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## 4-H members harvest for Ag Against Hunger

BY MARISA FERNANDEZ • SAN BENANCIO 4-H • AUGUST 21, 2009

On June 19, members of the San Benancio 4-H Club, Buena Vista 4-H Club, family and friends met at 9 a.m. in Salinas to participate in the Ag Against Hunger volunteer gleaning program. Gleaning is a process in which people go out to the fields to harvest surplus produce, which is then distributed to local food banks.

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Almost 30 people came to help glean the field of red leaf lettuce. With everyone working together, participants were able to collect a large amount of lettuce in a few hours. Most were out in the field collecting the lettuce while a few were working hard at the containers, making sure to move quickly enough to keep up with the harvesting. The group used knives to cut the lettuce from the ground and then cleaned off some of the outer leaves. They collected the lettuce in large containers that filled up quickly. A news crew came to film the group working in the field and interviewed some of the gleaners.

Volunteers included Marisa and Samantha Fernandez; Patricia, Carolyn and Martha Cava; Mei Mei and Suzanne Dorrance; Audrey, Nolan, and Lauren Dost; Travis and Dale McHaney; Betsy and Liz Sugar; Kimberly and Marigrace Gamble; Maddie, Tylor, and Kathy Giger; Robert and Delores Fredrick; Kirsti and Nick Aguirre; and Irma Gomez, all from San Benancio 4-H; Lizzy Prader and Lise Belton from Buena Vista 4-H; Gabriel Salcedo and Kelsey Hill.

### Leigh McNett Hackbert Honored at University

Leigh McNett Hackbert, a junior at Loyola University in Chicago, was named to the College of Arts and Sciences' Dean's List for her scholastic performance during the spring semester of the 2008-09 academic year.

As an undergraduate with an overall cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, she was also accepted into the combined five-year bachelor's/master degree Criminal Justice program.

McNett Hackbert was also offered a two-year paid internship with the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General. She recently completed a three-week Cultural Understanding and Language Training Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as part of her ROTC officer training. McNett

Hackbert, a 2006 graduate of Salinas High School, is the daughter of Richard and Joan McNett-Hackbert of Corral de Tierra.

### Massoud Participates In Leadership Summit

Molly Massoud, a seventh-grader at Buena Vista Middle School in Las Palmas Ranch, participated this summer in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Massoud was one of more than 250 middle-school students to attend the conference.

This year's conference theme was "Voices of Leadership: Reflecting on the Past to Create the Future."

The Soroptimist Club of Salinas donated \$250 to help defray Massoud's costs for the trip.



The Ag Against Hunger volunteers stand in front of one of the AAH trucks. From left, Marisa and Samantha Fernandez; Patricia, Carolyn and Martha Cava; Mei Mei and Suzanne Dorrance; Audrey, Nolan, and Lauren Dost; Travis and Emily Violini; Andrew and Dale McHaney; Betsy and Liz Sugar; Kimberly and Marigrace Gamble; Maddie, Tylor, and Kathy Giger; Robert and Delores Fredrick; Kirsti and Nick Aguirre, and Irma Gomez; Lizzy Prader and Lise Belton; Gabriel Salcedo and Kelsey Hill. (Provided photo)

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