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
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
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