Dear Friends of the food bank,

FARSB is constantly evolving to better support the community. One of my favorite recent additions to our work has been the introduction of gleaning. Gleaning is gathering leftover produce after a harvest. Many generous neighbors have stepped up recently to get this program off the ground.

Neighbors have offered our volunteers the opportunity to visit their homes to pick produce, with the food bank benefiting from their beautiful homegrown produce. Through this great new program, we’ve been able to distribute fresh, locally grown oranges, apples, lemons, grapefruit, beets, carrots, and so much more to families through our home delivery program and senior food box programs!

Do you have extra produce available on your property that you’d like to donate? Please email your interest to eramirez@feedingamericaie.org.

We are so grateful for the support that you continue to provide to FARSB! Together, #wefeedtheIE.

Carolyn Solar, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

FARSB’s senior food box program promotes the health and wellness of those 60 years and older through nutritious foods. FARSB works with several community partners, like senior centers and senior living apartments, to host monthly distributions for older adults.

As you may have noticed, it takes great teamwork to feed the need. That’s why we partnered with River Run Senior Apartments in Corona to serve over 400 neighbors from May through June! We salute and celebrate the River Run Senior Apartments team for helping us greatly increase the number of people served at this site! Go, team!

It’s sad to think about, but as many as 13 million children in our country may not know where their next meal will come from. FARSB and the Albertsons Companies Foundation’s Nourishing Neighbors program are working to change that. Together, we are ensuring that every child in our neighborhood can access a healthy breakfast. You can help too! Visit your local Albertsons and donate to Nourishing Neighbors at checkout during the Feed our Kids. Fuel our Future. campaign in September.

Your generous donations to Nourishing Neighbors helps us make food security a reality. For a complete list of participating stores visit www.FeedingIE.org/alternative-giving.
Earlier this summer, ABC7 partnered with Southern California regional food banks, including FARS, for its 11th annual Feed SoCal food and fund drive. With massive help from Stater Bros. Markets and other local supporters, we raised over $155,000 in corporate & community donations and 7,000 pounds of food for our hunger relief programs.

The magnitude of this gift helped provide over one million meals for the community. We thank Stater Bros. Charities, Goodman, Caliber Collision, Amazon, Golden State Foods Foundation, Helpful Honda, Subaru, and FedEx for supporting this campaign and our hunger-relief efforts.

JACK IN THE BOX AIR FRESHENERS ARE A HIT

From May to July this year, Envision Foods, LLC, and 175 of its Southern California Jack in the Box locations sold limited edition Jack air fresheners to its customers, with all net proceeds going to FARS.

We’re excited to share that this fundraiser resulted in a $100,000 donation - providing up to 700,000 meals to the Inland Empire.

FARS CEO Carolyn Solar, and Development Director Angela Jugon, visited a San Bernardino Jack in the Box location in August to celebrate the campaign’s conclusion. We thank Envision Foods, LLC, and its stores for supporting our hunger-relief efforts!

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

For many, a daily meal is just a choice of what to eat for dinner. But for neighbors facing hunger throughout the Inland Empire, a daily meal poses a very different type of choice. When difficult times hit, food can be the first thing people forego to make ends meet.

Throughout September, Feeding America food banks, including FARS, come together to call upon their community to join our efforts during Hunger Action Month (HAM). Learn how to get involved at www.FeedingIE.org/HungerAction.

GROUP ACTIONS

Gather your team to make a financial or product donation through a company fundraising campaign, sign up for a group volunteer event, or lend support by donating space in your media channels to run FARS ads.

INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS

Learn about local and national hunger levels to understand how it affects our community. Visit map.feedingamerica.org.

Start a conversation and share on social media why you are part of the fight to end hunger. To find suggested copy and downloadable content visit, www.FeedingIE.org/HungerAction.

ADVOCATE

Food is at the center of economic health and stability, and everyone deserves access to an adequate and nutrient-rich supply. FARS prioritizes advocacy efforts towards policies where hunger, health, poverty, equity, and food systems cross. Let your voice be heard, and explore ways you can get involved at www.FeedingIE.org/advocate.
THE GLEANING GAME CHANGER

By working with local farmers and gardeners throughout the Inland Empire, FARSB launched a gleaning program to rescue and harvest excess produce for neighbors facing hunger. Since its launch in May, we've collected over 700 pounds of fresh produce, including grapefruits, beets, carrots, and more, for our food programs.

Growing interest from FARSB volunteers to participate in this hands-on experience combined with farm, garden, and homeowners’ ability to donate excess produce has resulted in the ultimate game changer for our community. Learn more about gleaning by emailing eramirez@feedingamericaie.org.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

With just 10 minutes of your time, you can help shape the next eight years. We're working with Feeding America to collect your input for this year's White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. Your feedback will contribute to the administration's goal of ending country-wide hunger by 2030. Scan the QR code or visit www.FeedingAmerica.org/take-action/white-house.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS. SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE CAMERA!

OUR MONTHLY DONORS ARE UNBEETABLE!

Hunger doesn't take a day off. That's why monthly donors, like the ones below, are so vital to our hunger “beeting” mission. When you join the Meals 4 Many Club, you become a monthly donor and get a shout-out in our next newsletter. Become a M4M member at www.FeedingIE.org/meals-for-many.

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