

Smart & Final Hosts 90 Holiday Food Drives To Benefit Local California Charities

COMMERCE, Calif., Nov. 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Smart & Final is sponsoring 90 food drives throughout California this holiday season to feed local families in need. The grocer is accepting canned goods and monetary donations at select locations. Customers at those locations also have the option to purchase pre-packaged bags of food for \$5 to contribute to the food drive.

"For more than 140 years, Smart & Final has been contributing to the communities it serves. During this season of giving, we are proud to host food drives at 90 stores in partnership with more than 30 local food banks and deserving nonprofits," said Smart & Final President and CEO Dave Hirz.

Participating Smart & Final stores will execute in-store promotions including announcements on the PA system to generate awareness for the food drives.

In Visalia, Smart & Final is partnering with KJUG-FM to donate to Foodlink. In San Diego, 15 Smart & Final stores are donating to the Community Resource Center, a social services organization. In Los Angeles, Smart & Final is partnering with radio personality Leo Quinones of "The Film Freak Movie Interview" to benefit the Foodbank of Southern California. Last week, in Orange County, Smart & Final partnered with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and local YMCA and collected 63,000 pounds of food for the Orange County Food Bank, not including cash donations.

Other organizations benefiting from the Smart & Final food drives include: Sacramento Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank, San Joaquin County Food Bank, United Way of Merced, Volunteers of America, City of Lakewood "Project Shepard," Ventura Food Share and The Salvation Army.

Participating Smart & Final stores are located in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Los Angeles, Marin, Merced, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Tulare and Ventura. For more information, visit www.smartandfinal.com/community.

About Smart & Final

Smart & Final Stores, Inc. is a value-oriented food and everyday staples retailer serving household and business customers. The Company operates 270 grocery and foodservice stores under the "Smart & Final," "Smart & Final *Extra!*" and "Cash & Carry Smart Foodservice" banners in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho, with an additional 16 *Smart & Final* stores in northern Mexico operated through a joint venture.

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