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**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THANKSGIVING RICE DRIVE TO CELEBRATE MAJOR MILESTONE**  
**150,000<sup>th</sup> Pound of Rice to Be Distributed at “Rice-Giving” event in Mid-City San Diego**

San Diego, CA: On Saturday, November 23, 2019, the San Diego Asian Youth Organization (SDAYO), Pan Pacific Law Enforcement Association (PANPAC), and San Diego Police Department’s Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office will host their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive.

While most organizations provide turkeys for families in need, rice is given because it feeds a family for several weeks versus just one day. Over the past decade, the annual event has distributed tens of thousands of pounds of rice to San Diegans in need. This year will mark a major milestone—the 150,000<sup>th</sup> pound of rice will be distributed.

According to the San Diego Hunger Coalition, 443,000 San Diegans face food insecurity every day, with 141,000 being children. Furthermore, fifty percent of low-income adults experiencing food insecurity are living with a disability.

“I applaud the teens from the San Diego Asian Youth Organization for a decade of success and ensuring families in need do not go hungry this Thanksgiving holiday,” stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

“The consistent success of this annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive is yet another example of how leadership of the youth of the San Diego Asian Youth Organization makes a difference in our communities. I congratulate them on this anniversary,” said Council President Georgette Gómez.

**WHAT:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive – Distribution Event

**WHERE:** San Diego Police Department - Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office  
5348 University Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92105

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.  
*(Media Availability beginning at 7:00 a.m.)*

**INFO:** Rice will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

