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## **Sacramento County Donates Over 600 Turkeys to Food Banks**

*Turkeys to be delivered on Friday, November 16*

Sacramento, CA –More than 600 turkeys will be delivered to local food banks this Friday due to the generosity of the Sacramento County Probation Department and the Board of Supervisors.

Probation Department employees donated \$3075, including a \$500 donation from the Sacramento County Probation Association, to purchase turkeys for needy families. This year, the County Supervisors & CEO's Office chipped in to the project and together and the combined donations amount to more than \$6,000. The birds will be purchased and delivered Friday, November 16. Delivery to the food banks will be made by a large Probation Department bus and several vans.

The delivery times and recipient food banks are as follows. Available Supervisors will be at locations 1, 4 and 5 during delivery for media opportunities:

1. Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, 3333 Third Avenue, Sacramento 10:00 am
2. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 5625 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento
3. Liberty Towers Church, 5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento
4. Orangevale Food Bank, 6483 Main Avenue Orangevale 9:15 am
5. Rancho Cordova Community Food Locker, 10496 Coloma Road 10:00 am

Chief Probation Officer Don Meyer said the project was the result of one of his employees wanting to help families and children. Last year Probation staff "created a competitive drive between the divisions and raised enough to buy 476 turkeys. They pitched in again this year with even greater results."

For the second year in a row, County of Sacramento Probation staff have stepped up to ensure hundreds of families who might not have enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal, get to do so. "I'm glad the Board of Supervisors could play a part in this year's fundraising effort" said Supervisor Phil Serna who helped coordinate the County's involvement.

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