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Mollie Stone's Markets Sponsors 23rd Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive in Marin County

Local food drive expected to provide more than 50,000 meals in one day

MARIN COUNTY, CA – Mollie Stone's Markets has partnered with the SF-Marin Food Bank to sponsor the National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive in Marin County on Saturday, May 9. Now in its 23rd year, this food drive encourages residents to put bags of nutritious food out for donation on their front stoops, which the letter carriers pick up during the mail delivery.

Mollie Stone's provided 90,000 campaign-branded recyclable paper bags to Marin households as a direct reminder to support the Food Bank during this campaign. In years past, this drive has generated enough food for more than 50,000 meals in one day.

"We are proud to partner with the SF-Marin Food Bank. Our organizations share a passion for making a difference in people's lives through food and fighting hunger in our local communities," says Mike Stone, CEO of Mollie Stone's Markets.

Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food. Many children live in households that lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis. This rate goes up during the summer when children are out of school and do not have access to free school lunch and snack programs. The Food Bank distributed more than 5 million pounds of food in Marin County in 2014, enough for more than 12,000 meals per day.

Mollie Stone's has supported local and neighborhood causes for 30 years, and has actively partnered with the SF-Marin Food Bank since 2011. Beyond sponsoring the Letter Carriers' Food Drive, Mollie Stone's Marin locations are running an in-store food and fund drive and organizing an employee and customer volunteer day at the Food Bank's Novato Warehouse. Please go to www.molliestones.com/summerheroes for details.

About Mollie Stone's Markets

Founded in 1986, Mollie Stone's Markets is locally owned and operated with nine locations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mollie Stone's has been unflinching in its commitment to provide the best possible shopping experience for its customers by offering a wide range of local, organic products and full service departments. For more information about Mollie Stone's Markets, visit www.molliestones.com.

About the SF-Marin Food Bank

The Food Bank plays a central role in the food assistance network in San Francisco and Marin, where one in four residents is at risk of hunger. Set up farmer's market-style, the Food Bank's pantries enable households to select groceries that can be used to create home-cooked meals. Nearly 60 percent of what is distributed is fresh fruits and vegetables. The Food Bank will distribute more than 47 million pounds of food to the community this year alone – enough for more than 107,000 meals every day. www.sfmfoodbank.org/media-kit

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