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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino to Receive Nourishing Neighbors Donations Made at Local Albertsons Companies Stores in September

(Riverside, CA – August 17, 2021) – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) has been selected as a charity partner for Albertsons Companies Foundation and 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 Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions grocery store locations in the Inland Empire region will be used to develop, expand and sustain FARSB's feeding programs that target community members facing food insecurity in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

“Young minds and bodies need a healthy breakfast to kick off their day,” said Stephanie Otero, Chief Executive Officer at FARSB. “Eating breakfast improves alertness, concentration, mental performance and mood. We're thrilled to have been selected as the charity partner for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties Albertsons Companies locations and are grateful to Albertsons Companies Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors initiative for their ongoing commitment to fighting hunger in our communities,” said Otero.

Nourishing Neighbors aims to fight hunger by helping keep food banks stocked, supporting meal distribution programs at schools, and supporting programs that provide food to seniors. As a program of the Albertsons Companies Foundation, it is working to eradicate childhood hunger in America. With as many as 1 in 4 children in America at risk of hunger, the funds raised in September will be dedicated to local efforts that ensure every child has access to a healthy breakfast.

Community members wishing to support Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) through this program can go to the Albertsons Companies locations in the Inland Empire region and make a donation to Nourishing Neighbors at checkout **September 1- 30**.

In 2020, the regional food bank has exceeded to serve over 1.5 million Inland Empire residents, one third of which are children. FARSB provides food to over 250 nonprofit community partners who share their mission to alleviate hunger in the Inland Empire.

For more information on the regional food bank serving the Inland Empire or to [subscribe](#) to the mailing list, 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 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.

About Albertsons Companies

The Albertsons Companies is one of the largest food and drug retailers in the United States, with both a strong local presence and national scale. The company operates stores across 33 states and the District of Columbia under 18 well-known banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, ACME, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market and Carrs.