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## Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino receives \$150,000 grant from S. Mark Taper Foundation to help alleviate hunger in the IE

**Riverside, CA, February 5th, 2024** – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) received a generous \$150,000 grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation to assist in funding the food bank's mission to alleviate hunger in the Inland Empire. The funding will help FARSB to sustain their food bank operations, enabling them to distribute food to over 250 community partners located throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

"We are deeply grateful to the S. Mark Taper Foundation for their generous support, which plays a pivotal role in advancing our mission. Their commitment to addressing food insecurity empowers us to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and bring hope to countless families in need throughout the Riverside and San Bernardino County Regions," Carolyn said.

Donations of this size make a large impact as they allow for operations to continue and ensure their dedicated team of professionals can continue their vital work in serving vulnerable populations and covering essential expenses like warehouse rent, fuel, and necessary equipment upkeep.

In Riverside and San Bernardino counties, 530,000 people struggle with food insecurity and 1 in 4 are children. Hunger-relief programs aim to alleviate the stresses and health issues associated with hunger, and keeping them fully funded and able to expand helps the community members face the stark reality of not having three meals each day.

FARSB currently runs 11 programs each with a different area of the population in mind. This includes programs that serve children, seniors, and veterans. FARSB's programs enable the food bank to serve around 300,000 people each month.

To learn more about FARSB and its hunger-relief programs, please visit: FeedingIE.org/programs

## 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 3.1 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 2025 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit <u>http://www.FeedingIE.org</u>

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