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**RABOBANK, N.A. COMMITS TO “END HUNGER YOLO” WITH MAJOR GIFT TOWARD
YOLO FOOD BANK’S NEW FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND OPERATIONS FACILITY**

Rabobank N.A.’s global vision on food security now has a local focus, following the multinational Dutch food and agricultural bank’s announcement of a \$100,000 gift to Yolo Food Bank’s “End Hunger Yolo” campaign to complete a new food distribution and operations facility in Woodland. The check was presented to the Food Bank this week.

As one of the largest agricultural-lending banks in California, Rabobank has been active in Yolo County for many years, working with farmers, ranchers and commercial real estate representatives. However, Rabobank will enter the retail banking landscape in Yolo County early in 2019, with a branch set to debut in downtown Woodland.

“Fighting local hunger and malnutrition is vital despite our being in one of the state’s major agricultural-producing regions,” said Amandeep Bains, ag relationship manager with Rabobank N.A. “We’re proud to support Yolo Food Bank and area growers to help eradicate food insecurity.”

Employee volunteerism also is a part of Rabobank’s commitment to Yolo Food Bank. This summer, a group from the bank’s U.S. operations headquarters in Roseville traveled to Woodland to re-package rice donated to Yolo Food Bank by the Conaway Ranch growers. All Rabobank employees receive two paid days to volunteer annually, one of which must be devoted to a food-related cause.

The gift from Rabobank joins two dozen other commitments to the \$2.9 million phase two of the capital campaign to finish the project. \$2 million remains to be raised; the successful first phase of the project raised \$4.6 million. Following major renovations

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now underway, Yolo Food Bank expects to move in to the building in early 2019. The facility is located at 233 Harter Avenue, around the corner from the current headquarters at 1244 Fortna Avenue. The new hub will feature nearly four times the dry goods and cool storage capacity of the current warehouse, meaning that donations from farmers and grocers no longer will have to be turned away due to lack of space. These donations will be available to be re-directed to better meet the full need for food distributions in Yolo County, where nearly 20% of all residents live in poverty.

“The more I learn about Rabobank’s values, including the bank’s mission to grow a better world together, the more I’m personally inspired by their generosity of both financial and human capital,” shared Michael Bisch, Executive Director of Yolo Food Bank. “Rabobank’s \$100,000 gift will have a major, lasting impact upon Yolo County, and gives a big boost to our efforts to cross the finish line and move into the new facility on time.”

Together with a network of nearly 200 partners, including nonprofit organizations; food donors; distributors; grantors and corporate, educational and faith-based volunteer groups, Yolo Food Bank serves the needs 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. For more information specific to the End Hunger Yolo project, please see www.endhungeryolo.org.

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