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City of Menifee Community Services Team Answers Call for Senior Meals with Local Food Bank

MENIFEE, CA—The City of Menifee’s Community Services Department is continuously committed to helping our community, and has been monitoring the development of COVID-19 and taking proactive steps to protect Menifee’s most vulnerable and food insecure seniors.

In a key partnership with OC Food Bank, the Menifee Community Services team has widened how they distribute essential nutrition as widening fears of novel coronavirus limited seniors to visit the senior center for daily nutrition. Together, the two agencies fed over 480 seniors with prepared food boxes to promote healthy options and nutritious foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables. “The Community Services Department is committed to increasing the number of senior meals and healthy options available to them, to assist our vulnerable senior population to make ends meet in our community,” stated Community Services Director Jon Nicks, “especially during the restrictions to keep them safe and preventing our senior populations from visiting the senior center daily during the COVID-19 crisis.”

The demand for services and for food has increased, in part because vulnerable people are stuck inside during the call for deep social distancing by Governor Newsom, and Riverside County Public Health Official Dr. Kaiser. “Generally, it’s sometimes the only meal our seniors eat with someone else,” said Mayor Bill Zimmerman. “The City is thankful for our volunteers (while practicing social distancing), and partners, because the amount we are able to serve with their assistance is so much greater and impactful. If you are a senior in need, please reach out to the senior center in Menifee, and connect with us.”

Orange County Food Bank (OCFB) is part of a larger private non-profit community service organization – the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) and distributes nearly 25 million pounds of food each year to vulnerable people. Nearly 400 other charities rely on OCFB for the food they distribute. Those organizations include churches, senior centers, shelters, community centers, and social service agencies. Those charities feed seniors on fixed incomes, individuals with disabilities, the unemployed, homeless persons, and the working poor. OCFB also feeds 1,400 people directly each day in communities throughout the region. <http://canstructionoc.org/>

For more information on Menifee's Senior Services Food Program, Please visit www.cityofmenifee.us/communityservices and for COVID-19 information, please visit www.cityofmenifee.us/coronavirus , or please call (951)672-9673 for more information.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 95,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*