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Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Celebrates Expansion with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Riverside Building

(Riverside, CA – June 18, 2024) Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) proudly celebrated its recent expansion into their new FARSB Hunger Resource Center in Riverside. The grand ribbon-cutting ceremony, held on Thursday, June 6th, marked a significant milestone in FARSB's ongoing mission to combat hunger and serve the community.

“Hunger is often called an ‘invisible crisis,’ yet it remains a critical issue nationwide, driven by complex social, economic, and geographical factors.” Said Carolyn Fajardo, CEO at FARSB.

“Our new facility will be a cornerstone for efficient operations and a welcoming haven for those seeking help. This expansion will enable us to offer essential programs directly from our facility, significantly enhancing our presence and impact within the community,” said Fajardo.

Representatives from Mayor Lock Dawson and Senator Richard D. Roth’s office, the California State Assembly, the City of Riverside, and Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce were in attendance and presented Fajardo with Certificates of Recognition signaling the official opening.

The new office space will accommodate part of the administrative team and feature a small delivery warehouse for redistribution. Already, the facility has served as a SNAP (CalFresh) Resource Center and hosted SNAP training sessions.

The Learning Center within the facility has been utilized for FARSB’s child education program, team-building events, and the Inside La Sierra Riverside Chambers of Commerce meeting.

Later this year, The Fresh Start Pantry by Goodman will open, providing the community with a grocery store-like option for fresh food items. This initiative will allow individuals to personally select their items, prioritizing both choice and nutritional balance.

FARSB’s warehouse distribution and operations will continue at 2950-B Jefferson St., Riverside, CA 92504. The new resource center is located at 4035 Trail Creek Rd., Riverside, CA 92505.

To learn more about FARSB’s new Hunger Resource Center, please visit www.FeedingIE.org/contact

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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 food source for over 250 local nonprofit organizations, distributing over two 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 2023 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit www.FeedingIE.org.

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