



## News Release

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## **FEEDING AMERICA RIVERSIDE|SAN BERNARDINO RECEIVES \$12,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION**

**(RIVERSIDE, CA / JULY 26, 2019)** — **Feeding America Riverside|San Bernardino (FARSB)** announced today a \$12,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to assist in their efforts of providing help to people facing hunger. The generous unrestricted grant will allow FARSB to allocate funds in areas the community needs most, such as at summer feeding sites, Kids Markets, and to the over 300 local charities that rely on the FARSB distribution center for food.

“One in eight people struggle with hunger in the Inland Empire, including over 200,000 children,” said Stephanie Otero, FARSB CEO. “Hunger does not discriminate and there are many children, families and seniors who turn to our food bank for help. The Darden Foundation’s donation will go a long way for the people in our community.”

FARSB works every day to provide healthy food for the people of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Promoting sustainability and capacity building, FARSB works diligently to ensure that every dollar donated can provide up to 9 meals to community members in need. This amounts to the distribution of over 22 million pounds of food each year.

The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States. Their commitment to help is demonstrated through their partnership with Feeding America and their network of 200 food banks across the nation. Darden is the parent company to Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze, Eddie V’s, Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, and Yard House, with 12 total locations in the Inland Empire.

Feeding America has worked alongside The Darden Foundation for six years in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to their ongoing support, the Feeding America network, which includes FARSB, has been able to help provide even more nutritious meals to families in need.

### **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 source of food for over local nonprofit organizations, distributing over one million pounds of food monthly to emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, high-need elementary schools, halfway houses, senior centers, residential treatment centers, shelters for the abused, after school programs and group homes. With the help of these charity partners, we make up the largest hunger relief organization in the Inland Empire, making food security a reality for over 1.2 million people every year.

### **About Darden Restaurants and The Darden Foundation**

Darden is a restaurant company featuring a portfolio of differentiated brands that include Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's. Our people equal our success, and we are proud to employ 180,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for 380 million guests each year in communities across North America. The Darden Foundation works to bring to life our spirit of service through its philanthropic support of charitable organizations across the country. Since 1995, The Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grants to non-profit organizations such as Feeding America, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and American Red Cross. For more information, please visit [www.darden.com](http://www.darden.com).

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