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City National Bank Grants \$5,000 to Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino's HERO Program

(**Riverside**, **CA** – **September 9**, **2022**) –City National Bank granted Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) \$5,000 to allocate a hundred percent of the proceeds towards the Homebound Emergency Relief Outreach (HERO) program that will offer free food deliveries for our home-bound Inland Empire neighbors whose health and financial limitations prevent them for shopping for food.

"Food Insecurity is at the center of the many issues our community faces," said Carolyn Solar, CEO of FARSB. "City National Bank has been an incredible supporter of FARSB over the years. This support will ensure that fewer have to choose between feeding their family and paying essential bills."

Since its launch in March 2022, the HERO Program was created for the growing need for food throughout Riverside and San Bernardino. Lockdown mandates restricted community members from picking up food supplies safely. FARSB offered emergency contactless food deliveries to medically at-risk individuals, those without reliable transportation, and seniors requesting assistance.

"City National Bank takes great pride in supporting the communities where we work and live," said Kari Mozena, CRA, Operations Support at City National Bank. "We commend the work being done by your organization to enhance the vitality and well-being of our community."

FARSB is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization serving the Inland Empire region through partnership with over 250 local nonprofits. The food bank operates multiple nutrition programs and works to create a hunger-free reality for children, seniors, veterans, and neighbors in need.

With fall around the corner, those interested in learning more about FARSB's HERO Program can visit <u>www.feedingamerica.org/get-help</u>.

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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 two 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 1.2 million people every year. Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino proudly holds the 2022 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit www.FeedingIE.org.

