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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

In fiscal year 2020, Feeding San Diego provided 31.2 million meals to people facing hunger - a 19% increase over the prior year. The devastating COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing economic shutdown created unprecedented levels of food insecurity, and the need for our help increased exponentially. Our community responded with an outpouring of critical support, and we welcomed 10,000 new donors. Thank you to all of our past and new supporters!

Our challenge then became how to work with our 300+ agency partners to meet this unprecedented need. With food donations scarce, we worked quickly to determine how to fill the ‘supply gap’ by efficiently purchasing food so everyone had access to food to feed themselves and their families.

In addition, when COVID-19 hit, our agency partners needed support too. We waived shared maintenance fees immediately to be sure that we could do our part to ease the burden of rising expenses along our entire distribution network. We continue to ensure that every penny of funds raised is being spent on feeding more and more people in need, and working towards closing the hunger gap in San Diego County.

Looking forward to fiscal 2021, we will implement plans to maximize our current healthy financial position to immediately focus on hot spots of hunger across the county. We are committed to strengthening collaborations with our agency partner network and working together to solve this most pressing need at a very critical time. And thanks to the community’s continued generous support, we are well positioned to work towards efficiently providing tens of millions of meals over the next few years.

Together, we can do this!

Sincerely,

Dan Shea
CEO
WE ARE THE ONLY FEEDING AMERICA MEMBER IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

BY DIVERTING NEARLY 28 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD FROM THE LANDFILL, WE DIVERTED OVER 24,578 METRIC TONS OF CO₂ EQUIVALENT FROM EMISSION INTO THE ATMOSPHERE

THE EQUIVALENT OF TAKING 5,300 CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR ONE YEAR

FEEDING SAN DIEGO RESCUED MORE THAN 320 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD FROM OVER 225 FARMS AND PACKING SHEDS

FEEDING SAN DIEGO SERVICE AREA*

DIRECT SERVICE PARTNERS
BACKPACK PARTNERS
SCHOOL PANTRY PARTNERS
REGIONAL SCHOOL BREAK PARTNERS
MOBILE PANTRY PARTNERS
MILITARY PARTNERS
COLLEGE PARTNERS
SENIOR PARTNERS
HEALTHCARE PARTNERS
SPECIAL & EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTIONS
SCHOOL MEALS PARTNERS
AFTER SCHOOL MEALS PARTNERS
SUMMER MEALS PARTNERS

31,240,614 MEALS DISTRIBUTED IN FEEDING SAN DIEGO SERVICE AREA*

AGENCY EMPOWERED MEALS
20,670,903

DIRECT SERVICE MEALS
9,566,903

CALKFRESH ATTRIBUTABLE MEALS
589,890

AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER MEALS
412,918

OUR MISSION
CONNECT EVERY PERSON FACING HUNGER WITH NUTRITIOUS MEALS BY MAXIMIZING FOOD RESCUE

OUR IMPACT
92% OF ALL FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY FEEDING SAN DIEGO WAS RESCUED

49% OF ALL FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY FEEDING SAN DIEGO WAS FRESH PRODUCE

OF FOOD
600 LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA
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320 DISTRIBUTION SITES

AGENCY PARTNERS
171

DIRECT SERVICE PARTNERS
104

SCHOOL MEALS PARTNERS
45

OUR NETWORK

320 DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

9,950 VOLUNTEERS

LOCAL CHARITIES, SCHOOLS, FAITH COMMUNITIES, MEAL SITES AND FOOD PANTRIES

DEVOTED 35,794 HOURS — THE EQUIVALENT OF 17 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

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OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

When the COVID-19 pandemic first hit in mid-March, there was a tremendous surge in people facing hunger across the community, with an estimated 40 percent facing hunger for the first time. Between March 14 and June 30, 2020, we achieved the following impact:

**6.6 MILLION MEALS DISTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE FACING HUNGER THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

- **190 TRUCKLOADS OF FOOD PURCHASED DUE TO INCREASED NEED AND DECLINES IN GROCERY DONATIONS AND RETAIL RESCUE, COMPARED TO SIX TRUCKLOADS DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR**
- **1,129 DISTRIBUTIONS HELD ACROSS SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INCLUDING YOUTH MEAL SITES, DIRECT PROGRAMS, AND EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTIONS**
- **162 AGENCY PARTNERS ON OUR WEBSITE THAT RECEIVED OVER 233,995 VISITS IN THREE MONTHS**
- **ADDITIONALLY, FEEDING SAN DIEGO LAUNCHED A FIND FOOD MAP IN COLLABORATION WITH 6.6 CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Feeding San Diego is committed to connecting every person facing hunger with nutritious meals, especially in times of crisis. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Feeding San Diego established the COVID-19 Response Fund to support our countywide efforts to provide critical hunger relief during this unprecedented emergency:

