



**Poverello  
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**The Sikh Community Provides November Meals to Poverello House**

**FRESNO, Calif.** – The Holiday season is quickly approaching and many community organizations and businesses are showing their giving spirit. One of those organizations is The Sikh Community.

On what has become an annual event, the Sikh Community will present Poverello House with a significant donation this **Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 11:45 a.m.** The purpose of this donation is to provide 45,000 meals for the month of November.

“We, The Sikh Community, humbly take this opportunity to serve our needy fellow Americans by sponsoring the entire month of November’s meals at Poverello House in downtown Fresno. Feeding the hungry is a part and parcel of the celebration of the 547th birthday of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Jee who founded the Sikh religion in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Sikhism believes in one God, all human races as one, justice and equality for all and pray for the welfare of all mankind,” said Dr. Ajit Khaira, Sikh coordinator. “We want to show our appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the great American melting pot.”

“We continue to be blessed by the Sikh Community for their giving spirit,” said Poverello House Executive Director Cruz Avila. For the seventh year, the Sikh Community has committed to fund meals served at Poverello House during the month of November. The Sikh community has donated over \$131,500.00; we are extremely grateful to the Sikh Community’s continued commitment to Poverello House.”

Everyday someone in our Valley goes hungry. It is a misconception that only the poor or homeless are hungry. Many of the hard-working Central Valley Residents struggle to make ends meet on a daily basis. Increased medical premiums, gas prices and rising grocery bills put a tremendous strain on families. The Poverello House provides food and other basic social services to anyone in need.

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