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**THE REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK CELEBRATES 30th ANNIVERSARY
WITH COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE AND BLOCK PARTY
*October 7th, 2017 at the Redwood Empire Food Bank***

Santa Rosa, CA — October 3, 2017— The Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) will host a community open house and block party to celebrate 30 years of ending hunger and feeding hope in Sonoma County. The event, sponsored by Exchange Bank, will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the REFB in Santa Rosa.

“It is hard to imagine that just 30 years ago the REFB was created by a few concerned community members who wanted to help their neighbors,” said David Goodman, Chief Executive Officer of the REFB. “Initially helping just a few hundred people, we now serve 82,000 people in our community. It is true that great things come from small beginnings.”

The event is free and open to the public and will offer opportunities to learn about the REFB’s innovative hunger-relief programs, engage with community partners, sample homemade culinary creations and tour the food bank facility. This Saturday afternoon celebration will also feature live music from the Mike Saliani Band, a live broadcast of The Krush 95.9 FM, local food trucks, including Juice’s Smoken’ BBQ, Kona Ice, Sushi Shoubu, Tuck Box, Taqueria Hernandez, WOW Waffles, offerings from Three Twins ice cream and a beer garden with local beer and wine.

Learn about Northern California’s largest hunger relief organization while commemorating a historic milestone! The REFB is located at 3990 Brickway Boulevard, just off of Airport Road in Santa Rosa.

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About the Redwood Empire Food Bank:

The Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization serving north coastal California from Sonoma County to the Oregon border. Since 1987, the REFB has provided food and nourishment to those facing hunger, currently serving 82,000 children, families and seniors in Sonoma County, while striving to end hunger in our community. The REFB collaborates with local and regional partners to obtain and distribute 15.5

million pounds of food annually, the equivalent of more than 35,000 meals every day. Through more than 200 of our own direct service distributions and partnerships with 166 other hunger-relief organizations, we form a network of over 450 weekly and monthly distribution sites serving low-income residents in Sonoma, Lake, Del Norte, Mendocino and Humboldt counties. Visit www.refb.org or call 707-523-7900 to learn more.