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White Pony Express Launches Countywide Food Drive Amid CalFresh Suspension

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White Pony Express (WPE) today announced a large-scale county wide food drive running October 29, 2025, through November 30, 2025, to support neighbors affected by the suspension of CalFresh (food stamp) benefits beginning November 1.

As federal food assistance benefits are delayed during the ongoing government shutdown, WPE is already seeing longer lines at food distribution sites across Contra Costa County. Many of their nonprofit food recipient partners have already reached out requesting more food and more frequent deliveries. The organization anticipates the majority of the nonprofits they serve will need more food and resources, especially with the holidays approaching.

The organization currently supplies food to 110 local nonprofits, and reports that 54 additional organizations are waiting to join its network—a clear sign of surging demand during a mounting food security crisis. “Our community has always risen to meet moments of crisis with compassion,” said Eve Birge, CEO of White Pony Express. “By donating now—especially protein-rich foods—you’ll help ensure access to nutritious groceries for thousands of households while benefits are withheld.”

A rapid community response will enable WPE to distribute more food, expand delivery routes, and reduce the nonprofit waitlist—ensuring no one goes hungry during this period of uncertainty.

What to Donate: The drive prioritizes protein-rich items, including:

- Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon
- Nut butters
- Beans and lentils
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned soups and chili

Other shelf-stable foods are also welcome.

Drop-off location:

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About White Pony Express (WPE): Founded in 2013 by Dr. Carol Weyland Conner, WPE is a volunteer-powered 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to eliminate hunger and poverty by delivering the abundance to those in need—with love. WPE's Food Rescue Program operates seven days a week, rescuing a daily average of 14,000 pounds of high-quality, surplus, fresh food from over 80 local food outlets. This nutritious food is redistributed within 24 hours to 110+ nonprofit partner recipients that feed the hungry. Since its inception, WPE has recovered and delivered more than 33 million pounds of nutritious food—equal to more than 28 million meals—and prevented more than 53,000 tons of CO2 emissions from entering the air we breathe.

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