

# Meals on Wheels Awarded \$1,500 "Share The Love" Grant

SACRAMENTO – (February 22, 2012) – Meals on Wheels by ACC is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) in recognition of its participation in MOWAA's "Share The Love" Most Meals Contest.

As part of Subaru of America, Inc.'s "Share The Love" Event, Meals on Wheels worked with Maita Subaru during the holiday season to highlight senior hunger and to learn what it takes to serve 2,000 meals a day. Senior hunger is growing throughout Sacramento County and Maita Subaru's community involvement to help bring awareness and support to our program is significant" stated Rithy Thong, Program Manager. Thong further stated "We also appreciate and thank Maita Subaru's choice of Meals on Wheels as their Charity of the Month for March."

As one of the five Subaru "Share The Love" Event charitable partners, MOWAA created the Most Meals Contest to foster

partnerships between local Meals On Wheels programs and Subaru dealerships. MOWAA is awarding \$150,000 in Most Meals grants to the 48 Meals On Wheels programs across the country that recruited dealership employees to volunteer, deliver meals in Subaru vehicles and engage community members in the fight to end senior hunger.

Most Meals grants awarded by MOWAA range from \$250 to \$35,000. The nation's economic downturn has made it more difficult to raise money to provide meals to the community's home-bound seniors. Meals on Wheels by ACC will use the monies to help sustain our services throughout Sacramento County to help offset these tough economic times.

The Subaru "Share The Love" Event ran from November 19, 2011 to January 3, 2012. Subaru is donating \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased during "Share The Love" to the customer's choice of one of five

charities, including MOWAA. Over the past three years, proceeds from the Subaru "Share The Love" Event have provided funds to MOWAA to support its vision to end senior hunger by 2020.

"We are honored to be part of 'Share The Love' again this year," said MOWAA President and CEO, Enid Borden. "Subaru is a corporation with a conscience. They understand that providing nutritious meals to hungry and home-bound seniors in need is a moral imperative." About Meals on Wheels by ACCMeals on Wheels by ACC is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious meals and nutritional services that allows seniors throughout Sacramento County to live independently and to Eat Well and Age Well. We do this by serving approximately 10,000 meals each week through home delivered meals and at 22 locations called All Seasons Café. We are Meals on Wheels so no senior goes hungry. For more information, visit our website at [www.mowsac.org](http://www.mowsac.org).

# Supervisor Susan Peters to Hold "Office Hours" at Gibbons Park Craft Faire

CARMICHAEL – County Supervisor Susan Peters will be holding her first 2010 "Office Hours" for residents on Saturday, March 3, at Gibbons Park during the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District's Spring Craft Faire.

Continuing a tradition started in 2005, Peters will set up a table at the event for residents who wish to drop by and talk with her about items of interest. No appointment is necessary but visits will be handled on a "first come basis." She will be at the Craft Faire from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

"Establishing 'Office Hours' provides the opportunity to mix business with pleasure," says Peters. "I'll be available to talk about county matters while neighbors can shop for

unique craft items."

Last year Peters held her "Office Hours" at different locations in conjunction with scheduled family oriented community events that included the Carmichael egg hunt and several "Concerts n the Park" gatherings.

The Craft Faire will be held in the Mission Oaks Community Center at 4701 Gibbons Drive. Admission is free and the event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District at 972-0336 or visit [morpdc.com](http://morpdc.com).

Next month Peters will move her "office" to Carmichael Park for the annual egg hunt which will be held on Saturday, April 7. That fun

starts at 10 a.m. sharp rain or shine and Peters will be holding "Office Hours" there between 9:30-11 a.m. For more information about the egg hunt, call the Carmichael Recreation and Park District at 485-5322 or visit [carmichaelpark.com](http://carmichaelpark.com).

And on Sunday, April 8, she will be at Swanston Park for that neighborhood's "Easter Blast" that includes an egg hunt, carnival games, and more. This free event runs from 12 to 2 p.m. Peters will be holding her "Office Hours" there between 12 to 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the blast, call the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District at 333-6464 or visit [morpdc.com](http://morpdc.com).

