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Celebrate the Cross Cultural Influences of the OC and Louisiana

Community Action Partnership of Orange County hosts OC Cajun Food & Music Celebration for the benefit of the OC Food Bank

Garden Grove, CA - June 22, 2017: Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) will be hosting their first ever OC Cajun Food & Music Celebration of benefit to its OC Food Bank. The event will take place on Saturday July 15th, 2017 from 3pm -7pm at Mile Square Park – Sports Field D in Fountain Valley, CA (16400 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708). Admission to this event benefits the OC Food Bank and more information on the event and affordable ticket prices can be found at www.ocfoodbank.org/cajun. A \$10 online discount from the general admission price of \$50 is available using the discount code of Cajun10 prior to the day of the event. Admission for children 5 and under is free.

This first ever OC Cajun Food & Music Celebration to benefit CAPOC and its OC Food Bank will host local restaurants, wineries, and breweries highlighting their regionally inspired dishes and drinks, all celebrating the amazing cross cultural influences of Louisiana and Orange County. All attendees will have the opportunity to taste samples of food and beverages from vendors, which is all included in the one admission price of your ticket. For children and those not drinking alcohol, a lower price is offered. The event features live performances from Grammy nominee Lisa Haley and the Zydekats and Dennis G and the Zydeco Trail Riderz for a family-friendly music and dance experience. A shaded dance floor is being provided along with tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Curtis Gibbs, CAPOC Director of Planning and Fund Development who has travelled extensively in Louisiana over the last ten years, has these observations: *“One major cross cultural influence between Louisiana and Orange County are the respective Vietnamese communities resulting in Cajun inspired seafood restaurants under Vietnamese*

ownership in Orange County. For those that have experienced both, one will note differences in how crawfish and shrimp are served back in Louisiana and here in Orange County. Another interesting cross cultural connection between Louisiana and Orange County is the introduction of Mexican food in the South early in the 1900's, as a result of the Tamale Trail across Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, and such tamales can still be found to this day in Louisiana. Thus, having Taco Bell as an event sponsor, fits into our theme of cross cultural connections."

Long term funders of CAPOC and the OC Food Bank providing sponsorship for this event include: the PIMCO Foundation, Taco Bell, SCAN Health Plan, and Corporate Business Systems, Inc. As a media sponsor, the OC Weekly is helping to market the event.

The OC Food Bank is a program of Community Action Partnership of Orange County. In 2016, the OC Food Bank distributed more than 22 million pounds of food to vulnerable neighbors. For more information, go to www.ocfoodbank.org/cajun. Come out and celebrate with us!

ABOUT COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY

With leadership and results dating back to 1965, Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) has evolved into one of Orange County's most comprehensive anti-hunger and poverty relief organization. CAPOC's aim is to make a positive impact in people's lives by helping them meet basic needs and strengthen their support system. Our position within Orange County allows us to identify neighborhood concerns and find unique solutions. We have a stake in the health of our community and have the ability to create real change in the lives of low-income children, families, senior, and veterans. By acting as a resource for ending hunger and poverty, our organization improves the health of our community. We mobilize and direct resources to programs that assist, educate and promote self-sufficiency.

ABOUT THE OC FOOD BANK

The OC Food Bank's aim is to make a positive impact in people's lives by helping them meet basic needs and strengthen their support system. The OC Food Bank works with nearly 400 local charities, soup kitchens, and community organizations to end hunger and malnutrition. The OC Food Bank provides donated food, USDA commodities, and purchased food to non-profit agencies in Orange County that serve low-income families and individuals. Annually, the OC Food Bank is able to distribute more than 22 million pounds of food. Some of the programs the OC Food Bank operates are: Food for Seniors, Food Stamp Outreach, Emergency Food Assistance, Emergency Food & Shelter, Farm 2 Family, and Donated Food.

An Orange County Where All Community Members Attain Self-Sufficiency

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