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"American Winter" Screenings in Woodland & Davis

(Woodland, CA) – As part of CalFresh Awareness Month, screenings of the documentary, "American Winter" will be held on May 21 at 6:00 p.m. on the Woodland Community College campus and on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. on the UC Davis campus.

Directed by Emmy award-winning filmmakers Joe and Harry Gantz ("Taxicab Confessions", "The Defenders"), American Winter is a documentary feature film that follows the personal stories of eight families struggling in the wake of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The film presents an intimate snapshot of the state of the economy as it is playing out in the lives of American families, and highlights the human impact of budget cuts to social services, a shrinking middle class, and the fracturing of the American Dream.

CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps) Awareness Month is a collaborative effort to increase access and participation in food assistance, reduce hunger and promote good nutrition. The following free screenings of "American Winter" are being sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services, 2-1-1 Yolo, the office of Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor, Woodland Community College Committee on Diversity and UC Davis Center for Poverty Research:

Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

(Note: there will be a Local Resources Fair from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

Community Room, Woodland Community College

Thursday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

(Note: there will be a Q&A panel discussion following with co-director Harry Gantz and moderated by Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor)
Young Hall, Room 198, UC Davis

"Availability of food resources is critical to a healthy community," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Don Saylor. "Bringing attention to the issue of food insecurity, which is a reality for many in our Yolo County communities, is the foundation for addressing the issue."

Co-director Hary Gantz will be in attendance at both screenings.