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## HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY *Catholic Charities Receives Monetary and Goods Donations*

(San Bernardino, CA) Given the ongoing economic climate throughout the County, staff from the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Campaign to give back to the community in lieu of the traditional holiday dinner. Staff votes on a non-profit that services residents in San Bernardino County, and also volunteers with various organizations during the holiday season.

Voting for Catholic Charities, a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of necessary social services, HACSB staff volunteered at a soup kitchen; assembled food and toy bags for families; donated canned goods, toys, and hygiene products; and/or gave a monetary donation to help support Catholic Charities efforts to serve low-income families.

Catholic Charities was extremely pleased to receive almost 1,300 canned/dry goods, toys, clothes and hygiene products and a check for \$5,260 through Housing Authority staff monetary donations and the agency's matching funds program\*. "As a nonprofit, we have limited resources to help families that look to Catholic Charities for assistance, and the volunteer time and donations from Housing Authority staff was extremely helpful. We appreciate their partnership and effort in working with us to help families," states JoAnn Wilkes, Senior Case Manager with Catholic Charities.

Housing Authority staff and their family members also **volunteered 376 hours during a 6 week period**, on their days off and on weekends, to local community organizations, schools, food banks, and soup kitchens. "These are tough times for everyone, and it is critical to come together to help those less fortunate in times of need. This campaign offered something for everyone, despite anyone's personal economic challenges. The Housing Authority is here to serve the community in more ways than housing" states Susan Benner, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

The Housing Authority hopes to continue its annual charity campaign for years to come.



Volunteering at Food Bank



Assembling Food Bags

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*The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit [www.hacsb.com](http://www.hacsb.com)*

\*No public funds were donated for this charity campaign.