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**San Mateo County Event Center Continues Partnership with  
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to Feed San Mateo Families**

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for families in need*

**SAN MATEO** – The San Mateo Event Center & Fair is pleased to announce its continued sponsorship of this year’s Second Harvest of Silicon Valley Food Distribution to continue serving San Mateo County.

This year’s historic inflation has exacerbated preexisting economic hardship. More families today are struggling with food insecurity than in years past, and this has driven an urgent need for direct aid to combat hunger. This need has been met by the work of the Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, which has played a key role in accommodating this dramatic increase in families seeking food assistance.

“Here at the San Mateo Event Center, we exist first and foremost to serve San Mateo County. In looking around our community, we see our neighbors struggling to put food on the table every week,” said Dana Stoehr, CEO of the San Mateo County Fair and Event Center. “We’re blessed to have the resources to take action on this issue through our partnership with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, an organization that has been truly invaluable in fight against hunger right here in San Mateo.”

The Second Harvest Drive-Thru will be located in the East Parking lot of the San Mateo Event Center (1346 Saratoga Dr, San Mateo – Gate 9) every Thursday from 8:30am to 10:45am starting tomorrow morning, and anyone needing assistance is welcome.

Since its establishment in 1974, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley has led the charge against hunger in the local community through its work as one of America’s largest food banks. The organization seeks to provide nutritionally balanced meals free of charge to the entirety of its community, regardless of race, religion, citizenship or sexual orientation.

Their sponsorship of this food distribution event is one of many efforts the San Mateo Event Center has undertaken to serve the San Mateo community, in addition to its sponsorship of the Samaritan House Holiday Gift Drive, Seniors on the Move, and numerous other community events.

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## **ABOUT THE SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER**

During COVID, the San Mateo Event Center was unable to host most events but instead played a vital role in protecting our health care workers and most vulnerable populations by serving as a COVID-19 testing site, operations hub, and supply center, 250-bed temporary overflow hospital, and vaccine distribution center for the San Francisco Bay Area. To date, the Event Center has administered 250,000 COVID-19 tests and vaccinated more than 90,000 individuals.

## **ABOUT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR**

The award-winning San Mateo County Fair is the Peninsula's premier community event for family fun and entertainment. The San Mateo County Fair strives to provide a diverse experience through education, inspiration, and entertainment. The annual Fair represents a celebration of our community's talent, interests, innovations, and rich agricultural and artistic heritage.