



SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK

Matt Damon Along with Friends Join Forces With The San Francisco Food Bank & Youth With A Mission to Combat Hunger

Volunteer Event to be Followed by ONEXONE Foundation 2nd Annual Fundraiser and Awareness Event

San Francisco, CA (October 21, 2009) - Matt Damon along with other well known figures will be on the frontlines of the fight against hunger this Thursday, October 22. In partnership with the San Francisco Food Bank and Feeding America, these highly recognizable volunteers will be helping to distribute free groceries to Tenderloin residents at a weekly neighborhood food pantry hosted by Youth With a Mission.

With food requests up 20% over this time last year and an unemployment rate that has just topped 10%, the San Francisco Food Bank is seeing an increasing need and is sending more food than ever to its 200 plus pantries like Youth With a Mission to meet the increased demand. Celebrity volunteers including Matt Damon, Mia Hamm, David Arquette and Laila Ali will be on hand to pass out food and bring awareness to the issue of hunger.

“The recession may be winding down on wall street, but the unemployment rate in San Francisco has reached a staggering high and is placing more and more people who have never needed help before in a new position,” said Food Bank Executive Director Paul Ash. “We are thankful for the volunteers and celebrities that have joined forces to support and bring awareness to the issue of hunger. Thanks to these types of efforts, we’re able to provide enough food for over 80,000 meals every day to people living in or near poverty.”

The volunteer efforts of Damon and others will conclude with the 2nd Annual ONEXONE event in San Francisco. ONEXONE, a charitable organization committed to fighting health issues and preserving the lives of children locally and globally, will not only focus on raising funds and awareness for matters related to hunger, healthcare and education but also on producing a top-notch show that entertains and educates the audience at the same time. The evening will feature keynote speaker Vicki Escarra, CEO of Feeding America, along with a special headline performance from the music group Snow Patrol. Last year’s inaugural event to celebrate the launch of their U.S. operation entertained while raising more than \$1 million for the organization.

Members of the media are encouraged to stop by Youth With A Mission San Francisco at 357 Ellis Street between 1:30 and 2:30 PM on Thursday, October 22 to visit with Matt Damon and David Arquette and speak with Paul Ash and Vicki Escarra, who will be available for interviews.

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 22,000 households weekly throughout San Francisco and Marin counties, and will distribute 36.5 million pounds of food to the community this year – enough for 80,000 meals every day. Over half of what is distributed is fresh produce. For more information, visit www.SFFoodBank.org.

About Feeding America

Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the United States. Each year, the Feeding America network provides food assistance to more than 25 million low-income people facing hunger in the United States, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors. Our network of more than 200 food banks, which includes the San Francisco Food Bank, serves all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Feeding America network secures and distributes more than 2 billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually. The Feeding America network supports approximately 63,000 local charitable agencies that distribute food directly to Americans in need. To learn more, please visit www.feedingamerica.org

About ONEXONE

Founded in 2005 by Diesel Canada president, Joelle (Joey) Adler, ONEXONE is a Canadian charitable organization committed to providing aid and preserving the lives of children in Canada, the U.S. and around the world. ONEXONE's focus is to continue to develop its own programs as well as partnering up with existing organizations in order help promote the premise of a handshake rather than a hand out.

Since its inception, ONEXONE has distributed and facilitated over seven million dollars worldwide for its charity partners and ongoing initiatives. www.onexone.org

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