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## **El Toro High School Annual Canned Food Drive: Break the Record**

Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, El Toro High School (ETHS) located in Lake Forest, California will be holding their annual Canned Food Drive. Last year alone, ETHS donated a record breaking 105,156 cans to South County Outreach and Adopt-A-Neighbor. With those cans, both organizations have had enough food in their food pantries to feed their communities for an entire year.

This drive has proven to be one of El Toro's most impactful traditions. All students of ETHS unite to show not only their school spirit, but to also show their compassion for helping the community. Students strive to reach a new goal every year. Individual classes heighten the school spirit by competing with other classes to see who can donate the most cans.

The last day to donate cans will be on Friday, November 18, 2016. Homeroom Representatives will tally each can from their homeroom and relay their totals to the ASB Officers so it can be added to the overall school count. Every student lends a hand in carrying their donations to the designated food trucks. Barrels of cans are delivered from various schools within the community as well as the district office to help reach the goal. Within a few hours, the school goes from a landscape of mountains of cans to a deserted land of empty boxes and barrels. By lunchtime, all of the cans are packed onto food trucks that will then bring the cans to the South County Outreach and Adopt-A-Neighbor food pantries.

El Toro's Canned Food Drive would not be possible without the support of the following organizations: South County Outreach, Adopt-A-Neighbor, Jimmy John's Sandwiches, Bagels and Brew, Rubio's Fish Grill, Raising Canes, the PSTO parent volunteers, and all of the schools that are also partaking in the drive to reach the goal of 110,000 cans (Serrano Intermediate, La Madera Elementary, Olivewood Elementary, Lake Forest Elementary, Santiago Elementary, and Rancho Cañada Elementary).

Media outlets are invited to attend the final collection celebration on November 18, 2016. Please contact Mr. Christopher Nguyen for more information.

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