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GLIDE MEMORIAL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS UNITE TO PROVIDE HEALTHY HOLIDAY MEALS FOR THE BAYVIEW

*More than 700 turkeys with all the fixings will be given away to designated
Bayview-Hunters Point Residents*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: December 11, 2019 at 11:00am

[Joseph Lee Rec Center Gym](#) Parking Lot
1395 Mendell Street, SF, CA 94124
(enter on Newcomb Ave between Mendell and 3rd Street)

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San Francisco, CA (December 10, 2019) – The Department of Public Health, Glide Memorial, San Francisco Recreation and Parks, Bayview Opera House, and the Community Living Campaign are joining with community organizations to bring more than 700 holiday meals to underserved families in the Bayview. The event will take place on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** at Joseph Lee Rec Center Gym Parking Lot at 1395 Mendell Street. Community based organizations will pick up between 9:30am and 2pm, and families will be picking up at 11am.

According to the [2018 San Francisco Food Security Report](#), an estimated 227,000 San Francisco residents live below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and 110,000 live below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). In District 10, which includes the Bayview, it is estimated that more than 27,000 people's incomes are below 200% FPL. Proper nutrition is critical for health, disease prevention, maintaining healthy weight and well-being. Food insecurity (*the inability to afford healthy food*) is a risk factor for chronic disease, and is associated with poor health outcomes.

"We know that food insecurity is growing, and that it is experienced most acutely in historically underserved neighborhoods including the Bayview" said Dr. Tomás Aragón, Health Officer for San Francisco. "We need to continue supporting interventions that ensure food security, especially for low-income pregnant moms and young children. Lack of nutritious food affects children's neurodevelopment, learning and lifelong health."

A survey conducted in partnership with the [San Francisco African American Faith-based Coalition](#) found that many low-income African American people are faced with having to choose whether or not to purchase food, medications, pay bills and keep a roof over their head. This is the first step of many to address food insecurity as we continue to work with the Coalition city-wide. Food is a



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basic human right and the health department is continuing to work with our communities to reduce food insecurity in an equitable way.

"We are not here just to feed people for a day but to connect people to services so they can live healthy and well for a lifetime" said Veronica Shepard, Health Department Coordinator of Food Security and Bayview resident.

Please note there will be no walk-up donations, recipients have been notified in advance.

The major sponsors/supporters for the day are the team from GLIDE Memorial, and the following community-based organizations and neighbors in Bayview-Hunters Point.

Community Based Organizations

Alice Griffith Housing
Bayview Food Home Delivery
Bayview Opera House
Bayview YMCA
Community Living Campaign
Department of Aging & Adult Services
Five Keys Schools
Having Pride U.N.I.T.I.
HOPESF Men's Group
Horizons Unlimited
Imani Breast Cancer Group
Latino Mother's Group
Omega Boys Club/Stay Alive & Free
Rafiki Coalition for Health & Wellness
Reducing Stigma in the South East (RSSE)
Samoan Solutions
San Francisco Department of Public Health
San Francisco Unified School District
Southeast Community Facility Commission
Young Community Developers

San Francisco African American Faith-based Coalition

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Calvary Hill Community Church
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Greater Life Foursquare Church
All Hallows & Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Paul of the Shipwreck



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New Providence Baptist Church
United House of Prayer
Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
St Paul's Tabernacle Baptist Church
Olivet Baptist Church
San Francisco Christian Center
Double Rock Baptist Church
St. Marks Institutional Missionary Baptist Church
Grace Tabernacle Community Church
Providence Baptist Church
Without Walls Christian Fellowship
3rd Baptist Church