



SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK

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**FINAL SLOW FOOD NATION VICTORY GARDEN HARVEST
FOR SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK**
Last of nearly 1,000 pounds of produce will be picked up by hybrid van

WHAT: The San Francisco Food Bank will be collecting the final harvest from the Slow Food Nation Victory Garden on Thursday, November 20, at 11 a.m. in Civic Center Plaza. Continuing the environmentally friendly principles that guided the garden, the harvest will be transported from City Hall to the Food Bank warehouse in a hybrid van provided by FedEx Express.

Since its first harvest in August, the Victory Garden has yielded 717 pounds of produce to help the Food Bank feed the 150,000 San Franciscans – including one out of every four children – who don't know where their next meal is coming from.

This final distribution of harvested food, coupled with a Slow Food Community Eat-In event at noon on Saturday, is the culmination of the project. The Slow Food Nation Victory Garden, on the site of similar World War II gardens across from City Hall, drew international attention as it demonstrated the potential of a truly local agriculture practice that united and promoted Bay Area urban gardening organizations, while producing high-quality food for those in need.

WHEN: **Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008, 11:00 am**
Victory Garden gardeners will hand over an assortment of organic vegetables grown across from City Hall.

WHERE: **Slow Food Victory Garden, Civic Center Plaza**

Background: Hunger is a serious problem in San Francisco, with 1 in 4 children and 1 in 5 adults unsure where their next meal will come from. This year, the San Francisco Food Bank will distribute 33 million pounds of food into the community – including more than 15 million pounds of fresh produce.

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