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Over 300 LA Sheriff's Department Members Gather to Pack Food Boxes for The Hungry

Los Angeles, CA: On December 17 & 18th, from 8am-11am, over 300 volunteers from the LA Sheriff's Department will gather at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica (3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405) to sort & box up food for families in need this holiday season. Together with the Vikings Charities, who have been one of the Southland's largest children's charities since 1950, these volunteers will put together over 1550 boxes to be delivered to needy families around LA. The boxes are loaded with non-perishable fixings for a holiday meal (think stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, marshmallows, hot cocoa, etc) and a 30lb frozen turkey.

"To see 18 big rigs filled with food pull up and all these volunteers get in line to somehow sort it all, is truly a logistical miracle. It's a just a wild undertaking," says SAF project founder Melissa Sheehan-Clarkson. Sheehan-Clarkson, who also owns one of LA's largest dog walking businesses, began partnering with the Vikings Charity 6 years ago through a family friend to bring food boxes to the 20+ families she adopts every year through the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS).

"These families are just so grateful to be able to have a family meal and keep this tradition even if they are living in a shelter. There's not as big of a disruption to these children's lives when there is something consistent to look forward to every year."

After the boxes are packed, the Sheriff's department volunteers set out in uniform to deliver the boxes around town to churches, orphanages, group homes, & hospitals, while the SAF project delivers them directly to their families. The food box packing is a family friendly event and open to anyone looking to volunteer. To volunteer, please contact [**safprojectorg@gmail.com**](mailto:safprojectorg@gmail.com)

About the SAF Project: The Sheehan Adopt-A-Family Project is a local 501(c)(3) organization. Since 2010, SAF project has worked with the DPSS 'Adopt-A-Family Program' to select families in need to bring food, toys & clothing during the holiday season. Each year the organization is involved in two events thrown by the Vikings Charities, a Holiday party for children and the food packing.

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