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Our Mission is to Alleviate Hunger in the Inland Empire
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CEO Corner

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,



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Interim CEO

The past few months have given us time to reflect and take action. As spring brings renewal, we've looked back on a year that brought more need in our community and showed the resilience of the families we serve.

This spring, we joined together to support our neighbors in real ways. Our recent Mother's Day distribution served an additional 350 households, further showing what community care looks like, providing meals, comfort, and dignity to those who need it most.

At the same time, we are already preparing for what's ahead. As the school year comes to a close, many children will lose access to the daily meals they depend on, and the demand for

food assistance will rise. Summer hunger is one of the most critical challenges we face, and we are mobilizing now to ensure families have the support they need in the months ahead.

While the seasons change, our commitment remains the same. With your support, we are able to respond, adapt, and continue to show up for our community by providing not just food, but hope and stability.

Thank you for standing with us and making this work possible.

Curbing Hunger: Serving Hope



Pictured is Assemblymember Leticia Castillo and Souper Star Sponsor, Albertsons Companies Foundation.

Our Curbing Hunger annual soup luncheon was incredible, and we're so excited to have connected with our amazing community members. It was a day full of connection, inspiration, and action as we continue working to fight food insecurity in the Inland Empire.

The day started with introductions by FARSB's Development & Marketing Director, Angela Jugon, and continued with speeches by FARSB Board Member, Dr. Tad Hove, and Assemblymember Leticia Castillo.

This year marks the Fresh Start Pantry by Goodman's one-year anniversary, and our special guest speaker, Isabel Penunuri, helped highlight how her family has been affected by the new addition to FARSB.

In her speech, Isabel gave us more insight into her experience, "I was referred to this organization through our doctor's office, organized by the IEHP department. During our experience with Feeding America [FARSB], we received fresh fruit, vegetables, frozen foods, and Starbucks breakfast sandwiches. All these had given our children the energy they needed to start up their busy mornings."

Stories like Isabel's bring our mission to life and help show how access to nutritious food can fuel families and support children's success. Through the generosity behind Curbing Hunger, we're able to continue providing fresh food, education, and essential resources to neighbors throughout the Inland Empire (IE).

We would like to offer a special thank you to our presenting Souper Star Sponsor, Albertsons Companies Foundation, and our additional sponsors, DCH Subaru of Riverside, Vulcan Materials Company, WESCOM Financial, Wild Goose Coffee Roasters, and NORMS Restaurants, for making the event possible.

Thank you to all who attended, hosted a table, or sponsored the event for making it a day to remember!



Spring Into Action

Spring is a time of growth, but for thousands of neighbors across the IE, hunger is an ongoing struggle. Many families in Riverside and San Bernardino counties face difficult choices between paying bills, covering medical expenses, and providing food for their families. That's why we're asking ur community to spring into action to help ensure everyone has access to the food they need.

Antonio Rodriguez understands the importance of that support. After facing challenges finding steady work that respects his disability, access to food distributions has made a meaningful difference in his life. He shared with us:

"Getting the food when I don't have enough money is a lifesaver. I've been through lots of jobs trying to find one that will treat my disability with respect, and that makes things hard. When I don't have a job or am not making enough, I can come here and get food for the month. It's a big deal for someone like me."

Today, your gift of **\$25** can help provide up to **100 meals** for neighbors facing hunger. Your generosity helps FARSB distribute food through local pantries, mobile distributions, and community partners across the IE.

Please make your gift today and help ensure no neighbor has to face hunger alone. Thank you for standing with us in the fight against hunger.

Get Involved with FARSB



Making a difference can be as simple as a small donation. Your generosity can help ensure that more people enjoy a warm and hearty meal. To contribute, go to FeedingIE.org/Donate.



Join us at the food bank and make a difference in the lives of those facing hunger. Spots for volunteers are filling up quickly—book your volunteering slot now at FeedingIE.org/Volunteer.



Your participation in a food drive helps those in need directly. Check out our updated flyer with essential items like canned fruit, dry beans, canned soup, and various shelf-stable foods. Register now at FeedingIE.org/Food-Drives.



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CalFresh Changes Ahead

CalFresh (federally known as SNAP) helps thousands of our neighbors put food on the table—but major changes over the next few years could make it harder for many families to access this support.

New federal updates will gradually change who qualifies, how long people can receive benefits, and how the program is funded. Some disabled adults, veterans, parents of older children, asylees, immigrants, and those who have experienced trafficking would no longer be eligible for the full amount. There will also be limits on how much benefits can increase as food prices rise, making benefits less effective over time.

At the same time, California will be required to cover more of the program's costs, which could impact how the program is managed at the state and local level. These changes are expected to affect hundreds of thousands of Californians. Some may lose benefits entirely, while many others could see a reduction in the amount of food assistance they receive.

At FARSB, we're closely monitoring these updates and preparing for a likely increase in need across our communities. We urge our partners and neighbors to stay informed as timelines roll out. If you or someone you know could be affected, contact us for support and resources—we're here to help you every step of the way. If you or someone you know needs assistance with CalFresh, you can visit our website at, Feeding!E.org/CalFresh for resources.



Strengthening Hope for Inland Empire Families

As spring brings a season of renewal, the need in our community remains as urgent as ever. Your monthly support makes a lasting difference by helping ensure that no neighbor is left behind. By giving each month, you provide steady, reliable meals to families, children, and seniors who need it most.

Join the Meals for Many (M4M) monthly giving club and be recognized in our next newsletter. Sign up at Feeding!E.org/Meals-For-Many or scan the QR code. Thank you for being there all year long!

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