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**Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Set to Host
9th Annual Million Meals Gala: Casino Royale**
Limited Early Bird Tickets Available Soon

(Riverside, CA – June 22, 2021) – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) will be giving Inland Empire residents the opportunity to experience a dazzling benefit casino night at its Riverside Distribution Center on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the 9th Annual Million Meals Gala – *Casino Royale*. Limited early bird tickets are available beginning July 15, 2021.

“For the past 9 years, our gala has offered an opportunity to raise money to support the distribution of food—a chronic barrier to financial stability in our community,” said Stephanie Otero, Chief Executive Officer at FARSB. “This year, after the pandemic forced so many out of jobs and into a position of need, we want to set the bar higher and secure more meals for local residents. That means raising \$143,000--enough funds to secure one million meals for families experiencing hunger,” said Otero.

With expectations for a sold out event, FARSB has prepared a night-to-be-remembered, featuring live music, casino game tables, live and silent auctions, a gourmet dinner, and award ceremony all to benefit food-insecure neighbors in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, J.D., CEO of the Feeding America National Organization, former Executive Vice President at Walmart, and one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2020 will offer a one-of-a-kind keynote speech.

Beginning July 15, 2021, a limited number of early-bird tickets will be available at \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Beginning September 6, 2021, the remaining general admission tickets will be made available at \$85 per person or \$160 per couple. To learn more, purchase tickets, or donate to the cause, visit www.feedingamericaie.org/gala.

The 2021 Million Meals Gala; Casino Royale is sponsored by [IEHP](#), [Hodgdon Group](#), [Majestic Realty Foundation](#), [Southern California Fleet Services Inc.](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#), [Manheim](#), [Baron's Market](#), [Inland Empire Community News](#), and [SoCal Beer](#).

FARSB is offering several sponsorship packages, ranging in amenities and price points. Please direct sponsorship inquiries to Melissa Balderama at mbalderama@feedingamericaie.org.

For more information on the regional food bank serving the Inland Empire or to [subscribe](#) to the mailing list, visit www.FeedingIE.org.

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

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concern about the dual problems of hunger and food waste in the Inland Empire. Today, FARSB is the primary source of food to over 200 local nonprofit organizations, distributing over two million pounds of food monthly to emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, high-need elementary schools, halfway houses, senior centers, residential treatment centers, shelters for the abused, after school programs and group homes. With the help of these charity partners, they make up the largest hunger relief organization in the Inland Empire, making food security a reality for over 1.2 million people every year. Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino proudly holds the 2021 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit www.FeedingIE.org.

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