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City of Oakland Hosts the 27th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Coat Giveaway

Oakland — The City of Oakland's Human Services Department is preparing for the winter and holiday seasons with key events that serve the community – the 27th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and the 27th Annual Coat Giveaway.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Partnering with Community Action Partnership, Communities United Committee, and the Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee, 2018 marks the 27th year of this community tradition providing Thanksgiving dinner for the underserved of our community. This Thanksgiving Dinner is **Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11am – 2pm, at the Downtown Oakland City Center Marriott, 1001 Broadway, Oakland.**

Founded in 1985, during the mayoral administration of Lionel J. Wilson, the Thanksgiving Dinner is part of the City's Hunger Program. With the support of donors and volunteers, the city serves 2,000 low-income families, senior citizens, and unsheltered residents with a hearty meal in a communal, festive atmosphere. The City offers transportation to and from the event from senior centers, low income housing programs, and shelters.

It is with ongoing community support and generous sponsorships that this event has reached its 27th year. We are grateful for the support of this year's sponsors:

- The Oakland Athletics
- The Golden State Warriors
- Kaiser Permanente
- City of Oakland Human Services Department

- Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership
- Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee

Even with this generous support, the City still needs donations. **Just \$26 will provide a meal for one guest, \$130 per family of five, and \$260 per table of 10 guests.**

To contribute, make checks payable to: City of Oakland Hunger Program, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 4340, Oakland, CA 94612. All donations are tax deductible. The tax identification number is 94-6000384.

For more information about this event, please contact 510.986.2721.

27th Annual Coat Giveaway

The City of Oakland seeks donations for the 27th annual Thanksgiving Dinner Coat Giveaway. Donate gently worn coats to help keep low-income families, homeless residents, and seniors warm this winter. Drop off bins are located in 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza Lobby.

Monetary donations are also welcomed and encouraged. Make checks payable to: City of Oakland Hunger Program. Deliver by mail or in person to Talia Rubin, Department of Human Services, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4340, Oakland, CA, 94612

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