

KNOW HUNGER

Our Mission is to Alleviate Hunger in the Inland Empire

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Dear Friends,

Did you know that FARSB is one of only a few food banks in the Feeding America network that DOES NOT purchase food? It's true. FARSB's food distribution is 100% supplied by donations from local and national food donors, including fresh produce. This is a huge benefit for a local nonprofit, such as ours, as this means funds can

be utilized to help distribute the food to those in need in our community, rather than purchasing food.

Many of you often ask, "How can we help?" While food drives are always appreciated, where the help is most impactful, is by becoming a member of our Meals for Many monthly club, spreading the word about who we are and what we do, or spending your day as a volunteer.

As Dr. Sanjay Gupta recently highlighted on CNN, 40% of the food in our country goes to waste. That's a staggering statistic considering that in the Inland Empire alone we have over 800,000 people who are food insecure. People are hungry, not because there isn't enough food for them, but, because they don't have access to the food. Nonprofits, like FARSB have access to the food, but need the resources to distribute the food to the people in our community.

Distributing food seems like it should be relatively easy. However, with all food donations there are transportation, freight, quality control, inventory, and sorting procedures that must take place before food is available for distribution. That all equates to resources, such as, fuel and labor.

I know that many of you, like me, want to help in any way you can. Please consider becoming a monthly donor. By giving up the cost of one fancy Frappuccino a week, you could help to feed someone in need right here in our community all year long.

Wishing you a wonderful summer. As always, we thank you for being a supporter in helping us to end hunger in the Inland Empire.

www.FeedingIE.org/donate

With Joy,

Stephanie Otero

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Are you a teacher, principle, assistant principle, or counselor serving a low-income school in the Inland Empire? Please sign-up and spread the word about our next FREE school supply distribution event scheduled for July 21st!

Registered attendees will have the opportunity to fill up 2 tote bags with school supplies for their classroom and students before the school year begins.

Register today!

www.FeedingIE.org/tools-for-teachers

#GIVEWHEREYOU LIVE



Thank you to Pechanga for funding a new school pantry in the city of Lake Elsinore!



Thank you to Bank of America for a \$20,000 gift to aid in the fight against hunger!



Thank you to Walmart for bringing in over \$145,000 worth of donations to FARSB during the "Fight Hunger. Spark Change." campaign!



Thank you to Wells Fargo for contributing to the betterment of the IE with a \$30,000 contribution to FARSB!

Thank you to all of the hunger heroes who participated in the #FeedSoCal Stuff-A-Truck food drive on June 15th! Because of you, we received over \$48,000 in cash donations and over 12,000 pounds of food in just one day!



VOLUNTEER SATURDAY RETURNS WITH A DAY OF SERVICE



We are thrilled to announce that our monthly Volunteer Saturday will be making a return this September!

With school starting back up, fall approaching, and the need stronger than ever, we want to welcome Volunteer Saturday back with a unique service day opportunity, where our volunteers can work on a variety of different projects benefiting the food bank.

This will be our biggest, most diverse, opportunity yet. Volunteer duties will range from sorting donations, disposing of unconsumable products, putting together emergency care packages, assembling and binding produce for elementary school distributions, putting together canned food displays, calling donors, and helping send letters out to the community.

Interested in participating? Please make sure you are signed up for our e-newsletter to be notified when registration opens up!

NEW TEAM MEMBER



We are pleased to welcome our new Philanthropy Director, Lori Butler, to the team!

Lori J. Butler, CFRE is a Certified Fundraising Executive with over 25 years of experience in Development for non-profit organizations. She is passionate about solving food insecurity for our community and working collaboratively with other community organizations to do so.

As a widowed mother of 3 boys, she has personally experienced the challenges of accessing healthy and affordable food.

Lori lives in Lake Arrowhead and is actively involved in community organizations like Kiwanis as well as teaching non-profit meetings and event planning for Cal State San Marcos Extended Education (Temecula & San Marcos campuses).

Welcome aboard, Lori!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- July 21st Tools for Teachers
www.FeedingIE.org/tools-for-teachers
- September Hunger Action Month
- November 17th FARSB Annual Gala...Save the Date!

IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE?

1. If you're in Riverside County, dial 2-1-1 or call (800) 464-1123 for referrals to resources including food assistance, housing assistance, utility assistance, transportation, veteran services, community service, professional development services and more.
2. Head to www.gotfood.us or download the "Got Food?" app to search for pantries, kitchens, and feeding sites near you.
3. Call (951) 359-4757 for hours and information regarding picking up a one-time emergency food bag.

SEPTEMBER IS HAM



September is just around the corner which means Hunger Action Month (HAM) is too! FARSB welcomes you to join us for a tour of the food bank, volunteer (weekday and on Saturday), start a conversation about hunger and share food insecurity facts with family and friends. In anticipation for HAM, we will have a downloadable calendar with different ways you can help fight hunger in our community beginning in August at feedingIE.org. Let's not hide the fact that 800,000 Inland Empire residents are at risk of going hungry. Please help us bring hunger front and center for someone in need today!