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### **A's Infielder Eric Chavez Joins 'Feed The Children Caravan' to Bring Help to 4,000 Bay Area Families Tuesday, May 4**

Hundreds of Additional Families Helped By Player's Generosity; Chavez to Help Distribute Food

**OAKLAND, Calif.** — A's infielder Eric Chavez is teaming up with the Feed The Children's "Americans Feeding Americans Caravan" in providing food and other assistance to 4,000 Bay Area families Tuesday, May 4, at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. Distribution will begin at 9:00 am in the Creekside Parking Lot of the Coliseum, just inside the 66<sup>th</sup> Ave. main parking entrance.

Due to a generous donation by Chavez, and a matching contribution by A's owner Lew Wolff, two additional trucks were added to the event, to bring the total to 10 semi tractor-trailers filled with food and other products for Bay Area families. **Chavez, along with the A's owner, will be on hand to help volunteers distribute items to the families, beginning at 10:00 am.**

"It means so much to be able to assist hundreds of additional Bay Area families who are facing such economic challenges this year," said Chavez. "Faith plays a big part in my inspiration to help out in the local community, especially with charities that are dedicated to helping children such as the Feed The Children Caravan."

"The Americans Feeding Americans project is geared toward families who are suffering during this economic downturn," said Tony Sellars, spokesperson for Feed The Children. "California has especially been hit hard and we are grateful for our partners at The Salvation Army and for the generosity of Eric Chavez and the A's in helping thousands of Bay Area residents put food on the table for their children."

The Salvation Army-Alameda County Command, a Feed The Children partner agency, has pre-identified the 4,000 recipient families. Each family will receive a 25-pound box of food, a 10-pound box of personal care items and a box of Avon products. The boxes are designed to help a family for up to one week.

The distribution is the latest stop on Feed The Children's "Americans Feeding Americans Caravan", which has helped more than 60,000 families across the country in cities that have been affected by the nation's economic downturn. Feed The Children's distributions will continue throughout the U.S., which will help at least 200,000 families before the end of 2010.

***About Feed The Children:***

*Founded in 1979, Feed The Children is consistently ranked as one of the 10 largest international charities in the U.S., based on private, non-government support. Feed The Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters. In FY 2008, Feed The Children distributed more than 133 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally, supplementing more than 760,000 meals each day. Since its founding, the organization has reached out to help those in need in 119 countries around the globe. For more information, please visit [www.feedthechildren.org](http://www.feedthechildren.org).*

***About the Oakland Athletics:***

*The Oakland A's organization is a proud, reliable and dedicated member of its community. By contributing to numerous charitable organizations, hosting fundraising events, implementing educational programs and supporting other various causes, the A's strive to make a positive impact and improve the quality of life for people throughout the Bay Area. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandathletics.com](http://www.oaklandathletics.com).*

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