



Alameda County - Oakland Community Action Partnership

Presents the

“7th Annual Walk to End Poverty”

Saturday, May 19, 2012

9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Lake Merritt

Why Join Us?

In Alameda County, **200,498 (13.5%)** of our residents live in poverty, up from 10.7% (157,183) just over a year ago in 2009. Unfortunately, **17.4% (58,630)** of these who live in these low-income families are children. In our effort to raise awareness about the social conditions of the 200,498 people who live in poverty within Alameda County, please join us on **Saturday, May 19, 2012** for the **7th Annual Walk to End Poverty** at Oakland's Lake Merritt bandstand area across from the Garden Center at 666 Bellevue Ave. This event is **FREE** to the public and everyone who brings a non-perishable food item to donate to the Alameda County Community Food Bank will receive a free t-shirt!

Power of Ten

Local agencies, community organizations, and the community at-large are encouraged to participate in the event by organizing teams of supporters. Take the **“Power of 10”** challenge and become an **Advocate** for change - organize a team of 10 to walk with you as we come together to call an end to poverty.

Learn. Engage. Connect

Immediately following the walk, a healthy lunch and a community fair, including hands-on children activities, will be held to educate and inform the community about available resources and programs to help during these challenging times. Bay Area personalities and live entertainment will be provided by local artists who are committed to social change. Our elected officials will also be on hand to talk about how we can collectively work together to eradicate poverty throughout Alameda County - *because together we can make a difference!*

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have enough; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

Franklin D Roosevelt