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FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Program begins Monday, June 15th

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – This summer marks the 6th annual year that the Food Bank Coalition is sponsoring the federal Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through their county wide Lovin' Lunchbox program. Through Lovin' Lunchbox, the Food Bank helps keep children in low-income areas healthy by providing them with access to the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months.

With the help of volunteers and by partnering with local school districts, county libraries, and summer programs the Food Bank will distribute FREE meals to children and teens ages 18 years and younger at **28 locations this summer**. This program is set to start countywide on **June 15, 2015**.

Unfortunately, when school lets out for summer 16,000 children in San Luis Obispo County who rely on free or reduced-price school lunch programs no longer have access to a reliable source of nutritious food. The Food Bank seeks to build a healthier community through their Lovin' Lunchbox program this summer by giving children in our county the food they need to thrive.

Please visit their website for meal site locations: www.slofoodbank.org

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About the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County: The Food Bank Coalition is a non-profit, tax exempt charity, serving all of San Luis Obispo County through its direct food programs and network of community partners. Our mission is to alleviate hunger in San Luis Obispo County and build a healthier community. Last year we distributed 6.1 million pounds of food to help our neighbors struggling with hunger. Nearly half of the food we distributed was fresh produce, including over 200,000 pounds harvested locally by our GleanSLO program. We collaborate with our nation's network of Food Banks and effectively utilize our team of 1,800 volunteers, keeping our overhead at a very low 6%. To learn more about the work done by the Food Bank Coalition throughout San Luis Obispo County, please visit their website www.slofoodbank.org.