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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino CEO Stephanie Otero Announces Resignation

Food Bank Board of Directors to Form Selection Committee for Successor

(Riverside, CA – January 24, 2022) – After 6 years of feeding the hungry, Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) CEO, Stephanie Otero has announced her resignation.

“While I am sad that my time at FARSB will be coming to an end in the upcoming months, I am so incredibly grateful for the past 6 years! This role has been more than just a position of leadership but a hands-on opportunity to ensure people have food on the table when they’ve needed it most,” said Stephanie Otero, CEO at FARSB. “I feel fortunate to have represented a cause dear to my heart and I look forward to assisting our selection committee in search of my successor in the coming months.”

During her tenure, FARSB’s food distribution saw a one million pound per year growth with an emphasis on distributing higher-quality, nutrient dense items. Otero had successfully re-structured existing programs, increased board engagement, implemented strategic processes to improve food bank efficiency during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020, launched over 7 new food distribution programs, and has provided a foundation for future food bank growth.

“Under Stephanie’s leadership, the food bank monumentally grew to better serve our communities facing food insecurity. It has been an honor to witness her committed advocacy and achievements that represented our mission to alleviate hunger in the Inland Empire,” said Jill McCormick, board chairman, “As we look to the future, we thank Stephanie for her dedication and wish her the best during her next chapter.”

FARSB’s Board of Directors has developed a selection committee and will invite applicants to apply early February. Interested applicants will need to send a resume and a short cover letter outlining their interest to Joanna Solorio, Human Resources Director, at jsolorio@feedingamericaie.org for consideration.

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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 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 2021 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit www.FeedingIE.org.