

KNOW HUNGER

Our Mission is to Alleviate Hunger in the Inland Empire

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The season of giving has ended, but many families are still **desperately** in need of your support. Join us, and together, we can work to make hunger disappear.



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BE OUR LUNCH GUEST AT LADLES OF LOVE



Our 3rd Annual “Ladles of Love” warehouse lunch will take place here at the food bank on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, from Noon-1:00 p.m.

This soup-kitchen style event is free of charge, open to the public, and gives our community the opportunity to experience our mission up-close and in-person.

Volunteers, partners, and agencies will share the impact of our work and tours of the food bank will be available. We promise to have you in and out in one hour.

A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact our Chief Philanthropy Officer for more details: shaniff@feedingamericaie.org

Grab a group of your co-workers, friends and family and be our guest for a delicious lunch courtesy of Romano’s Restaurant in Riverside, CA.

Have a meal and help a neighbor enjoy one as well!

Please RSVP to Stuart Haniff at Shaniff@FeedingAmericaIE.org.

CEO CORNER



Dear Friends,

Goodbye 2017. Hello 2018. This will be an exciting year for the food bank. With anticipated growth and new programs, like our Tools for Teachers, we are finding new ways and expanding upon old ones to reach even more people in our community.

Did you know that since 1980 FARSB has distributed **over 554 million pounds of food** into the community? While that number is quite impressive, to the over 800,000 people in our community who are food insecure, that number is not nearly enough. FARSB is continuously looking for innovative ways that go beyond feeding people. We are looking to assist, nurture, teach, and help our community to grow and flourish!

We have the opportunity to make a permanent, positive impact in our community so that all who live here can thrive! Won’t you please help us? Consider becoming a monthly donor of our food bank or volunteering your time on a regular basis. Your continuous support enables us to expand and create more programs that benefit the community and lead us towards our mission of ending hunger in the I.E.

I hope that 2018 will be a year of abundance, growth, and blessings for you and your loved ones. On behalf of myself, our team here at FARSB, and the many people you assist in our community, we appreciate you and your continued support.

Happy New Year!

With Joy,

Stephanie Otera

President/CEO & Hunger Advocate

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Thank you to San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their generous support through a \$840,000 capacity building grant over two years.

This partnership has significantly strengthened food bank infrastructure by funding racking equipment- increasing warehouse capacity by over 200%!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FARSB is thrilled to announce two incredible donations which made the holidays brighter for families in need throughout the Inland Empire.

Ralph's donated \$80,000 through their Bringing Hope to the Table/Zero Hunger Campaign.

Enterprise donated \$60,000 through their "Fill your Tank" Campaign.

Together these two gifts are responsible for more than 1,260,000 meals!

IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE YOU!



Did you know that FARSB volunteers are involved in all aspects of food banking?

In 2017, you gave your time at events like our Gala for a Million Meals, Turkey To-Go Distribution Event, Hunger Walk, and Food Drives. While others spent your time at the food bank sorting goods in our warehouse or in the office providing aid to our in-house team.

You came with family, friends, coworkers and the intention of making new friends along the way. More importantly, you helped those in need by contributing to over 11,000 support hours and aiding in the distribution of over 30 million pounds of food. You are so special and vital and you deserve to know that we appreciate you!

In support of Volunteer Appreciation Month in April, we will be throwing a celebration to honor you for your efforts in alleviating hunger in the Inland Empire.

Join us for Volunteer Appreciation Day so we can say THANK YOU in person. We hope to offer the opportunity for you to get to know like-minded volunteers in a fun and friendly environment. Guests can enjoy food, games, and plenty of prizes!

Please continue to check your email for more information on this free event. See you soon!

FRESH FACE OF FARSB



We are pleased to announce the newest member of our Board of Directors, Mr. Simon (Mac) McNeil.

Mr. McNeil's experience as an Executive with Bank of America has given him hands-on opportunities to get to know the food bank as a FARSB volunteer, where he sorted donations, prepared unusable food for farms, and assisted our warehouse team to organize goods for distribution.

Mr. McNeil's spirit of philanthropy is heavily inspired by his mother, who founded and led a nonprofit of her own.

"She began a non-profit to assist African-American men transitioning from prison back into society where she provided shelter, job placement assistance, and spiritual coaching."

Seeing his mother develop this program from the ground up played a large role in Mr. McNeil's devotion to helping nonprofits gain resources needed to sustain their giving efforts.

In regard to his new role on the board, Mr. McNeil says, "I plan to utilize my position as the only African-American on the board to introduce the food bank to donors and recipients alike within the African-American community in the Inland Empire."

Mr. McNeil says, "I love what I do as an executive in the banking industry, and I understand my unique position and how it can work to unify several communities that otherwise would not have access to an African-American perspective."

Mr. McNeil is looking forward to his role on the FARSB board, and we are thrilled to have him join our team.

Welcome aboard, Mac!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Feb 21 **Ladles of Love Free Warehouse Lunch**
2950-B Jefferson St. Riverside, CA 92504, 12-1 PM
To RSVP and for more information:
FeedingAmericaIE.org/ladles
- April 28 **Volunteer Appreciation Day**
2950- B Jefferson Street, Riverside, CA 92504, 12-3 PM
Invitations will be emailed, RSVP is required, spots are limited

SMALL DONATION FOR A BIG CHANGE: Become a monthly donor starting at just \$10 a month!



Want your gift to have an even GREATER and more sustainable impact? Please consider becoming a member of our Monthly Program for Giving (MPG)

While the good will and giving of the holidays may be behind us, the struggle our food insecure neighbors face every day continues.

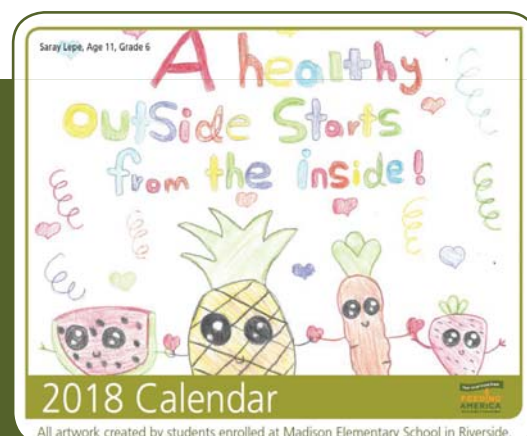
Unfortunately, hunger is NOT seasonal, but your monthly contribution will have an impact ALL YEAR LONG!

For a donation of just \$10/month (\$2.50 a week for one whole year), you can feed a family of 4 for 3 months!!

Won't you please consider helping a family in need make 2018 a Happy New Year?

FeedingAmericaIE.org/monthly-giving-program

Register to become a monthly donor with a \$10 minimum donation, and we'll give you an exclusive 2018 FARSB Calendar designed by students from Madison Elementary School! *Exclusive offer only available while supplies last



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All artwork created by students enrolled at Madison Elementary School in Riverside.