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## **Feeding America, San Manuel, and LA Kings partner for Day of Giving**

**[Riverside, CA.] – December 11, 2017** – This holiday season Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino America (FARSB), the regional food bank of the Inland Empire, teamed with San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the LA Kings to host a, “Day of Giving” at the Mary’s Mercy Center Inc. in San Bernardino.

This unique opportunity to help those most need in the heart of San Bernardino featured FARSB and San Manuel team members, as well as alumni and executives from the LA Kings helping distribute food to over 200 local residents. The LA Kings also set-up a street hockey rink for children and handed out goodie bags.

A capacity building grant from San Manuel for \$840,000 over two years has allowed FARSB to do more work directly in and around the community such as outreach events like the Day of Giving.

“We are grateful for the support of San Manuel. They have helped us to feed and reach more people in our community,” said Stephanie Otero, President and CEO, FARSB.

The partnership between San Manuel and FARSB has also significantly strengthened food bank infrastructure by funding racking equipment increasing warehouse capacity by over 200% and helping launch an on-line ordering system, allowing agency partners to drastically reduce time ordering and picking up food.

Additional key staff such as a food solicitor and Cal Fresh Assistant have also been hired as a result of the San Manuel award, ultimately helping the food bank feed more of the 1 in 7 food insecure across the Inland Empire.

### **About Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Counties**

Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Counties began 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, Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino is the primary source of food for over 450 nonprofits, **distributing over 2.5 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. More than **425,000** men, women, and children each month rely on the food bank's distribution center to make ends meet