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**KIWANIS CLUB OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY COLLECTS 16,500 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR LOCAL FAMILYS IN NEED IN A SINGLE DAY.**

DANVILLE – The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley teamed up with NBC's KNTV11, weatherman John Farley and Raley's and Nob Hill Grocery Stores to host the NBC11 John Farley Turkey Drive this past Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 6pm.

The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley collected 234 turkeys and 756 food bags for an estimated 16,500 pounds of food in a single day. All Turkey and food donations were delivered to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties located in Concord.

The John Farley Turkey Drive occurred throughout the entire Bay Area on Saturday. With the support of over 40 Kiwanis Clubs, Raley's and Nob Hill Grocery stores, the drive resulted in a total of 4,539 turkeys, 130,000 pounds of food and \$7,500 cash collected and donated in a single day to local food banks. In addition to these generous food and cash donations, Wells Fargo has committed \$50,000 to the John Farley Turkey Drive and Applied Materials has donated 1,440 turkeys.

The Food Bank partnership with Raley's and Nob Hills *Food for Families* program will keep delivering in November and December as shoppers can continue to purchase bags of groceries to be delivered to the food banks. In 2006, Raley's and Nob Hill *Food for Families* program collected 3 million pounds of food by Christmas. Through the work with Kiwanis and NBC11's promotion, they have set a goal of 4 million pounds of food for 2007. The food will distributed to Bay Area families in need.

The goal of the Kiwanis Clubs in the Bay Area is fill up local food banks so that no child or family will have to go hungry this holiday season.

**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"

Additional information about the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtained at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org). The club meets at noon every Thursday for a luncheon meeting at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Guests are welcome.