

# KNOW HUNGER

Our Mission is to Alleviate Hunger in the Inland Empire      Fall 2017 Vol 4 Issue 3



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# CEO Corner



Dear Friends,

The holidays will soon be upon us and that means, family gatherings, warm fires, and indulging in too much pumpkin pie. Sadly, however, for many of our neighbors, there will be no family gatherings surrounded by an abundance of food. An empty table is the reality that many in our community will face.

With the recent natural disasters and tragedies, our food bank, like many others, has seen a significant decline in donations. We understand the needs are great and extend beyond the Inland Empire, however, our hope is that the over 800,000 people who are food insecure in our community will not be forgotten this holiday season.

The holidays are a wonderful reminder to give thanks for all our blessings. We hope that you will join us in blessing others who are less fortunate this time of year. We have many opportunities to give. Whether you participate in one of our upcoming events, host a local food drive, volunteer at our food bank, or make a monetary donation, your generosity will ensure there is one less empty table this holiday season.

I wish you an abundance of joy now and always. 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.

With Joy,

*Stephanie Otero*

President/CEO & Hunger Advocate

# Thank You



‘Tis the season to show thanks for the many opportunities that have been put in our paths. With that in mind, we say thank you to all of the wonderful businesses that continue to show support to their local food bank, including:

- Albertsons/Vons/ Pavilions
- Pechanga
- Norms Restaurant
- Alaska USA Credit Union
- Cardenas Markets
- BoxLunch stores
- Living to Grow Apparel
- University of La Verne “Food Fighters”
- Amazon Fulfillment Center, San Bernardino
- Golden One Credit Union

## LOCAL LEADERS



Adrian Hernandez is a name that is becoming more and more familiar in our community. Not only does he donate to the food bank monthly, but he is the successful philanthropic founder of Living To Grow Apparel, a brand for those motivated to live a healthy life. The saying, “Give More Grow More” rings true to Adrian who credits an act of kindness as his turning point in life and the start of his philanthropic movement. Check out [livingtogrowapparel.com](http://livingtogrowapparel.com), where a portion of each purchase is donated to FARSB and our mission to alleviate hunger.



Thank you to the Hagar Family Foundation for making an investment in our communities and for their determination in helping fight hunger. Music legend and Fontana native, Sammy Hagar, presented our Board Member, Victor Behnke, with a donation to Feeding America I.E. and a memorable night of rock and roll. During the song, “Right Now”, hunger facts were displayed on the monitors for the audience to learn more and encourage them to support their local food bank! It can’t get any better than that, can it? Thanks to the “Red Rocker” Sammy!

# The Season of Giving: Ways to Give

## Volunteer with Us



Volunteers have donated over 8,000 hours in 2017 alone, and the year isn't even over! FARSB volunteers work hard every day by preparing food for distribution, attending and helping at special events, and distributing fresh produce to children in the community at our Kids Produce Markets. Volunteering with us is a great opportunity to make an impact in the communities we serve. Complete volunteer hours for school, work, or just for fun!

[feedingamericaie.org/volunteer](http://feedingamericaie.org/volunteer)

## Give a Meal



This holiday season your giving efforts make a greater impact than ever before! Bank of America is tripling your donations to provide 27 meals for each \$1 donated. Give someone the gift of a meal by donating to your local food bank at [bankofamerica.com/give](http://bankofamerica.com/give). Make sure you check the box for "your local food bank" to keep those meals in our communities and ensure this holiday season is full of warm memories for our neighbors here in the IE.

[bankofamerica.com/give](http://bankofamerica.com/give)

## Host a Food Drive



Community food drives bring us together as we collect critical need pantry staples like proteins, rice, and canned veggies. Host a traditional food drive or incorporate a virtual food drive into the mix. Our NEWEST initiative to the food bank is our #givehealthy program. For every #givehealthy food drive FARSB coordinates, our community is given a greater chance at a \$12,500 grant opportunity to continue providing hunger-relief programs.

[feedingamericaie.org/get\\_involved](http://feedingamericaie.org/get_involved)



## Tools for Teachers Coming Soon!

FARSB is proud to announce our new initiative, Tools For Teachers! In launching this program, we hope to offer free school supplies for teachers at low-income schools several times a year.

Many students in our community don't have access to basic necessities, such as, essential school supplies needed to perform well in a classroom. Tools for Teachers would allow teachers from low income schools in our community to fill a tote with supplies at no cost!

With this program, we hope to alleviate the stress teachers, parents, and students feel when they do not have or cannot provide the tools needed for academic success. FARSB is actively seeking donors to help us jump-start this program. To learn more, please contact us at (951) 359-4757 and check our website for updates!



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Now- Dec 31** Give a Meal  
[bankofamerica.com/give](http://bankofamerica.com/give)
- Nov 17** Gala for a Million Meals  
Wilson Creek Winery, 6:30 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.  
[feedingamericaie.org/gala](http://feedingamericaie.org/gala)
- Nov 28** Give Big San Bernardino County  
[givebigsbcounty.org](http://givebigsbcounty.org)
- Dec 1** KTLA Take 5 To Care  
Stater Brothers, 6989 Schaefer Ave,  
Chino, 91710, 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Dec 3** Empty Bowls Lunch Presented by R.U.S.D  
Riverside Art Museum, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

# Gala for a Million Meals: Exclusive Preview

With this year's Gala for a Million Meals just weeks away, you can expect many unique and exciting elements to bring this landmark event to life!

The spectacular evening will feature a red carpet step and repeat, lavish auction, delicious food and wine, honorees for Donor, Partner Agency, and Media Partner of the year, a legendary candy buffet, live entertainment, and an exclusive keepsake for each guest.

Some of the spectacular Live Auction items up for bid include (2) Roundtrip Airline tickets anywhere Alaska Airlines flies...with NO blackout dates, a Mathis Brother Furniture shopping spree, A month supply of groceries from Stater Bros, (2) VIP Tickets to the American Music Awards, a Behind the Scenes visit to ABC7 and the set of Eyewitness News, and much more!

Proceeds will provide ONE MILLION meals to our neighbors in need. Tickets are limited, so reserve your seat today at [feedingamericaie.org](http://feedingamericaie.org)!

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Our Annual Gala to provide one million meals to our neighbors in need throughout the Inland Empire

[FeedingAmericaIE.org/Gala](http://FeedingAmericaIE.org/Gala)