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**SAMARITAN HOUSE SHARES THANKSGIVING DINNER
WITH COMMUNITY**

San Mateo, CA, November 19, 2012 – Continuing Samaritan House's long-standing holiday tradition, staff and over 60 volunteers from the organization will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner to 400 members of the San Mateo community on Thursday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the King Center, located at 725 Monte Diablo Ave in San Mateo.

Every year, Samaritan House reaches out to their neighbors in-need to provide a delicious, traditional holiday meal and a cheerful place for people to go. Community members are welcome to enjoy a Thanksgiving Day dinner cooked by Samaritan House staff – including turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, dessert, and beverage. As usual, the festivities will include a DJ playing music as well as raffle prizes.

The Samaritan House Kitchen produces over 145,000 meals each year and feeds well over 3,000 hungry people per month, a significant portion of whom are children. The continuing challenge for families to meet their basic needs accounts for the approximate 10% increase in the number of meals prepared.

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**SAMARITAN HOUSE – NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR (Tax ID 23-7416272)
4031 Pacific Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94403**

Since 1974, Samaritan House has been helping families regain self-sufficiency. Working with city and county governments, civic, religious, and school organizations, and over 2,000 volunteers, we provide bilingual counseling and case management, food, clothing for children, healthcare, rental assistance, shelter for the homeless, worker resources, and holiday assistance, all free of charge.

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