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Students to go “Caroling for Cans” Benefiting Fresno State Student Cupboard

(FRESNO, Calif.)- Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is partnering with the Fresno State Student Cupboard for their eighth annual Caroling for Cans event. The campaign began on November 30th, when various departments around campus were recruited to collect nonperishable foods for the the big day when student volunteers will visit each office to sing carols. Central locations for anyone to drop off nonperishable food and hygiene items include the Starbucks inside Henry Madden Library, the first floor of the University Student Union, and inside the University Police Department. Staff and faculty are encouraged to contribute to the collection or items within their respective offices.

On Thursday, December 10th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., students will travel around campus picking up the donated nonperishable food and hygiene items and stopping in various offices to sing holiday carols as a thank you for participating in the drive.

All non-perishable food and hygiene items collected will benefit the Fresno State Student Cupboard, helping the campus combat food insecurity over the holiday season.

“Food security is a top priority for Fresno State student leaders,” said ASI Program and Volunteer Coordinator Ashleigh Rocker. “Whether it is hosting a distribution of food in the community or collecting cans for students on campus, Associated Students, Incorporated has made it a priority to address this issue head on. Our student leaders look forward to seeing what this campaign will yield for the campus while having some holiday fun as well.”

“The Student Cupboard is serving upwards of 4,000 visitors each month,” said Jessica Medina, Coordinator of the Food Security Project. “I look forward to this event every year, and am so excited that that Student Cupboard will be the organization to benefit from the generosity of our campus.”

Students are encouraged to participate in the collection of items and the caroling. Volunteers will meet at the Student Cupboard at 9 a.m. and are encouraged to bring an empty

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backpack to collect the items. Holiday attire is strongly encouraged. Hot chocolate, coffee and danishes will be provided to student volunteers.

To register your department or sign up to volunteer as a caroler, contact Ashleigh Rocker at arocker@csufresno.edu or Jessica Medina at the Fresno State Student Cupboard jemedina@csufresno.edu, or 559.278.0866. The Student Cupboard is open Sundays 3-5pm, Mondays 12-4pm, Tuesdays 11am-6pm, Wednesdays 10am-4pm, Thursdays 11am-6pm and Fridays 12pm-4pm.

Photo Op: Fresno State Student Cupboard IT room 144, at 9:45 a.m. on December 10th, 2015.

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