



Contact:
Rachel Bonilla
951-359-4757 ext.117 (office)
rbonilla@feedingamericaie.org (email)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FARSB Asks for Community Support to End Child Hunger During Summer

Double Your Impact with Matched Donations up to \$40,000 through Local Subaru Dealer

Riverside, CA, June 12th, 2026 – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) is asking the Inland Empire (IE) community to help the food bank end child hunger over the summer season when families lose access to free school meals, see higher utility bills, and grapple with childcare. This campaign features a match for each donation made during the season, up to \$40,000 thanks to DCH Subaru of Riverside.

“School meals are essential nutrition for many students, but summertime causes some children to go without as families juggle rising costs and additional financial burdens like high utility costs or water bills,” Vanesa Rangel-Mercado, Interim CEO, said. “Supporting hunger-relief programs during the summer ensures families don’t have to sacrifice one basic need for another.”

Households with children are more likely to experience hunger due to the higher cost of living. During the summertime, there are even more financial hurdles thanks to increased utility costs from cooling systems or fans, daycare costs for working parents, and the need for higher water intake to stay properly hydrated. Each of these can be stressors, but all together, it causes food insecurity to steeply rise and can allow children to go without the nutritious meals they need, especially in extreme heat.

Over [50% of Californians](#) say that rising utility bills are a problem for their household, and that issue is made worse during the summer months when the heat rises, and children are home during the day. The IE is home to dozens of cities that reach high temperatures, where utilities are the least affordable, compounding the issue further for those who deal with food insecurity. Supporting hunger-relief during this time allows families to plan for higher bills without sacrificing meals.

Support Summer Hunger-Relief:

- [Give Funds](#) – Donate to help support food banks during times of high need, while doubling your impact with all donations matched up to \$40,000 thanks to DCH Subaru of Riverside.
- [Give Food](#) – Start a food drive to boost food donations for families
- [Give Time](#) – Sign up for a sorting shift at the warehouse or off-site distribution

Additional Summer Resources:

- [SUN Bucks](#) – Additional funds for families with school-aged children who receive CalFresh/SNAP benefits for use over the summer. Income eligibility required.
- [CARE/FERA Program](#) – Discounts on utility bills for income-qualified households.
- [Cooling Centers](#) – Find local cooling centers when temperatures are high to stay cool and better hydrated.

If you'd like to know more about hunger-relief, please visit <http://www.FeedingIE.org>

Photo Credits: Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino

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 nearly 250 local nonprofit organizations, distributing over 3.3 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 one million households every year. Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino proudly holds the 2026 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit <http://www.FeedingIE.org>

Contact:

Rachel Bonilla

951-359-4757 ext. 117

rbonilla@feedingamericaie.org

###