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YOLO FOOD BANK ELECTED AS 2018 BROOKS CHARITY PAINT GIVEAWAY RECIPIENT

Thanks to the majority support of nearly two-thousand online participants, Yolo Food Bank finished in the lead as voting closed last month in the annual Brooks Painting Charity Paint Giveaway Contest. Both Progress Ranch and Summer House also competed for the opportunity to win \$10,000 in painting services, which Yolo Food Bank will apply to the organization's new operations and warehouse facility in Woodland, scheduled to debut in January 2019.

"We are enormously grateful to Brooks Painting for this generous gift of paint services, bringing Yolo Food Bank that much closer to fulfilling the vision for a building that truly has sufficient infrastructure and capacity to serve our neighbors who face food insecurity," stated Michael Bisch, Yolo Food Bank's Executive Director. "We successfully procure and rescue nutritious food from farmers, grocery retailers and others on a daily basis, but we need to expand our ability to store it appropriately until it can be delivered to the children, senior citizens and other Yolo County residents who benefit from our work each month."

The "End Hunger Yolo" project will result in a Food Bank headquarters that moves the activity currently taking place in a cluster of outdated metal sheds, into a refurbished, 36,000 square foot comprehensive hub, featuring increased cold storage capacity for perishable items, and enhanced storage conditions for all food, expanded work space for hundreds of passionate volunteers who sort and repackage food for distribution, and for the nonprofit partners who pick up food each day for soup kitchens, pantries, food closets and faith-based organizations across Yolo County. The building was acquired by Yolo Food Bank in 2014; an ensuing capital campaign and construction now are underway.

"This new Food Bank facility represents an exciting enhancement to the distribution network for fresh produce and other perishables, in particular, that are essential to good health," offered Jeremy Brooks, President of Brooks Painting. "We are proud to be part of the spirit of generosity that is making this building possible."

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Brooks Painting is headquartered in Davis and serves the full-spectrum of residential and commercial painting needs throughout Yolo, Sacramento and Solano Counties. The annual Charity Paint Giveaway Contest has been the cornerstone of the company's community outreach initiatives for past 12 years. Past recipients include Yolo Community Care Continuum, Davis Arts Center, Empower Yolo, Yolo County Animal Shelter, Hillel at Davis and Sacramento and Davis Little League.

West Sacramento-based Brown Construction, Inc. nominated Yolo Food Bank for the 2018 contest, as part of the firm's commitment to the "End Hunger Yolo" project.

"As we have waived all of our profit on this important project to ensure that it will come to fruition, we applaud Brooks Painting for its commitment, as well, to charitable needs such as this that enhance the common good of our community," commented Ron Brown, President and CEO of Brown Construction, Inc.

Together with nearly 70 partner agencies, Yolo Food Bank serves the needs of more than 52,000 people in 19,000 households every month in pursuit of its mission to end hunger and malnutrition in Yolo County. Funds, food and time are needed to sustain these efforts. To donate, volunteer or learn more, please visit www.yolofoodbank.org.

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