

# Emeryville Community Action Program

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Serving Neighbors in Need



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Dear Community Member:

Once again, we issue our annual appeal for your help. The approaching holidays will bring family reunions, bountiful meals, gifts, and celebrations to most. To others who are lonely, hungry, and in need, the Emeryville Community Action Program (ECAP) is their only source of hope and happiness.

With the community's help last year, our organization provided an unprecedented number of hot meals and food baskets as well as toys. We distributed 3,462 meals and food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Santa dropped in at our Christmas party and helped to distribute new toys to more than 710 children from the Emeryville area. In addition, volunteers collect and distribute new and good used clothing, furnishings, and healthy food year-round.

ECAP is totally dependent upon donations from the City of Emeryville, Police and Fire Departments, businesses and residents. We ask for financial support to assist with our rent, utilities, supplies, office equipment, gas, and maintenance of our van. We also need foodstuffs, new or used clothing and household items, and bags for distribution.

One in 10 people in our country do not know where or how they will get their next meal! **"When was the last time you were hungry?"** One in three homeless are US military veterans. We are dedicated to helping some of these people get a new start and/or make it through "hard times". If your business can contribute to our work, it will lighten our load as well as benefit the community. I am sure you have many requests at this time of year, but I will truly appreciate any consideration you can give our organization and those we serve.

If you would like ECAP to provide your organization with "Holiday Food Collection Barrels" please place your request via our phone or fax numbers which are provided above. Also, please remember; ECAP is a 501-© (3) organization and all your donations are tax deductible.

Sincerest appreciation,

Nellie Hannon

ECAP is a nonprofit organization working to involve the city, schools, churches, corporations, businesses, and residents in assisting and caring for residents of Emeryville and neighboring communities. Donations are tax-deductible. A receipt will be issued upon request.