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**** MEDIA ADVISORY / PHOTO OPPORTUNITY ****

A's Pitcher Dallas Braden Solicited, Matched and Will Serve One Ton of Food for Thanksgiving Lunch at St. Mary's Interfaith in Stockton Wednesday

Stockton Native Worked With Local Restaurants To Donate Food For Holiday Meal

WHAT: A's Pitcher Dallas Braden Solicited, Matched and Will Serve One Ton of Food For Thanksgiving Meal at St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services in Stockton

A's pitcher Dallas Braden will assist the staff and volunteers at the Fr. Alan McCoy O.F.M. Dining Room at St. Mary's Interfaith on Thanksgiving Eve from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services serves the needs of poor men, women and children through nurturing self-reliance for a hopeful future, by offering food, clothing, medical and dental care, educational programs and general assistance.

St. Mary's Interfaith will serve at least one ton (2,000 lbs) of food in its dining room that was donated by local restaurants with the help of Braden. For weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, Braden visited Stockton restaurants, asking – then matching - food donations such as ribs, steak, turkey, ham, salad, pizza, tacos and beverages for the holiday meal. Those businesses that donated food were Bottley's BBQ, Richard Eales Home of Stockton, El Super Mercado Mexican Meat Market Fat's Sports Bar and Grill, Gaines Liquor, Gians Deli, Graduate of Stockton, John's Incredible Pizza, Octavio Cruces Casa Flores, Michaels Pizza & Ginas Café, Pepsi and Whirlow's.

Last year, Braden served 845 pounds of donated food at St. Mary's Interfaith, which led him to coining this year's efforts as "Operation 'Ton' of Food for the 209," by setting the goal of one ton of food donated and served (209 is Stockton's area code).

Braden, a Stockton native, graduated from A.A. Stagg High School and attended American River College and Texas Tech University before being selected by the A's in the 24th round of the 2004 Draft. He spent four years in the A's minor league system, including a stint for the Stockton Ports in 2005 and 2006, before making his Major League debut in 2007. Braden was the 2009 A's Opening Day starter and went 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts before a rash led to nerve irritation in his left foot, ending his season in August.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 25
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

WHERE: St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services
Fr. Alan McCoy O.F.M. Dining Room
545 West Sonora Ave
Stockton, CA 95203

NOTE: Individuals looking to assist Braden with "Operation 'Ton' of Food for the 209" this Thanksgiving are asked to please drop off non-perishable foods to St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services. For details, please call (209) 467-0703.

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