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## KQED Public Radio Listeners Donate More Than 60,000 Meals to Bay Area Food Banks

June 1, 2009—KQED Public Radio announced today that they will be donating 60,167 meals to Bay Area food banks. The donation program served as a centerpiece of the recent KQED Public Radio pledge drive that took in more than \$2.3 million dollars for the station, the most-listened to public radio station in the nation. Listeners were offered an opportunity to donate a portion of their pledge to the food bank in lieu of the traditional premium item selection offered by the station.

“We are so grateful to our members for their generous support of our station and our community during this time of extraordinary financial need,” stated Jo Anne Wallace, KQED Public Radio’s vice-president and general manager. “Many of our listeners are long-time supporters of the station and we recognized that they may not have needed or wanted another logo item or other gift for their support. We are grateful that we’ve found a way to provide funds to keep KQED Public Radio operating, as well as to give back to our community. As a community-based public media organization, all of us at KQED thank our members for their support and for their generosity toward their own communities.”

KQED is working with the San Francisco Food Bank in dispersing the meals to food banks across the nine-county Bay Area region.

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