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CEO CORNER



Hi Neighbors,

I hope you're savoring the crisp arrival of Fall!

Here at FARSB, we're ramping up for the holiday season, and the excitement is looming! We're deep in the planning stages for our November and December holiday drive-through distributions. Our team is hard at work, strategizing ways to efficiently deliver essential holiday staples through our programs and alongside our incredible partners.

Behind the scenes, there's more brewing than hot cocoa and festive decorations. We're thrilled to share that we're just weeks away from starting our freezer and cooler expansion projects. As part of our ongoing commitment to bringing more fresh produce to those in need, we realized that proper storage is crucial. This new addition will support our efforts to take in more perishable foods and take our mission closer to fostering a healthier community.

But that's not all! We've got another exciting project, one that we believe will be a game-changer for our community. While we're in the fine-tuning phase and keeping the details under wraps for now, rest assured that it is something big. Stay tuned for more information in our next edition.

Your generosity and support fuels our passion, and we're making positive changes throughout the community. Thank you for being an integral part of the FARSB family. We wish you a splendid Fall season filled with warmth, joy, and the anticipation of exciting things to come!

Sincerely,

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Carolyn Solar, MBA Chief Executive Officer

THE RAUCH FAMILY FOUNDATION FIGHTS FOOD INSECURITY



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to The Rauch Family Foundation for their generous support of our Grab n' Go and Nutrition Market Programs! This grant ensures that our food bank can continue serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Established in 1989 by Dudley and Ceci Rauch, The Rauch Family Foundation, based in Southern California, supports programs in specific focus areas that are transformational, evidence-based, and cost-effective. Recognizing the urgency of addressing food insecurity and driving positive change, they are aiding us in providing our residents with nutritious food for success. The Rauch Family Foundation's thoughtful contribution will profoundly and positively impact countless families and children in our region.

HERO REBRANDS TO NOURISH NOW EMBRACING CHANGE, EXPANDING HORIZONS



We are excited to announce the transformation of our HERO Program to "Nourish Now." According to our Programs Director, Jacqueline Arias, the name "emphasizes our team's unwavering commitment to prioritizing nourishment over mere sustenance as we continue our mission." Since 2020, the program has extended a helping hand to over 20,000 food-insecure homes in the Inland Empire. Nourish Now is intended to serve as emergency supplementary support for families unable to leave their homes due to health and mobility challenges. While this program name may be changing, FARSB's unwavering commitment to the Inland Empire community remains the same. Explore Nourish Now and other programs we offer at FeedingIE.org/Programs.

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MEALS FOR THE HOLIDAYS HOW CAN YOU HELP FAMILIES IN NEED?

The holiday season brings joy, warmth, and a sense of togetherness for many, but it can also be a time of heightened struggle for families in need throughout the Inland Empire. As we gather around festive tables with our loved ones, it's crucial to remember those who may not have enough to eat.

A hearty holiday meal can make all the difference for these families, bringing comfort and a sense of celebration during challenging times. Fortunately, individuals and communities can make a meaningful impact in several ways.

Whether through donations, organizing food drives, or volunteering, we can all play a part in ensuring that every family in the Inland Empire can enjoy a nourishing holiday meal and share in the spirit of the season. Here is what YOU can do:



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 during this festive time of year. To contribute, go to **FeedinglE.org/Donate**.



Start a holiday food drive and spread some cheer to those in need. Check out our updated flyer with essential items like canned corn, stuffing, and various shelf-stable holiday foods. Register now at **FeedingIE.org/Food-Drives**.



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**.

DOUBLE THE DONATION, DOUBLE THE MEALS!



The countdown to Giving Tuesday is on! Every dollar you donate can provide meals and resources to those in need, but the impact is doubled when your employer matches your donation. Whether you work for a large corporation or a smaller business, check to see if your company matches your donation. This small step can make your generous contribution go TWICE as far! Learn more at FeedinglE.org/CompanyMatch.

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PARTNERING FOR COMMUNITY SUCCESS FARSB UNVEILS VAN AT COMMUNITY PARTNER GALA

Thanks to grant funding, FARSB has provided numerous community partners the tools to bolster their participation in our Retail Rescue program. This assistance notably involved the acquisition of a new RAM Promaster 2500 refrigerated cargo van for Rancho Damacitas Community Mission of Hope! Since joining Retail Rescue, Rancho Damacitas Community Mission of Hope has rescued over 3.3 million pounds of food, diverting it from ending up in landfills. This van, symbolizing our commitment to reducing food waste and supporting local communities, has found its rightful home with them. The gift was unveiled at their Hunger to Hope Gala, where they were able to raise over \$100,000 to further support their food and housing programs in the Temecula region!









FALLING FOR OUR AMAZING MONTHLY DONORS!

Numerous individuals, families, and children turn to our food bank for assistance during the holiday season. This time of year can be particularly challenging for many households when it should be a time of joy and celebration. Fortunately, the ongoing support of our monthly donors has enabled us to combat holiday hunger and spread hope during this special season. This ensures that kids and families can enjoy the holidays and not worry about their next meal. Our mission to fight hunger relies on the contributions of donors like those listed below. Thank you for being a pillar of support!

When you join the Meals for Many (M4M) monthly giving club, you become a monthly donor and get a shout-out in our next newsletter. Become a M4M member at **FeedingIE.org/Meals-For-Many** or scan the QR code below.

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