**Sample Letter of Instruction from Donor to Plan Provider for 2012 Gifts**

[DATE]

[NAME OF PLAN PROVIDER]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY, STATE, ZIP]

Re: Request for Direct Charitable Distribution from Individual Retirement Account

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a direct charitable contribution from my Individual Retirement Account Number:

**[insert account number]**

as provided by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 and Sec. 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

□ Please issue a check in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Second Harvest Food Bank at the following address:

Second Harvest Food Bank

4001 North First Street

San Jose, CA 95134

Attention: Tracey Thurston, Major Gifts Officer

In your transmittal to Second Harvest Food Bank, please state my name and address as the donor of record in connection with this transfer, and copy me on your transmittal**. It is my intention to have this transfer qualify during the 2012 tax year. Therefore, it is imperative that this distribution be postmarked no later than January 31, 2013.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, I can be reached at [PHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES].

Thank you for your prompt attention to and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[DONOR NAME]