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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Adds 175,000 Additional Meals Thanks to Bank of America COVID-19 Employee Booster Initiative

(Riverside, CA – February 15, 2022) – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) today announced a \$25,000 donation worth 175,000 meals from Bank of America to address food insecurity in the region. To help fight hunger across the Inland Empire, earlier this year Bank of America announced it would make a \$100 donation to local hunger relief organizations for each employee in Riverside and San Bernardino who received a COVID-19 booster shot by the end of January.

“Bank of America has been a committed partner in fighting food insecurity throughout the years,” said Stephanie Otero, CEO at FARSB. “Now more than ever, this \$25,000 donation will be instrumental in our fight against hunger as the food bank continues to battle ever-increasing costs caused by the pandemic and inflation.”

In 2021, the regional food bank distributed over 30.8 million pounds of food to those in need. Across the board warehouse essentials and fuel prices are expected to rise this year, adding a greater pressure to respond to the increased demands from over 250 community partners.

“As the pandemic continues to impact the Inland Empire, food banks and hunger relief organizations are experiencing increased demand and higher costs to meet the needs of individuals and families,” said Bansree Parikh, President, Bank of America Inland Empire. “Our commitment to help strengthen the communities we live in and serve is unwavering, which is why we are investing in the health, safety and wellbeing of our teammates while also providing funds to help local organizations support our neighbors and fight food insecurity.”

Now more than ever, FARSB calls for consideration of donations and volunteering in the fight against hunger. For every \$1, FARSB can provide up to 7 meals for those in need. For more information or to make a donation visit <https://www.feedingamericaie.org>.

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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 2022 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit www.FeedingIE.org.

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