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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino raised just over \$100,000 at its annual Million Meals Gala

(**Riverside**, CA – May 25, 2023) – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) hosted the most anticipated event of the year on Saturday, April 22nd. Their annual Million Meals Gala: Run for the Roses, presented by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Thanks to the tremendous support of our community, volunteers, and supporters, FARSB raised just over \$100,000, creating up to 700,000 meals for those facing food insecurities in the Inland Empire.

The Derby theme was a hit. Many guests who attended the event sported their best spring outfits and big hats, making the derby atmosphere come alive. The food bank looked stunning with all its decorations, including a prop horse and jockeys for photo ops. Maddilicious Catering delighted everyone with a gourmet dinner.

Special recognitions were made to Ministerio Juda as our Community Partner of the Year, Sabiduria Latina as our Media Partner of the Year, Galleria at Tyler as our Corporate Partner of the Year, and Hope Lutheran as our President's Choice Award.

They had an entertaining DJ and live auction. Emcee and DJ, Allan Cason, kept the music going all night. Auctioneer, Chuck Dukas, energized everyone and helped with crowd participation.

For more information, please visit our website at <u>Feedingie.org/Gala</u> or contact Angela at <u>ajugon@feedingamericaie.org</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.