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### **WOODLAND COSTCO NOW OFFERING SURPLUS GROCERIES DAILY TO YOLO FOOD BANK**

WOODLAND –Costco Wholesale in Woodland has begun a new relationship this Spring with Yolo Food Bank, providing surplus, perishable foods to the organization for daily pick-up by refrigerated truck.

“Early every morning, we’re now at Costco picking up bread, meats, dairy products and other foods desperately needed by food insecure residents and our dozens of partner agencies in Yolo County who depend upon us to help them serve these residents,” shared Corkey Mapalo, Director of Warehouse Operations for Yolo Food Bank.

“Receiving foods in these categories from Costco dependably each day really enhances our ability to offer a well-rounded selection of nutritious foods to those in need,” she explained.

This new, local partnership is part of a much larger commitment that Costco Wholesale has made to Feeding America, a national network of food banks of which Yolo Food Bank is a member. Costco Wholesale is a Feeding America Leadership Partner, having pledged to make product donations, philanthropic contributions and offer employee engagement opportunities to food banks nationwide.

Feeding America invites grocers to participate in a “Distressed Product” program, linking billions of pounds of safe food and other products pulled from store shelves and taken out of circulation annually, with food banks with the capacity to promptly pick-up the items and distribute them effectively in their communities. The program establishes participating retailers as sustainable, socially responsible stewards of communal resources, which creates positive relationships with both customers and employees.

Yolo Food Bank Executive Director Michael Bisch says these are the kinds of strategic partnerships that he believes advance the common good of the community.

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“Our partnership with the Woodland Costco exemplifies a spirit of collaboration that serves our community broadly,” Bisch stated. “Shoppers in Yolo County now know that when they spend their dollars at Costco, they are doing so with a business that believes that all who are hungry in our midst deserve to have access to many of the same products that they feed their families to ensure good health and nutrition,” he added.

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](http://www.yolofoodbank.org).

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