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Marin Community Foundation Announces the “Food on Every Table” Fund to Provide Urgent Food Assistance for Marin Residents

Novato, CA: The ongoing government shutdown has created an urgent threat – as of November 1, federal food aid will cease. SNAP benefits will not be issued which means that more than 15,500 Marin residents who receive SNAP benefits through CalFresh will immediately lose their food assistance. Food insecurity is now confronting us and our neighbors in a very real and urgent manner.

Counties across the country have been stepping up to look after their own. Marin is no different.

Today Marin Community Foundation (MCF) launched the **Food on Every Table** fund that seeks to fill the gap in support that the shutdown has created. In partnership with the county, MCF is looking to raise \$3.3 million within the next week to ensure our Marin residents have access to food throughout November.

“We need to raise a significant money in a very short timeframe to synch up with what would have been the November distribution of SNAP benefits,” said Rhea Suh, President & CEO of Marin Community Foundation. “Food banks are already reporting an alarming number of requests for urgent food deliveries and food pantries are experiencing more than double the number of folks lining up for groceries. The system is at risk of being completely overwhelmed. We need to raise money at the scale required to meet the moment and ensure it is directed towards those losing SNAP benefits.”

To show its commitment to the community, MCF is seeding the fund with \$500,000.

“What seems to have gotten lost in the headlines and political theater of this shutdown is that this is affecting real people,” Suh continues. “Parents are worried about their





children getting the nutrition they need and older adults and people with disabilities who rely on food deliveries are living with high anxiety. It falls on us, as a community, to come together and look after our own.”

MCF Is working alongside the San Francisco/Marin Food Bank and the County of Marin to deploy the funds in the most timely, safe, and effective manner and to ensure it is directed to those impacted.

People can contribute a donation of any amount to the fund [here](#), or visit marincf.org/food.



