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LAGUNA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB TO FEED ELK GROVE SELF-QUARANTINED SENIORS

ELK GROVE, CA: The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is spreading within Elk Grove and on the advice of health care providers, many of our most-at-risk senior population are self-quarantining to prevent exposure. This is causing a higher degree of “food uncertainty,” as public areas such as grocery stores are being considered off limits over the next few weeks. The Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise, in cooperation with Elk Grove Food Bank Services, has identified 174 at-risk senior residents located throughout the community who need groceries in the last two weeks of March.

Through in-kind and cash donations, the Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise seeks to raise \$7,000 to provide each senior with one bag of groceries each week. Volunteers are needed to package and deliver the groceries directly to the seniors at the various Elk Grove senior complexes. Volunteers will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, wear appropriate protective gear, and will be easily identified as Rotary volunteers.

“The Coronavirus is a very serious and deadly concern for many seniors in Elk Grove,” Spease said. “Adding to the problem is that many seniors don’t have a support system to provide them with food during self-quarantine. As Rotarians and community members, it is our responsibility to ensure they have enough to eat. We are looking for assistance from local businesses and residents to get them through the next few weeks.”

“Elk Grove Food Bank Services is extremely grateful to Kevin Spease and Laguna Rotary Club for their effort and support in the anticipation of higher demand for food assistance in Elk Grove. Our top priority is identifying creative and safe ways to continue to ensure the most basic needs (food) for our vulnerable senior population, said Marie Jachino, Executive Director.” “This becomes increasingly critical, as many of the almost 1,400 seniors we serve each month have very limited resources to withstand an extended crisis.”

For cash donations please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-elk-grove-senior-shutin-during-covid19>. To volunteer, please contact Kevin Spease at 916.897.4101 or kevin.spease@gmail.com.

About Elk Grove Food Bank Services:

Elk Grove Food Bank Services (EGFBS) is a local non-profit organization serving families and individuals in the community. For more than 45 years, EGFBS has worked to mobilize resources to serve the needs of food insecure individuals in the Elk Grove region. Every month, the Food Bank distributes food to almost 6,000 people, including families, children, seniors, migrant workers, disabled, medically fragile, working poor, and the homeless. With 12 programs, 14 employees, and over 200 dedicated volunteers, EGFBS provides all services at no cost to fulfill its mission to “Provide essential resources to overcome the many

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faces of hunger and human need.” For more information, call (916) 690-4185 or visit www.elkgrovefoodbank.org.

About the Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise

Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise is a local service organization whose focus is to improve the lives of local foster youth, children, and women through economic empowerment and disease eradication. Comprised of local business, government, and community leaders, Rotarians actively enrich lives by connecting foster youth with first responders and work to eliminate human trafficking in Elk Grove. For more information, visit our Facebook page “Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise” or the web at www.lagunasunriserotary.org