



Dear Community Partner:

The only way we can end hunger in our region is by mobilizing ALL nutrition programs available, in addition to the food programs you deliver (thank you!). Second Harvest Food Bank has launched a robust campaign to help community members complete CalFresh (Food Stamp) applications. CalFresh allows participants to get

More than 50% of eligible people in our region are not receiving CalFresh. That means they are missing benefits which can help them stretch their food dollars, provide healthy food for their children, and support local food retailers. CalFresh benefits generate \$1.79 of economic activity for every \$1 spent. **It is very likely that your organization can reach community members who do not know they are eligible for this nutrition benefit.**

We invite your organization to get involved in four ways:

1. **PROMOTE** the CalFresh program and Food Connection in your newsletter, website, list serves and at any event where many people gather. Invite us to meet with your clients or staff – we can make presentations to groups of 10 or more.
2. **SCREEN** every member you serve for eligibility. Learn more on our website: <http://www.shfb.org/calfresh> and/or come to a training at Second Harvest to learn about CalFresh, how to pre-screen for eligibility and pick up flyers, posters and referral forms.
3. **HOST APPLICATION CLINICS** at your organization. After you screen for basic eligibility and set up the appointments, our staff will come and provide application assistance.
4. **REFER** your clients to us. Just complete and fax or scan a referral form to us and we will call the client back to pre-screen and set appointments for application assistance.

To register for the pre-screener training, to request materials, or for more information about helping your clients with this program, please contact (San Mateo County): Anna Olsen Dyer at 650-610-0800 ext. 424 or adyer@shfb.org; and (Santa Clara County): Nicole Martinez at 408-266-8866 ext. 294 or nmartinez@shfb.org.

Together we can make sure our neighbors have enough healthy food!

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