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The Redwood Empire Food Bank Launches 2nd Annual Food From The Bar Competition

SANTA ROSA, CA (April 4, 2023) – The Redwood Empire Food Bank and Sonoma County Bar Association (SCBA) are inviting the local legal community to come together for one purpose: to End Hunger in Sonoma County.

Participating firms, companies, and bar associations will enter a friendly competition to see who can raise the most funds, collect the most food, and volunteer the most hours for the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

Food From The Bar is a month-long competition between law firms, law schools, and legal services organizations to acquire donated food, volunteer hours, and collect monetary donations for the benefit of the hungry in our community. Food From The Bar 2023 will run from May 1st through May 31st.

"Food From the Bar is an amazing collaboration between the Redwood Empire Food Bank and the Sonoma County Bar Association to raise awareness of food insecurity and provide our legal community an easy way to help end hunger through donations of food, volunteer time, and money." said David Berry, Food From The Bar Coordinator, SCBA Immediate Past President, and Redwood Empire Food Bank Board Member. "I enjoy the friendly 'competition' amongst local lawyers and firms, seeking creative ways to support the cause while fostering community."

All legal staff can participate and clients are encouraged to assist. The key to success of the campaign is recruiting creative team leaders that have a strong desire to outwit their rivals.

SCBA Past President Stephanie Hess and Kinna Crocker, SCBA President, recognize the importance of forging this relationship with the food bank. Last year, the Redwood Empire Food Bank provided more than 21 million meals to individuals in need. They are the largest food bank in Northern California.

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About the Redwood Empire Food Bank

The Redwood Empire Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization serving Northern California. Since 1987, the Redwood Empire Food Bank has provided food and nourishment to those facing hunger—serving more than 100,000 children, families, and seniors in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties. With over 350 direct service distributions and 150 partnerships with local human service organizations, all residents facing food insecurity have regular access to weekly and monthly food distribution sites across the five counties.

Visit refb.org or call 707-523-7900 to learn more.

About the Sonoma County Bar Association

The SCBA, established in 1921, is the oldest and largest professional association of legal practitioners in Sonoma County. The SCBA serves the 1,400 + lawyers who live or work in Sonoma County. Its mission is to serve the legal profession and enhance its professionalism, to serve its Sonoma County community, and to support and improve the justice system.

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