



L.A. Legal Community's 8th Annual *Food From The Bar* Fundraising Campaign will provide 1,700,000 meals!

Benefitting L.A. Regional Food Bank's Summer Assistance Programs, \$432,601 Raised Will Provided Approx. 1,730,404 Meals to Those in Need

LOS ANGELES — June 24, 2016 — For Immediate Release — Los Angeles-based lawyers and legal organizations recently joined forces once again to fight hunger during the eighth annual ***Food From The Bar*** campaign, which benefits the **Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**.

Food From The Bar is an annual, month-long fundraising and volunteering effort, held May 2 to May 27 in 2016, that invites local legal firms and organizations to partake in friendly competition to see who can raise the most funds and food and donate the highest number of volunteer hours.

One of the Food Bank's largest annual fundraisers, this year's event raised \$432,601. During the campaign, more than 5,000 pounds of food was collected and 722 volunteer shifts were completed to help the Food Bank with its efforts to feed those in Los Angeles who are food insecure.

"This annual event, which continues to grow each year, is a critical part of our goal to reach children during the summer months when they do not have access to school meal programs," said **Michael Flood**, President & CEO of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. "With support from members of the Los Angeles legal community, we are able to continue to fight hunger and give hope."

This year, 68 legal firms and organizations competed in various categories, with several being honored with awards from the Food Bank for their efforts.

- **Kickoff Award** – Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP
- **Rookie of the Year** – Polsinelli, LLC
- **Volunteer Award** – Sheppard, Mullin, Ritcher & Hampton LLP
- **Cornucopia Award** – Akerman LLP
- **Creativity Award** – Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP
- **Chairman's Award** – Joan Schipper, Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP

- **Best Use of Social Media** – UCLA School of Law
- **Finish Line Award** – Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP
- **Partnership Award** – First Legal Network
- **Best Public Entity Award** – Second Court of Appeal
- **Best All Around** – McGuirewoods LLP
- **Overall Winner 1st Place** – Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP
- **Per Capita Winner** – McKool Smith Hennigan

About Food From The Bar:

Launched in 2009, the ***Food From The Bar*** campaign is an annual, four-week effort led by members of the legal community, focused on providing nutritious meals for children in Los Angeles County. Legal teams compete to see who can raise the most donations and clock the most volunteer hours. **For more information, visit:** lafoodbank.org/foodfromthebar

About Los Angeles Regional Food Bank:

For 43 years, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has worked to mobilize resources in the community to alleviate hunger. With a vision that no one goes hungry in Los Angeles County, the Food Bank has distributed 1 billion pounds of food since its inception. It provides food to 320,500 clients monthly and in 2015 distributed 62 million pounds of food. The Food Bank collects food from hundreds of resources, which it distributes through a network of 625 partner agencies throughout Los Angeles County. With the help of 27,000 volunteers annually, 97 percent of funds raised and in-kind donations go directly to programs. The Food Bank was recognized by the *LA Business Journal* as the Organization of the Year in 2013 for nonprofit organizations with an annual budget exceeding \$10 million. **For more information or to get involved, visit:** lafoodbank.org

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