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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **FARSB Harnesses Collective Action this Hunger Action Month**

**Riverside, CA, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**—Throughout history, people in America have united to drive change. This September, during Hunger Action Month, Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) is calling on the Inland Empire to come together once again to end hunger in this community.

"People across the country have demonstrated immense care for their neighbors in crisis time and time again, helping to build stronger, more resilient communities," said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. "Ending the hunger crisis in America is no different. When we all work together, alongside our neighbors facing hunger, we can find solutions to ensure that everyone has the food they need to thrive. This Hunger Action Month, our hope for the nation is to start building this new reality together, through unified action toward a shared vision of a hunger-free America."

Food insecurity in America has reached its highest rate in over a decade, reaching over 47 million people facing hunger, including 14 million children. Among the communities FARSB serves, food insecurity ranges from 12.4% in Riverside County to 14.7% in San Bernardino County.

With the largest cuts to SNAP (CalFresh in CA) and Medicaid in history now signed into law, food and health care will soon be further out of reach for millions of people – including children. Hunger in America is a crisis – and together, we can meet this moment.

People can get involved locally by donating to FARSB or through the actions below:

- Give Funds: Every \$25 helps provide up to 125 meals.
- Give Food: Host a food drive in your community.
- Give Time: Volunteer at our food bank or client-choice pantry by contacting VolunteerTeam@feedingamericaie.org

"With critical programs facing funding cuts, your support is needed now more than ever," said Carolyn Fajardo, CEO of FARSB. "Join us in raising awareness and taking action this Hunger Action Month to ensure no neighbor goes without a meal," Fajardo continued.

Learn more about how you can take action by visiting FeedingIE.org/hungeraction

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## About Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino

Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) is leading the fight against hunger in the Inland Empire by providing food access, emergency relief, education, and advocacy to families in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. FARSB opened in 1980 as Survive Food Bank in response to the increasing concern about the dual problems of hunger and food waste in the Inland Empire. Today, FARSB is the primary food source for over 250 local nonprofit organizations, distributing over 3.1 million pounds of food monthly to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, high-need elementary schools, senior centers, after-school programs, and more. With the help of these community partners, they make up the largest hunger-relief organization serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, ultimately making food security a reality for over one million households every year. Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino proudly holds the 2025 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit http://www.FeedingIE.org

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