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## **MEDIA ADVISORY - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Samaritan House Dining Room Program Request for Support**

**San Mateo, CA. February 6, 2014** – The Samaritan House Dining Room program has been in existence for over 20 years serving 150 meals nightly to food insecure individuals and families in North Central San Mateo Monday through Friday each week. On November 12, 2013, Samaritan House’s Dining Room relocated from Westside Church of Christ in San Mateo to our current and temporary location at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, located at 725 Monte Diablo Avenue. This space allows us to continue to serve a meal each evening as a TO GO meal. What is deeply lacking is the social engagement and community environment the program is known for.

### **Support Needed**

Samaritan House is seeking community support in identifying a new location that can accommodate the needs of the clients being served through our Dining Room program. The Task Force (comprised of stakeholders including clients, volunteers, donors/supporters and staff) has identified the needs as follows:

- Program to remain a seated dining room program serving food in one location Monday through Friday in North Central San Mateo;
- Program has a location and space that can accommodate not only a meal but space where clients have access to a Case Manager who can provide them with additional resources/supports.

## Specifications of Space

- At minimum, 1,200 square feet - ideally 1,700 - square feet of open space with room for storage of 15 tables and 150 chairs and an average-sized refrigerator (provided by Samaritan House).
- The ideal location will have access to a semi or fully enclosed office space for confidential conversations. Space requirements include:
  - Electric outlets for refrigeration (220 volt);
  - Parking for 2 vehicles with a loading area;
  - Access to Restrooms
- Space utilization would be Monday – Friday from 4:30pm through 7:30pm.
- Ideally the space would be a donated / in-kind space for usage however discussion regarding rental fees (nonprofit rate preferred) is welcome.

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### **SAMARITAN HOUSE – NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR (Tax ID 23-7416272)**

**4031 Pacific Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94403**

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