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**Media Alert
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****MEDIA ALERT STATER BROS. DONATES 32,000 LBS OF HEALTHY FOOD TO
FEEDING AMERICA RIVERSIDE | SAN BERNARDINO****

Riverside, CA (7/21/17)- Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB), the food bank of the Inland Empire, today proudly announced the donation from Stater Bros. Charities of 32,420 lbs. of fresh and healthy food to the food bank.

The contribution, part of Stater Bros. third annual *Harvesting Hope in Our Community*-in-store campaign, was made possible by their generous employees and valued customers. Through November and December of 2016, \$5 Bag of Hope donation cards were available for purchase at each check stand. These funds provide fresh and healthy food to local food banks during the summertime when food reserves are traditionally low.

For FARSB summer truly is the, "Hungriest season of all" as children who are part of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program can miss up to two of their regular meals per day when school is out. For these children, no school means no food.

The generous donation consisted of fresh produce, including; apples, potatoes, and carrots, as well as cans of corn, green beans, and tuna. These items are particularly in demand and will go directly to children, families, seniors, and veterans most in need throughout the Inland Empire this summer.

Stater Bros. remains an unwavering partner in FARSB's mission to alleviate hunger throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

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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 550 nonprofit organizations, **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.