# Gov. Brown Announces Appointments

**Mark Leary, 56, of Carmichael**, has been appointed chief deputy director at the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Leary has been deputy director at CalRecycle since 2010. From 1999 to 2009, he worked at the California Integrated Waste Management Board in multiple positions, including executive director. Leary was area director of governmental affairs at Browning-Ferris Industries from 1994 to 1999 and branch chief at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control from 1982 to 1994. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$125,232. Leary is registered decline-to-state.

**Mark Farouk, 36, of Sacramento**, has been appointed deputy commissioner of the Office of External Affairs at the California Department of Corporations. Farouk has been the chief consultant for the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee

since 2005. He was a legislative consultant for Assemblymember Jerome Horton from 2003 to 2005, a legislative assistant for Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson from 2002 to 2003, and a legislative assistant for Assemblymember Sally Havice from 2001 to 2002. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$90,000. Farouk is a Democrat.

**James Spurling, 57, of Sacramento**, has been appointed chief counsel at the Office of the Inspector General. Spurling has been assistant chief counsel for the Department of Personnel Administration since 2006. He was an industrial relations counsel for the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement from 2001 to 2006, an attorney at the Law Offices of James Casey Spurling from 1999 to 2001 and an attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad Company from 1998 to 1999. Spurling was an associate attorney for Knox Lemmon Anapolsky and Sheridan from

1995 to 1997, a partner with Jencks and Hunt from 1993 to 1995 and a partner with Nelson Thompson Pegue Thornton Spurling from 1987 to 1993. Spurling earned a Juris Doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$137,196. Spurling is a Republican

**David Zocchetti, 54, of Sacramento**, has been appointed deputy director and chief counsel at the California Department of General Services. Zocchetti has been chief counsel and legislative director for the California Emergency Management Agency since 2009. He worked at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in multiple positions from 1991 to 2009, including chief counsel of legal and legislative affairs. Zocchetti earned a Juris Doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$136,512. Zocchetti is a Democrat.

# United Way to Run Bank On

SACRAMENTO REGION – Bank On Sacramento is expanding beyond the city to serve Sacramento County and will be led by United Way California Capital Region, Mayor Kevin Johnson announced this week. Bank On Sacramento surpassed goals under city leadership and will now be part of Bank On California Capital Region, a coalition of Bank On programs across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties.

"The city has done a fantastic job with this program, giving many more Sacramento residents access to mainstream banking services," said Steve Heath, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "The Bank On program is a fantastic fit with our SenSe-Ability project, which is working to improve financial literacy and income in our region. We look forward to expanding it to all five counties we serve so more people across our region can experience financial success."

Current numbers show 6.2 percent of households in Sacramento County are unbanked, amounting to 31,213 households. Studies also show 17.3 percent are underbanked – they have bank accounts but rely on alternative financial services such as check cashing, payday loans, rent-to-own agreements or pawn shops. The average full-time worker with no bank account can spend \$40,000 in paycheck cashing fees over a lifetime.



Steve Heath of United Way announces the Bank On Sacramento transition at a press conference with Mayor Kevin Johnson and SAFE Credit Union's Rachel Zillner and Paul Hersek. Photo provided by Kristin Thebaud Communications.

Bank On California Capital Region is one of 62 programs across the country. Bank On programs are locally led coalitions of government agencies, financial institutions and community organizations working to improve the financial futures of unbanked and underbanked individuals and families by providing free or low-cost starter or second chance bank accounts and access to financial education. Current Bank On Sacramento members include Bank of America, Bank of the West, BBVA Compass, Chase Bank, Citibank, First Northern Bank, Patelco Credit Union, SAFE Credit Union, Schools Financial Credit Union, Travis Credit Union, Union Bank and Wells Fargo. For more information, visit [www.joinbankon.org](http://www.joinbankon.org).

United Way is the region's leading provider of innovative solutions on the community's most pressing issues, including high school graduation rates, household financial stability and obesity. United Way's team of nonprofits, businesses, donors and volunteers work together to provide positive, measurable results on these issues through United Way projects: STAR Readers, SenSe-Ability and Fit Kids. Community members can give, volunteer and advocate in support of the causes they care most about, benefiting United Way and hundreds of nonprofits in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. United Way is an independent, local affiliate of United Way Worldwide. For more information, visit [www.yourlocalunitedway.org](http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org).

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