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**Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino receives a \$70,000 Nourishing Neighbors grant from Albertsons, and Vons' Foundation's Breakfast for Kids Program**

**(Riverside, Calif – June 8, 2023)** – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB) received a \$70,000 grant from the Albertsons and Vons Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors Program. The grant was provided by the Albertsons Vons Foundation and will be used to provide the summer meals project, which aims to provide breakfast items and other non-perishable food for children to eat when the school district is closed for summer vacation.

“We’re excited to partner with Albertsons and Vons to help our community’s children start their days with a nutritious breakfast,” said Carolyn Solar, CEO of FARSB. “Together with the Albertsons and Vons Foundation, we’ll continue to tackle the ongoing food insecurity issues in our community.”

FARSB is the leading hunger relief and food rescue organization serving the Inland Empire region through partnership with over 250 local nonprofits. The food bank operates multiple nutrition programs and works to create a hunger-free reality for children, seniors, veterans, and neighbors in need.

“We’re pleased to partner with FARSB to address hunger issues in our community,” said Kevin Curry, Southern California Division President. “Nourishing Neighbors, together with partners like FARSB, is making our neighborhoods better for our most vulnerable community members.”

Nourishing Neighbors is a charitable program of the Albertsons and Vons Foundation. The program aims to eradicate hunger in America by keeping food banks stocked and supporting meal distribution programs at schools. In 2022, along with the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the Company contributed more than \$200 million in food and financial support, including over \$40 million through our Nourishing Neighbors Program to ensure those living in our communities and those impacted by disasters have enough to eat.

**About Albertsons Companies**

Albertsons Companies is a leading food and drug retailer in the United States. As of February 25, 2023, the Company operated 2,271 retail stores with 1,722 pharmacies, 401 associated fuel centers, 22 dedicated distribution centers and 19 manufacturing facilities.

The Company operates stores across 34 states and the District of Columbia with 24 banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen, Carrs, Kings Food Markets and Balducci's Food Lovers Market. The Company is committed to helping people across the country live better lives by making a meaningful difference, neighborhood by neighborhood. In 2022, along with the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the Company contributed more than \$200 million in food and financial support, including more than \$40 million through our Nourishing Neighbors Program to ensure those living in our communities and those impacted by disasters have enough to eat.

### **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 1.2 million people every year. Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino proudly holds the 2022 Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of transparency achievable through Guide Star. For more information, visit [www.FeedingIE.org](http://www.FeedingIE.org).

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