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Food Bank Hosts Author Reception and Book Signing

New Book Details the History of the Food Bank of Yolo County

WOODLAND, Calif. – The Food Bank of Yolo County will celebrate the release of Davis author and historian Shipley Walters' book: *From Pantry to Food Bank: The First Forty Years* ([published by AuthorHouse](#)) with an author reception and book signing on Friday, June 25, 2010 from 7:30pm to 10:00pm at The Avid Reader Book Store located at 617 Second Street in Davis, CA.

In *From Pantry to Food Bank: The First Forty Years*, Shipley Walters chronicles the evolution of the Food Bank from its inception as a volunteer effort in the early 1970s, to its existence today as a thriving resource center that feeds between 18,000 to 20,000 people every month. Author Shipley Walters will be on-hand to sign copies of the book, which features a foreword by Food Bank Executive Director Jose Martinez. "We're excited to have this opportunity to share our history in celebration of our 40th anniversary year," Martinez said. "The story of the Food Bank is, in every way, a testament to the power of volunteerism and genuine community spirit." The book will be available in both paperback and hardcover, and will retail for \$12.95 and \$19.95, respectively. All of the proceeds generated from the sale of this book will be donated to the Food Bank of Yolo County.

About the Food Bank: For the past forty years, the Food Bank of Yolo County has proudly worked to effectively meet the food and hunger needs of thousands of needy residents. Founded in 1970, the Food Bank has grown from a backyard gleaning program, providing a few thousand pounds of food a year, to an organization that distributes millions of pounds of food annually. Through programs, publications and outreach events, the Food Bank regularly demonstrates its commitment to promoting nutrition and healthy living throughout Yolo County.

About the Author: Shipley Walters is a self-taught historian with a bachelor's degree from Stanford and a master's degree from UC Berkley. She and her family moved to Davis in 1967, where she joined the League of Women Voters and became involved in city and county activities. She is a charter member of the board of directors for Suicide Prevention of Yolo County, Davis Comic Opera Company and the Friends of the Yolo County Archives. In addition to *From Pantry to Food Bank*, she has researched and written eight local histories and 17 family oral histories. Walters dedicated an entire year to researching the Food Bank of Yolo County's story.

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