blues Fest has become a hallmark event in San Diego and among blues fans nationally. The event has raised more than $750,000 and 13 tons of food for the Food Bank in its seven years of operation.

Thank you Vince Kasperick and the AimLoan.com team of staff members for your outstanding commitment to the Food Bank’s mission! **How do I plan my estate to support the Food Bank?**

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SAN DIEGO'S LOCAL, LEADING FOUR STAR CHARITY!

When I speak to community groups across San Diego County, I am always proud to point out that the San Diego Food Bank is a truly local, grassroots organization.

The Food Bank was founded 40 years ago as a local community resource which allows us to remain completely true to our local roots.

When we identify needs in the community, we are able to quickly pivot with cutting-edge solutions to support our service populations. If we have a great idea for a new program or service for our clients, we can implement it quickly and efficiently as we work towards our ultimate goal of helping the service populations we serve and empowering them to get work, stay in work, and provide for their families.

And, as a truly local organization, every dollar raised here stays right here in San Diego County to serve local people, your neighbors, in need.

San Diego's Local Miracle Land Shelf

The Food Bank works in partnership with the San Diego Hunger Coalition to identify the needs of food insecure people in San Diego County. And, through generous support from local philanthropists, we have produced local data in partnership with academic institutions and government agencies to identify hunger and its causes in our community. So it is people in San Diego County who are our food insecure families. And it is children faces food insecurity — about 22% of all children in the county. These eye-opening statistics drive our mission to work to end hunger in our communities.

180 Years of Combined Food Banking Expertise!

The reason the Food Bank excels in so many areas is due to our amazing, dedicated staff. If you add together each member of our service length of service at the Food Bank, we have a combined total of 180 years of food banking experience! We have a high staff retention rate which I attribute to our shared desire to make a difference in the lives of others. For the past six consecutive years, the Food Bank received Charity Navigator’s coveted 4-star rating for the sixth consecutive year. This is the highest possible rating from the nation’s leading, independent charity evaluator. Only 7% of the charities across the United States have received six consecutive 4-star evaluations from Charity Navigator. It is an honor to be recognized on the nation’s leading, highest possible rating charity evaluator.

San Diego County to serve local people, your neighbors, in need.

The Backpack Program brings us together so we have time to cook together. And now that the Food Bank is helping me and my family, I’m no longer thinking about not having food and being hungry. The Food Bank helps us so much, I am so thankful for everyone involved in the Food Bank’s programs because I wish I had that kind of program back when I was growing up. I know that I’m not the only mom that has hard moments.

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For more information about supporting our Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, contact Liz Sheahan, Vice President of Development at lsheahan@SanDiegoFoodBank.org or 858-863-5129.

For tickets and information visit: SDBluesFest.com

AimLoan.com San Diego Blues Festival
Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

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Staple Out Hunger Food Drive

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Local Statistics Determine Local Need

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4 Star Charity 4 consecutive years

As a community-based organization, it is important to me to point out that the San Diego Food Bank is one of the highest rated and most efficient charities in the country. In June, the Food Bank received Charity Navigator’s coveted 4-star rating for the sixth consecutive year. This is the highest possible rating from the nation’s leading, independent charity evaluator. Only 5% of the charities that have received an overall rating from Charity Navigator. If it is important to be recognized for your exemplary service to the community and stewarding your donor dollars effectively and efficiently.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

The San Diego Food Bank is one of the nation’s largest, single-day food drives run by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NACL) and the U.S. Postal Service.

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated by placing food next to residential mailboxes and delivering food donations to local post offices.

Stapled Out Hunger Food Drive Raises 164,803 Pounds of Food!

This year’s Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, which took place on Saturday, May 11, raised 164,803 pounds of food.

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The evening’s program was emceed by FOX 5 Morning News anchors, Shally Zomorodi and Raoul Martinez. The gala closed with dancing and live entertainment by the celebrated local band, Encore Event Entertainment.

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School’s Out, Hunger’s Not

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“Tell me what is important to you,” his mother, Khloe, 2nd Grader, Boone Elementary, says in response to a list of things she would like to eat. “I was a little girl and I was the only one with three kids in my family, I was just worrying about food for me.”

“I don’t get enough to eat, I don’t worry about my homework, reading, plumbing, or talking to my friends,” she continues. “I didn’t want to be hungry like I did as a child, I tried to put things that strong moral face on for my kids, but I was hurting and not wanting to talk about it.”

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Khloe and Ethan’s mother, Rebecca, struggles to provide food for her children because of low incomes. But during summer vacation “You don’t have anything to eat anymore. My husband left and was single with three kids not knowing if I was going to be able to feed my kids” she explains.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul’s book, “What I Want My Kids to Know About Food,” is available now for $2.49.

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