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## **Ag Against Hunger Receives \$10,000 Grant from the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County**

Salinas, CA (8/23/07) - Ag Against Hunger, the Salinas and Pajaro Valley's clearinghouse for surplus crops, has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 by The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County.

This grant will provide Ag Against Hunger with necessary funding to expand its gleaning program into Santa Cruz County. Through its gleaning program Ag Against Hunger educates the community about agricultural practices on the Central Coast and increases the fresh produce made available to local food banks. This program brings children, families and seniors into local fields to harvest produce that would otherwise be tilled underground. Volunteers are provided tools and training which they use to harvest a multitude of vegetables that feed the hungry in our community.

Ag Against Hunger has distributed over 135 million pounds of fresh produce to food banks since it was founded in 1990. The organization's board of directors is currently is made up of members of the agricultural community in the tri-county area (Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey).

Since 1982, the Foundation has worked to make Santa Cruz County a better place to live, now and in the future. Funding for grants comes from several sources including charitable funds established at the Foundation by local donors and through partnerships with large private foundations. For more information on the Foundation, visit online at [www.cfsc.org](http://www.cfsc.org) or call (831) 477-0800.

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