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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino receives a \$60,000 grant from Albertsons Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors

(Riverside, CA – August 1, 2022) – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) aims to better mitigate local hunger issues through a \$60,000 grant from Albertsons Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors Program - helping connect thousands of individuals facing food insecurity to nutrition programs.

According to FARSB and kidsdata.org, 65.5% of Riverside County K-12 students and 70.9% of San Bernardino County K-12 students use free and reduced school program meals. With support from Albertsons Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors Program, FARSB can continuously operate and strengthen their Grab n' Go summer meals program. Several school districts across the Inland Empire host Grab n' Go distributions – making shelf-stable food boxes and fresh produce available to families and their children at no cost.

“This generous donation from Nourishing Neighbors will support FARSB’s mission in the fight against hunger in our community,” said Carolyn Solar, CEO of FARSB. “We’re grateful that Albertsons Foundation’s Nourishing Neighbors are partnering with us to help ensure our neighbors can access reliable, healthy food resources.”

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.

Nourishing Neighbors – an Albertsons Foundation program - aims to fight hunger by helping keep food banks stocked and supporting school meal distribution and senior feeding programs.

“We’re always looking for the best ways to fight hunger in the communities we serve. By partnering with top-notch organizations like FARSB we know we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are facing food insecurity issues,” said Courtney Carranza, Director of Public Affairs.

For more information on the regional food bank serving the Inland Empire, visit www.feedingie.org.

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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.

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Albertsons Companies is a leading food and drug retailer in the United States. As of February 26, 2022, the Company operated 2,276 retail stores with 1,722 pharmacies, 402 associated fuel centers, 22 dedicated distribution centers and 20 manufacturing facilities. The Company operates stores across 34 states and the District of Columbia with 24 banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen, Carrs, Kings Food Markets and Balducci's Food Lovers Market. The Company is committed to helping people across the country live better lives by making a meaningful difference, neighborhood by neighborhood. In 2021, along with the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the Company contributed nearly \$200 million in food and financial support, including approximately \$40 million through our Nourishing Neighbors Program to ensure those living in our communities have enough to eat.