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**Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino to Host Annual
Million Meals Gala: A Roaring '20s Affair**

(Riverside, CA – April 10, 2024) – Step back in time and immerse yourself in the glitz and glamour of the Roaring '20s at Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino's (FARSB) highly anticipated annual Million Meals Gala: A Roaring '20s Affair on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at their distribution warehouse in Riverside.

Guests will revel in a lively cocktail reception and gourmet dinner experience at the regional food bank's repurposed food distribution warehouse turned captivating event venue. They'll also engage in exciting live and silent auctions, amongst other activities, all united in the mission of generating One Million Meals for families in the Inland Empire grappling with food insecurity. The unforgettable live and silent auction experiences and sought-after items include a 3-night cabin getaway near Big Bear Lake, a 3-night stay in a Luxury Hotel in Seattle with a chef-guided food tour, or a 7-night stay in Mexico.

In addition to the culinary delights and entertainment, the event will serve as a platform to honor local community heroes and recognize the invaluable support of FARSB's mission contributors. Honorees include:

- Community Partner of the Year: Central Community Christian Fellowship
- Media Partner of the Year: KFROG 95.1 FM
- Corporate Partner of the Year: Home Depot #6683
- President's Choice Award: Safarian Choi & Bolstad LLP

Vendors include Maddilicious Catering, Harrison Jazz Ensemble, APC Entertainment Lighting and Entertainment, Auctioneer Chuck Dukas, and more!

"We're thrilled to bring the community together at the Million Meals Gala, rallying support to strengthen local hunger relief initiatives," said Carolyn (Solar) Fajardo, CEO of FARSB. "With over 400,000 individuals in our community facing the threat of food insecurity annually, fundraisers like this are crucial to ensuring vital assistance is accessible to those in need," said Fajardo.

This year's gala is made possible by sponsors, including Stator Bros. Charities, IEHP, Wabash, U.S. AutoForce, Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, Hodgdon Management Construction, Anthem, DCH Subaru of Riverside, Soff Personal Protection, Murphy Goode Wine, and more.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the regional food bank's programmatic efforts to alleviate hunger throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Tickets, tables, and sponsorships are now available for a limited time. Early-bird ticket sales are currently available at a discounted rate until Friday, April 12th. Visit www.FeedingIE.org/gala for more information.

Event Details:

What: FARSB's Million Meals Gala: A Roaring '20s Affair

When: Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 6 pm

Where: 2950-B Jefferson St. Riverside, CA 92504

How to Register: www.FeedingIE.org/gala

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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 food source for over 250 local nonprofit organizations, distributing over two 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 2023 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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