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## **Thanksgiving Food Distribution and Drive to Benefit Needy Families Making Thanksgiving a Little Better This Holiday Season**

Irwindale, CA (November 25, 2008) — Assembly member Ed Hernandez hosted a Thanksgiving Food Distribution food drive to benefit needy families and non-profit organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. While Hernandez was unable to attend due to business in Sacramento, his staff along with the help of members of the local community and the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce pulled together to ensure a successful affair. The event was held at Picasso's Café, Bakery and Catering in Irwindale.

Thanksgiving Food Distribution had food donated by local businesses such as Suburban Water Systems, Picasso's Café, Ralphs, Mrs. Cubbinsons, and the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce. During the year, food was donated to several area fire stations involved in battling the recent Southern California fires. During this event, the Assemblyman's office recognized each of the fire stations that attended and aided in the fires. There was also a formal presentation program to highlight the work of the non-profits receiving food, as well as to honor some of the donors involved.

Mayor Larry Burrola, City of Irwindale along with Picasso's Café's Vince and Maria DeRosa and Marissa Buckisch spoke about the charitable efforts and discussed those who benefit from this distribution program. Lisa Bailey of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce acknowledged all of the volunteers those who helped make the event possible.

Some of the organizations receiving the donated food this year include: Azusa Senior Center, City of Azusa, Cory's Kitchen, Covina Area Emergency Aid, Our Neighborhood Homework House, Pacific Clinics, West Covina Fire Dept. and the Los Angeles County Fire Dept.

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### **About Picasso's Café, Bakery and Catering Co.**

*As the community's largest local private catering company with over 20 years of business, Picasso's is focused on providing you, our dining guests in Irwindale and catering guests worldwide, with quality food products and events, consistent service, and all at a competitive price. Picasso's commitment is to be an active responsible leader in the community and to support the personal and professional growth of the underprivileged of all ages locally. In addition, Picasso's commitment is to express gratitude daily by being a shining example of the restaurant industry through our catering donations, monetary sponsorships, volunteer work and support of local nonprofit groups and organizations and nationwide relief efforts. For more information, visit [www.PicassosCafe.com](http://www.PicassosCafe.com).*

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