



*****PHOTO OPPORTUNITY*****

**5-Year Old Pre-Schoolers Fill Their Money Jar With Over \$5,000
to Feed San Francisco's Hungry**

Three youngsters recycled cans to raise funds they will present to the San Francisco Food Bank

WHAT: Every year, graduating pre-school students at With Care Child Care complete a public service project. Last year, five-year old Phoebe's goal was to raise \$1,000 by recycling soda cans and donate the money to the San Francisco Food Bank. Not only did Phoebe exceed that amount – the story of her “really, really big” goal spread over the internet, and Phoebe ended up raising over \$20,000, plus more than 30,000 pounds of food donations – enough to provide nearly 120,000 meals.

This year, five-year old Emily, Ethan and Sophia are following in Phoebe's footsteps – collecting cans and raising money to donate to the San Francisco Food Bank (viewable at <http://sffoodbank.wordpress.com/2010/05/26/our-youngest-fundraisers-are-at-it-again/>). They didn't set a monetary goal, but they did have a personal goal: to learn to work together. In the process, they've managed to raise over \$5,000, enough to provide more than 15,000 meals to those at risk of hunger.

Along with their teacher, Kathleen Albert, the youngsters will present their proceeds to the San Francisco Food Bank at With Care Child Care.

WHEN: Thursday, June 17, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

9:30 am – Emily, Ethan and Sophia present their proceeds to Paul Ash, Executive Director, San Francisco Food Bank

10:00 am – Emily, Ethan, Sophia, Kathleen Albert and Paul Ash will be available for interviews

Where: With Care Child Care

50 Fair Oaks St (at 21st St.)
San Francisco, CA 94110

EXTRA: Viewers/readers can help add to Emily, Ethan and Sophia's “big money jar” by going to www.SFFoodBank.org, clicking on “Donate” and typing “With Care” as the box for designating an organization. Any amounts donated will be added to the youngsters' tally.

About the San Francisco Food Bank

Hunger is a serious problem in San Francisco – with 1 in 4 children and 1 in 5 adults at risk of hunger. Every day, the San Francisco Food Bank sources, collects, sorts, inspects and repackages thousands of pounds of food, then distributes it to soup kitchens, neighborhood grocery centers, school programs and seniors in need.

The San Francisco Food Bank serves 23,500 households weekly throughout San Francisco and Marin counties, and will distribute 39 million pounds of food to the community this year – enough for 83,000 meals every day. Over half of what is distributed is fresh produce. For more information, visit www.SFFoodBank.org.

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