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**Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Distributes 22,000 Pounds of Disaster Relief Boxes for Families Affected by Hurricane Helene**

**(Riverside, CA – October 23, 2024)** – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) has distributed 22,000 pounds of disaster relief boxes to support families impacted by Hurricane Helene. This effort was made possible by a volunteer event hosted by ALDI at their Moreno Valley distribution center, where Aldi team members worked together to assemble 800 disaster relief boxes to be used in the event of an emergency.

“Food banks nationwide face increased pressure during natural disasters, including right here in the Inland Empire with recent fires,” said Carolyn Fajardo, CEO of FARSB. “After providing local relief, we were able to extend our support to Southeast regions when nearby food banks began running low on essential supplies to meet the sudden and immediate need caused by Hurricane Helene.”

This initiative reflects FARSB’s ongoing commitment to provide critical aid in times of crisis, both within the region and beyond as needed. This donation of disaster relief aids in efforts to rebuild a community ravaged by a natural disaster and ensures that all families and individuals living there are able to survive these difficult times without having to struggle with supplying food for themselves and their neighbors.

While FARSB’s primary mission remains focused on feeding families within the Inland Empire, especially as the holiday season approaches, the organization is grateful for the local support by Aldi that enabled them to join forces with other food banks in times of crisis. FARSB continues to serve the region’s needs while standing ready to assist beyond when called upon.

This initiative highlights FARSB’s commitment to ensuring that no family goes without during these critical times. For more information about FARSB’s work to alleviate hunger, visit [www.feedingIE.org](http://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 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 2.7 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 2024 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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