



OAKLAND ATHLETICS

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

A's Chris Carter and Michael Taylor to Serve Lunch at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County Saturday

WHAT: **A's to Serve Lunch at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County**
A's first baseman **Chris Carter** and outfielder **Michael Taylor** will assist the staff and volunteers at the Free Dining Room at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County (SVdP) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday.

Dining halls, soup kitchens, shelters and food banks across the country saw unprecedented demand for meals this holiday season leading to new challenges as incoming donations have slowed down to begin the New Year. SVdP requests a collective New Year's resolution of "neighbor helping a neighbor," in hopes of encouraging donations after the holidays in an effort to assist those struggling with poverty in the community.

SVdP serves more than 150,000 people annually, providing hot daily meals to the hungry, drop-in resource centers for the homeless, a health clinic and a computer lab. Additionally, they offer job training through their culinary academy, three thrift stores, a recycle arts studio and gallery, auto donation program and electronic waste collection business.

The Oakland A's continue to support the efforts of SVdP through donations, sponsorship of various events and programs and visits by players and coaches through the years. In addition, each of the past nine years, members of the A's front office staff prepare and serve meals at the SVdP Free Dining Room for a week around the holidays.

This visit by the A's to SVdP comes a day before the club's FanFest event staged at the Oracle Arena from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. FanFest 2012 will feature free photo, autograph and question-and-answer sessions with close to 30 members of the 2012 team, in addition to alumni and historical icons.

For more information please visit www.oaklandathletics.com/fanfest or www.svdP-alameda.org.

WHEN: **Saturday, Jan. 28**
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: **Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County**
Free Dining Room
675 23rd Street
Oakland, CA 94612
510-451-7676

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