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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) Joins Hunger Action Month Campaign to Ensure Food Isn't an Impossible Choice for People Facing Hunger in the IE**  
*Hunger Action Month Campaign Aims to Inspire the Public to Get Involved and Raise Awareness of Hunger in America*

**(Riverside, CA – September 2, 2021)** – For Hunger Action Month® this September, Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) will join Feeding America and other network member food banks to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of people facing the impossible choice of hunger. Food banks around the country are working to make a real and lasting impact on food insecurity in their communities, and they are asking for the public's support.

September marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization with a nationwide network of 200 food banks, including Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB), and 60,000 partner food pantries and meal programs, has organized the annual call to action. This year's campaign presents the impossible choices that millions of Americans must make between food and other basic needs.

“For many, a daily meal is a simple choice of what to eat,” said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. “For people facing hunger, a daily meal poses a very different type of choice. It's often an impossible decision between food or other crucial needs, such as electricity, childcare, or medicine. Nobody should be forced to make a choice to go hungry. With the public's support, we can come together to help people achieve long-term food security, so they no longer have to make such tough decisions.”

During the month of September, people across the Inland Empire can get involved in the movement by learning, committing, and speaking up about ways to ending hunger.

Ways to get involved with FARSB:

- **Donate** – Every \$1 provides up to 7 meals! Click [here](#) to make a gift.
- **Volunteer** – Spend your day at the food bank! AM and PM shifts are available. Sign up [here](#) for a volunteer shift!
- **Host a Food Drive** – FARSB accepts non-glass nonperishable food items for the community. To register for a food drive, click [here](#).
- **After Hours at the Food Bank** – FARSB will be hosting an “After Hours at the Food Bank” volunteer shift at the regional food bank on the evening of September 17, 2021, Hunger Action Day! Space is limited. Register [here](#).

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“Hunger Action Month is a pertinent time for food banks, like FARSB, to bring awareness to the issue of hunger in our communities. There are many people in our community who go without food in order to keep their children clothed or their family sheltered. This September we can all make a difference by supporting local food banks and pantries that are essential to our community,” said Stephanie Otero, CEO at FARSB.

Hunger Action Month is a time to mobilize to end hunger. You can choose to donate or advocate. You can choose to volunteer or raise awareness. You can choose to help end hunger. Learn more about how you can take action by visiting [www.FeedingIE.org/Hungeractionmonth](http://www.FeedingIE.org/Hungeractionmonth).

For more information on the regional food bank serving the Inland Empire or to [subscribe](#) to the mailing list, visit [www.FeedingIE.org](http://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 source of food to over 200 local nonprofit organizations, distributing over two million pounds of food monthly to emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, high-need elementary schools, halfway houses, senior centers, residential treatment centers, shelters for the abused, after school programs and group homes. With the help of these charity partners, they make up the largest hunger relief organization in the Inland Empire, making food security a reality for over 1.2 million people every year. Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino proudly holds the 2021 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit [www.FeedingIE.org](http://www.FeedingIE.org).

### **About Feeding America**

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 40 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org), find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.