

Legal Community Raises Record Amount for Food Bank

Annual “Food From The Bar” campaign brings in enough to create 1.5 million meals

July 2, 2018 – San Francisco, California – The 27th annual Food from the Bar (FFTB) campaign is in the books and we are pleased to announce that 2018 was a record-breaking year. When the dust settled, and the final tallies were made, we learned that members of the legal communities in San Francisco and Marin brought in over \$757,000 in donations – topping the \$750,000 goal that was set before the competition began in early May.

“This community is simply made up of people with big, generous hearts!” said Debbi Bellush, the Food Bank’s Community Engagement Manager. “It’s wonderful to see the dedication to and support for our neighbors in need every year, and to have surpassed our 2018 goal - well, that is nothing short of amazing!”

Karen Kimmey is a Partner at Farella Braun + Martel, and Chair of the FFTB Advisory Committee. “The enthusiasm from the legal community for this year’s Food from the Bar was the strongest I’ve ever seen! So many people donated their time, creativity and resources to make this the most successful campaign yet. We’re looking forward to 2019!”

For the past 27 years, the legal community has come together in the month of May to help end hunger in San Francisco and Marin. Participating firms and companies enter into a friendly competition to fundraise, contribute the most volunteer hours, and collect the most food for the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank. Since this campaign first began in the early ‘90s, it has provided enough food for 19 million meals, including 1.5 million more this year alone!

Congratulations to the Fremont Group, which took top honors for “funds raised” (\$122,726) and “hours volunteered” (138). Here is the final leaderboard, and here are photos from the awards ceremony.

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About the SF-Marin Food Bank: The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank’s mission is to end hunger in San Francisco and Marin, where one in four neighbors is at risk of hunger. We envision a community where everyone is able to obtain enough nutritious food in a dignified manner to support the health and well-being of themselves and their families. We address hunger head on: from our pantry network and home-delivered groceries, to our nutrition-education classes and CalFresh food-stamp enrollment, we work in many ways to nourish and empower neighbors in need. Every week, 30,000 households count on us for food assistance. More than 60 percent of what we distribute is fresh fruits and vegetables. Learn more at www.sfmfoodbank.org

The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) is a nonprofit voluntary membership organization of attorneys, law students,



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and legal professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area. Founded in 1872, BASF enjoys the support of more than 7,500 individuals, law firms, corporate legal departments, and law schools. Through its board of directors, its committees, and its volunteer legal services programs and other community efforts, BASF has worked actively to promote and achieve equal justice for all and oppose discrimination in all its forms, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on race, sex, disability, and sexual orientation. BASF provides a collective voice for public advocacy, advances professional growth and education, and attempts to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and respect in the practice of law.