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Food Bank accepting donations Saturday

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In celebration of the United States' largest national day of community service, Sacramento Logistics has partnered with the Food Bank of Yolo County to host a "Community Harvest Food Drive" for this year's Make A Difference Day.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, volunteers and Food Bank staff will be on-hand at the Food Bank to receive non-perishable donations.

In related news, the Woodland Chamber of Commerce will be holding its monthly After Hours Business Mixer at the Food Bank today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Chamber members will be served appetizers. There will also be door prizes and a visit by local author Shipley Walters, who will be on hand to sign copies of her new book about the Food Bank.

According to one survey nearly 30,000 Yolo County residents, including children and seniors on fixed incomes, currently live with the threat of hunger.

"Given the current economic climate, the Food Bank and the agencies it supports have experienced a measurable increase in the community's need for food resources," said Food Bank Executive Director Jose Martinez. "Events like the Community Harvest Food Drive are a great opportunity for everyone to make an impact in the fight to alleviate hunger."

The Food Bank is located at 1244 Fortna Avenue, Woodland.

For more information about the Community Harvest Food Drive, contact Teryl Warren, social media & volunteers coordinator, at 668-0690.

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of

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helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

Millions have participated. In 2009, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

The Food Bank of Yolo County began as an all-volunteer effort in 1970. For the past 40 years the Food Bank has proudly worked to effectively meet the food and hunger needs of thousands of Yolo County residents by overseeing the solicitation, storage and distribution of food from an established network of growers, manufacturers, wholesalers and grocery stores.

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