



KNOW HUNGER

Our Mission is to Alleviate Hunger in the Inland Empire

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CEO CORNER



Dear Friends of FARSB,

The Inland Empire community continuously inspires me. In 2022, with record-high inflation and rising prices, our volunteers, donors, board members, and local hunger relief supporters showed up to ensure that families, children, and older adults hit especially hard economically had enough resources to remain fed.

With this help, we:

- Distributed over 23 million pounds of food total.
- Helped over 1,200 households apply for CalFresh application assistance.
- Conducted over 10,000 emergency food deliveries.
- Provided food to over 5,500 veteran households.
- Provided food to 46,000 children across nine school districts.
- Prevented over 15 million pounds of food from ending up in landfills.

Thank you for being a part of this community and showing your compassion this year and every year. I look forward to approaching 2023 with new ideas, energy, and a more profound sense of community with all of you.

Carolyn Solar

Carolyn Solar, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

FARSB FEATURED ON KTLA



FARSB's CEO, Carolyn Solar, spoke to KTLA on the importance of donations and how difficult it has been to keep shelves stocked through a food shortage. "This year, we have been stretched thinner than we have been in the past holiday seasons. Usually, we get quite a few donors that donate truckloads of turkeys and pies. And this year, we didn't give that. As you look around, there is not enough food for the need," stated Solar to KTLA.

The media spot also acknowledged the grant below.



FARSB received a \$128,288 grant from Albertsons Nourishing Neighbors campaign "Feed our Kids. Fuel our Future."

The grant was from generous customer funds donated at checkout during September, and will support children in the Inland Empire with breakfast meals. "We're pleased to partner with FARSB to address hunger issues in our community," said Kevin Curry, Southern California Division President of Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions of Albertsons Companies.

Generous donations to Nourishing Neighbors help fuel our mission of alleviating hunger in the Inland Empire.

Make a donation to your local food bank

FOOD SHORTAGES AND HOW TO HELP



For some of 2022, FARSB experienced low-stocked shelves due to a lack of food donations across the Feeding America network. Inflation gave FARSB the formidable challenge of ensuring our community continued to receive food even when we had less to give out. As we navigate the food shortage, we invite you to join our mission today!

To meet the challenges of reduced food neighbors like you completed 146 food drives and secured over 1,500 pounds of fresh produce donations through our gleaning program. Gleaning helps put locally-grown produce on the tables of neighbors in need.

Fill out the “Food Drive Registration Form” at www.FeedingIE.org/Food-Drives for more information and to get started with a food drive today. Host a gleaning at your residence too.

Visit www.FeedingIE.org/Gleaning to fill out the “Gleaning Site Request Form.” After registering, our volunteer team will work with you to schedule a site visit.

For questions on how to host a food drive or a gleaning site, contact Evelen Ramirez at eramirez@feedingamericaie.org. Thank you for helping make food security a reality in our community!

YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 proved to be an eventful year! Check out a few of our accomplishments below!

- Increased the number of people served from 185,422 in 2021 to 263,056 in 2022, an increase of 42%.
- Increased the number of households served from 69,084 in 2021 to 88,512 in 2022, an increase of 28%.
- Distributed over 7 million pounds of food through community partners alone.
- Rescued over 15 million pounds of food from landfill through our Retail Rescue program.
- Helped over 1,200 individuals apply for SNAP assistance.
- Provided over 5,500 veteran households food assistance through FARSB’s Military Veteran Program (MVP).
- Onboarded 40 stores to our Retail Rescue program and added 13 new benefiting community partners.
- Gifted two transit vans to partners serving the community.

MAKING THE HOLIDAY BRIGHTER



FARSB held our annual Holiday Food Distribution on November 18th and December 22nd of 2022. Both were successes with over 350 people signed up to attend each one.

Trunks were filled with ham, pies, and other shelf-stable items to make the holiday season brighter for attendees.

FARSB staff and volunteers checked in participants and loaded vehicles during the distributions. Remaining items were made available to Community Partners to distribute for the holidays.

We are overjoyed to help many families this season, and we look forward to helping our community more in 2023!

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2023



Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) is excited to bring Curbing Hunger: Feeding Hope (formerly known as Ladders of Love) back on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

During this free, in-person soup luncheon, FARSB’s CEO, Carolyn Solar, will give an informative presentation on FARSB’s current work. A special award recognition and an opportunity for guests to enjoy a guided tour of the FARSB warehouse is scheduled at end of the lunch-hour event.

While donations are not required to attend this event, each \$1 donated supports our work in helping to provide up to 7 meals which will aid Inland Empire residents experiencing food insecurity. Save your seat at www.FeedingIE.org/curbinghunger!

Thank today. Visit FeedingIE.org/donate.

HOPE LUTHERAN REINVESTS IN FARSB



Hope Lutheran Church of Riverside has served the community of Riverside over the past sixty years. On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, they donated 10% of net proceeds from the sale of their property to FARSB. They served 50-60 families per week up until then. Trinity Lutheran Church of Riverside is now providing space and support to keep Hope Lutheran's outreach going in the community.

"Providing outreach, services, meals, and groceries to the food insecure and homeless has always been integral to Hope Lutheran's mission," says Kathleen Bocian, a Hope Lutheran member.

Thank you, Hope Lutheran Church of Riverside for reinvesting into our community with this gracious gift to FARSB!

GIVING TUESDAY GOES BIG!

Thrivent teamed up with FARSB for the ultimate Giving Tuesday!

Thrivent members were incredibly generous and amplified participant donations by matching \$1 for every \$2 raised on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, helped to secure over \$30,000 in donations to FARSB!

Thrivent also covered all online processing fees allowing 100% of all donations go straight to the organization. They sealed the deal by donating an additional \$1 up to \$500 to our organization for every photo or message posted on our donation page from November 22, 2022.

Thanks to all who helped make the most of this special matching gift opportunity!

OUR MONTHLY DONORS

Hunger doesn't take a day off. That's why monthly donors, like the ones below, are vital to "squeeze" out food insecurity!

When you join the Meals for Many (M4M) Club, you become a monthly donor and get a shout-out in our next newsletter.

Angela Duarte	Janet Boudreau
Anthony Amaya	Joel Hamill
Blythe Wilson	Julia Hill
Carol Hook	Keith Riley
Christine Moore	Lisa Dennis
Cheryl Tubbs	Michael Gonzalez
Geni Hart	Patricia Melvin



Become a M4M member at www.FeedingIE.org/meals-for-many or scan the QR code.



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