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Sierra Hope Food Pantry Receives Welcome Grant from Calaveras Community Foundation to Address Growing Community Need

Angels Camp, CA – November 4, 2023 - Sierra Hope is proud to announce the receipt of a \$5,400 grant from the Calaveras Community Foundation (CCF), marking a crucial step in ensuring the continuity of our essential Food Pantry program.

In the face of a notable surge in families with children seeking assistance during the 2022-23 period, Sierra Hope has witnessed firsthand the urgent need for support in our community. Many of our visitors face the heart-wrenching decision each month: whether to allocate limited resources toward medications, utility bills, or ensuring there's enough food on the table to sustain their families.

Jerry Cadotte, Executive Director of Sierra Hope, expressed gratitude for the steadfast support, stating, “Over the years, Sierra Hope has cultivated various avenues of assistance for our Food Pantry. With the invaluable contribution of the \$5,400 grant from CCF, Sierra Hope can extend uninterrupted services to over 42 families every Wednesday afternoon, in addition to accommodating the rising number of seniors and disabled individuals in need.”

Moreover, our dedicated volunteers play an indispensable role in our operations. Steve Parkison, with over seven years of steadfast service, leads the charge in managing the food pantry. Alongside him, volunteers like Sierra HOPE Board Member Xan Adams and others, exemplify the spirit of compassion and solidarity that drives our organization forward.

Sierra Hope’s commitment extends beyond our physical pantry doors. Our volunteers undertake deliveries for those who are home-bound, ensuring that no member of our community is left behind in their time of need.

“In rural areas like ours, food insecurity poses a particularly acute challenge,” Cadotte continued. “CCF is instrumental in helping to address the struggles of vulnerable populations, highlighting the critical importance of initiatives like ours in bridging this gap.”

For more information about Sierra Hope and the vital services we provide, please visit www.sierrahope.org.

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About the Calaveras Community Foundation

The Calaveras Community Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that is dedicated to improving Calaveras communities by providing grants to partner organizations, assisting donors and providing leadership in addressing charitable causes. More information about the Foundation is available online at www.calaverascommunityfoundation.org or by calling (209) 736-1945.

About Sierra HOPE

Sierra HOPE, originally founded in 1989 as the Sierra AIDS Council, now provides a wide range of services to the residents of Calaveras, Tuolumne and Amador counties. Headquartered in Angels Camp, Sierra HOPE's mission is to "Promote individual dignity and support community members in need through compassionate services and resources".

Sierra HOPE operates several programs to help area residents meet basic needs for food and housing, including a weekly food pantry, transitional housing for families with children, permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities, and assistance with rents and deposits to help people move from housing insecurity to permanent housing. The HIV/AIDS program helps people who are living with HIV access appropriate care and services to manage this chronic disease and prevent new infections. HIV/AIDS services are now available in six rural central Sierra counties: Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties. To learn more about Sierra Hope or inquire about services, please call (209) 736-6792 and visit us online at www.sierrahope.org.

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