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# 1<sup>st</sup> United is an Official Food Bank Donation Spot

*Drop off donations for Alameda County Community Food bank at our branches all year*

PLEASANTON, CA (March 8, 2023): 1st United Credit Union is excited to serve as [Alameda County Community Food Bank's \(ACCFB\) Food Drive Host](#) for a second year. Community members can continue to drop off food donations at any [1st United branch](#) all year long.

1<sup>st</sup> United's partnership with ACCFB spans decades and includes monetary donations and countless volunteer hours at the Food Bank's warehouse. Plus, they have sponsored the Oakland A's [Home Runs for Hunger](#) program for 11 years. Through Home Runs for Hunger, 1<sup>st</sup> United commits to donate \$50 to ACCFB for every home run the Oakland A's hit during the regular season.

"Our members appreciate our involvement with the Food Bank and have taken advantage of the convenience of the food barrels in our branches," commented Steve Stone, Chief Executive Officer at 1st United Credit Union. "In 2022, we collected 41 barrels with the help of our staff, members, and the community, and we hope to collect even more this year. It's a great feeling to be able to extend our support of the Food Bank's mission in this way."

According to ACCFB, 1 in 4 Alameda County residents experience some level of food insecurity. Their operations have expanded dramatically to support the growing need resulting from the economic impact of the pandemic. By adding 1st United as a Food Drive host, they will have the ability to reach an even greater level of support.

"Alameda County Community Food Bank continues to see record demand for our services due to a number of factors, including inflation and the sunset of critical pandemic-relief benefits," said Juan Francisco Orozco, Corporate and Foundation Relations Manager for Alameda County Community Food Bank, noting that the end of the CalFresh (food stamp) Emergency Allotment benefit will mean a loss of more than 3 million meals per month in Alameda County. "Longstanding partnerships like this impactful relationship we have with 1<sup>st</sup> United Credit Union are critical to raising awareness for the issue of hunger in our community and ensuring our operations are resourced to meet the profound need we face. We're grateful for 1<sup>st</sup> United Credit Union's support, as well as the participation of every donor to our food drives."

1st United encourages the community to get involved by hosting a food drive, donating money, or volunteering at the Food Bank. Learn how and locate your nearest 1st United Credit Union branch by visiting [1stunitedcu.org/fooddrive](https://1stunitedcu.org/fooddrive).

### About 1st United Credit Union

It doesn't get simpler, faster and friendlier than 1st United Credit Union. As one of the first credit unions in California, 1st United Credit Union was founded in 1932 and has been thriving in the San Francisco East Bay area ever since. [Membership](#) is available to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, or Kings Counties. We believe in local, neighborly banking and hope you will too. For more information, visit [1stunitedcu.org](https://1stunitedcu.org).

### About Alameda County Community Food Bank

Alameda County Community Food Bank — Feeding America's 2016-2017 Food Bank of the Year — has been at the forefront of hunger relief efforts in the Bay Area since 1985. The Food Bank serves 1 in 4 Alameda County residents by distributing food through a network of 420+ food pantries, soup kitchens, and other community organizations, as well as direct-distribution programs including Children's Backpack and Mobile Pantry. More than half of the food distributed is farm-fresh produce. For 15 consecutive years, Alameda County Community Food Bank has received Charity Navigator's top rating — Four Stars — ranking the organization among the top 1 percent of charities nationwide. For more information, visit [accfb.org](https://accfb.org). \*Information in this boilerplate was current pre-COVID-19 and may not accurately reflect the current environment.