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## **SAMARITAN HOUSE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS HELPS 220 FAMILIES STOCK THEIR SHELVES BEFORE THANKSGIVING**



**San Mateo, CA, November 21, 2013** – As part of Samaritan House’s annual Holiday Program, Samaritan House began its seasonal food distributions to registered clients last Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The organization was able to serve 220 families from the community, providing them with over 21,000 pounds of food on that day.

The distribution was made possible with the help of 118 volunteers, who sorted and distributed food to families from Parkside Elementary.

Distribution items included fruits and vegetables, nonperishable items, turkeys, ham, and chicken. The organization will host a second food distribution before Thanksgiving on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at College Park Elementary in San Mateo, and expects to serve over 500 families from 9-4pm that day.

The Samaritan House Holiday Program provides assistance to families, individuals, and seniors who struggle during the difficult winter months and only have limited resources for food and additional holiday needs. Throughout the holiday season, over 1,500 volunteers, along with donors from the community, help Samaritan House provide assistance to those in need.

Samaritan House is most urgently looking for donations of turkeys, chickens, and ham to hand out to clients to help them prepare for Thanksgiving. Donations can be dropped off at the organization's main office, located at 4031 Pacific Boulevard in San Mateo.

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

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