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**KIWANIS CLUB OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY COLLECTED 12,000 LBS OF FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

DANVILLE – The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley teamed up with NBC Bay Area and Safeway Grocery Stores for the clubs’ annual fall Food and Turkey Drive held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Kiwanis Club, with help from our Key Club volunteers, family, friends and several members of the National Charity League collected 820 bags of groceries and 349 turkeys for an estimated total of 12,000 lbs of food. The collected food was delivered to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano counties located in Concord. The Kiwanis of the San Ramon Valley’s goal is to help fill up all local food banks so that no child or family will have to go hungry this holiday season.

*“Last year we collected just over 14,000 lbs of food during our one-day food drive”* said Alan Davis, Chair of San Ramon Valley Kiwanis 2011 Food Drive, *“These 14,000 lbs accounted for about 10-percent of all food distributed between Thanksgiving and New Years by the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County.”*

*“We are proud to be partnering with our area food banks and these important volunteer organizations on this community-wide collection effort,”* said Karl Schroeder, president of Safeway’s Northern California Division.

Safeway contributes \$175 million in food donations to food banks each year across the U.S. and partners with local organizations each holiday season by placing food collection barrels in stores.

**Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.** Founded in 1915 in Detroit and with headquarters now in Indianapolis, Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service and community minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world. More than 600,000 Kiwanis family members in 96 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Through these efforts, Kiwanis International truly is "Serving the Children of the World

**KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY** meets every Thursday for a luncheon meeting at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo from noon to 1:30pm. Meetings include networking, lunch and a guest speaker. Additional information about the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtained at their website: [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).