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## **Feeding America Riverside San Bernardino Celebrates Earth Day with it's first-ever Clean and Glean!**

**[Riverside, CA.] – April 25, 2018** – Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino (FARSB), the regional food bank of the Inland Empire, teamed with the California Citrus State Historic Park (CCSHP) of Riverside this past Sunday, April 22, 2018 to host the first ever FARSB Clean and Glean Volunteer Event in celebration of Earth Day.

The family friendly event featured over a 100 volunteers from the food bank and the Citrus State Historic Park. Volunteers cleaned the orange groves and collected 400 bags of leaves and debris and 1,115 pounds of fresh oranges. This citrus will be available to the Inland Empire community through the help of the 470 charity agencies which partner with the food bank.

Sharon Rodriguez, Development Coordinator for FARSB who oversaw the event shared, “We hope this is the first of many more such events to come that give our volunteers the opportunity to share their skills and energy outside of the food bank.”

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

Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino Counties has been serving the Inland Empire for over 38 years and has distributed over 554 million pounds of food into the community. FARSB was started 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 470 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.

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