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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino to Receive Nourishing Neighbors Donations Made at Local Select SoCal Albertsons and Vons Stores in September to Reduce Child Hunger

(Riverside, CA – September 1, 2022) – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) has been selected as a charity partner for select SoCal Albertsons and Vons stores. It will receive donations from its annual Nourishing Neighbors campaign aimed at helping ensure every child has access to a healthy breakfast.

All donations made at select SoCal Albertsons and Vons stores will be used to help reduce child hunger within the Inland Empire by providing healthy food provisions to children and their families.

“Young minds and bodies need a healthy breakfast to kick off their day,” said Carolyn Solar, CEO of FARSB. “Eating breakfast improves alertness, concentration, mental performance, and mood. We’re thrilled to have been selected as the charity partner for the SoCal Albertsons and Vons. We are grateful to Albertsons and Vons Foundation’s Nourishing Neighbors initiative for their ongoing commitment to fighting hunger in our communities”.

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 aims to fight hunger by helping to keep food banks stocked, supporting meal distribution programs at schools, and supporting programs that provide food to seniors. As a program of the Albertsons and Vons Stores Foundation, it is working to eradicate childhood hunger in America. With as many as one in four children in America at risk of need, the funds raised in September will be dedicated to local efforts that ensure every child has access to a healthy breakfast.

“Breakfast is an essential school supply for kids to learn, grow, and thrive,” said Kevin Curry, Southern California Division President. “We’re grateful to support the important work of community partners like FARSB. Together we are making our neighborhoods better places for our children to grow up.”

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Anyone wishing to support Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino through this program can go to select SoCal Albertsons and Vons Stores and make a donation to Nourishing Neighbors at checkout September 1-30. For a list of participating stores, click [here](#).

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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.