- **DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF MEALS PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR DIRECT SITES AND AGENCY PARTNER DISTRIBUTIONS**
- **IMPLEMENTED NO-TOUCH AND DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS AT HUNDREDS OF SITES**
- **OPENED NEW EMERGENCY MEAL SITES AND EXPANDED PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SCHOOL CLOSURES**
- **PURCHASED NEARLY 800 PERCENT MORE TRUCKLOADS OF FOOD IN THREE MONTHS THAN ARE TYPICALLY PURCHASED ANNUALLY TO INCREASE MEAL DISTRIBUTION AND OFFSET DECLINES IN FOOD RESCUE**
- **ENHANCED ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE SEEKING FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Thank you for your contribution and commitment to Feeding San Diego. Your generosity allowed us to serve hundreds of thousands of people facing hunger during the COVID-19 pandemic across San Diego County.
FEEDING KIDS
Feeding San Diego distributes nutritious food to local students through direct-to-client distributions and community partner programs.

FEEDING FAMILIES
Feeding San Diego works to provide healthy meals to families across the county through direct programs and with agency partners.

FEEDING SENIORS
Seniors are California’s fastest-growing population. Feeding San Diego supports food-insecure seniors in San Diego County through a number of different strategic partnerships.

FEEDING HEROES
San Diego is home to several military bases and thousands of active duty service members. Feeding San Diego proudly serves military families and veterans in partnership with local military organizations.

FEEDING EXCELLENCE
Feeding San Diego focuses on advocacy, CalFresh outreach and capacity building to maximize program impact.

The following pages outline the impact of the programs that supported each initiative.
SCHOOL PANTRY PROGRAM
The School Pantry Program helps alleviate child hunger in San Diego County by providing nutritious, healthy food to low-income students and their families. Distributions set up in a farmer’s market style are consistently in the same locations at each campus, have routine distribution schedules, and provide access to nutrition education and additional community resources. When food is provided at locations a family already visits, parents and guardians do not have to give up more of their valuable time and transportation budget to put food on the table.

FY20 RESULTS
Average Unique Households Served Per Month 5,840
Number of Sites 52
Total Meals 2,332,858

BACKPACK PROGRAM
The BackPack Program provides local students with an easy-to-carry bag filled with healthy staple items and three to four pounds of fresh produce when leaving school on Thursday or Friday afternoon. This weekly program helps bridge the gap between weekday school meals, ensuring children are well-nourished and ready to learn on Monday.

FY20 RESULTS
Average Unique Children Served Per Month 1,155
Number of Sites 13
Total Meals 159,914

“It’s so expensive to live here in San Diego – this distribution has been great. Sometimes I’m faced with the decision of either feeding my kids or feeding myself, and I always choose my kids. This distribution has helped out a lot and made it so I don’t have to make that choice as often.
- Rebecca

FEEDING KIDS
AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER MEALS PROGRAMS

The After School and Summer Meals Programs help meet children’s needs after school and during the summer by providing free and nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and/or snacks at accessible sites throughout San Diego County. These programs are primarily funded by the USDA through the California Department of Education.

AFTER SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

FY20 RESULTS
Average Daily Participation 644
Number of Sites 19
Total Meals 97,054

SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

FY20 RESULTS
Average Daily Participation 2,436
Number of Sites 26
Total Meals 315,764

REGIONAL SCHOOL BREAK PROGRAM

The Regional School Break Program includes farmer’s market-style pantries in each region of the county during summer, spring, and winter school breaks.

FY20 RESULTS
Average Unique Households Served Per Month 196
Number of Sites 4
Total Meals 44,472

SUMMER PRODUCE PROGRAM

During summer food service, the Summer Produce Program provides pre-bagged produce to households with children every month.

FY20 RESULTS
Average Unique Household Served Per Month 3,430
Number of Sites 24
Total Meals 100,113

I have nothing but positive things to say about Feeding San Diego. It’s very important work that you’re doing. Please tell all the donors, supporters, and volunteers that they are all going to heaven.
— James

This distribution has been the difference between being really hungry and not hungry — It’s kept me alive.
— Eileen
Feeding San Diego partners with local nonprofit organizations who operate their own food pantries and food distribution programs in neighborhoods throughout the county, including Interfaith Community Services, Community Resource Center, Wesley Community Services Center, Liv4Warriors Foundation, McAlister Institute, and many other reputable organizations with expertise in addressing specific basic needs and human services. We provide deliveries of food, coordinate pickup of rescued food from donors and retail partners, and ensure food safety and compliance standards are in place to protect people facing hunger. In addition, Feeding San Diego provides limited cash and in-kind grants to support agency partners in strengthening and expanding their capacity to serve additional people in need.

**FY20 RESULTS**

**Agency Partners**
171

**Total Meals**
20,670,903

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**MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM**

The Mobile Pantry Program helps address rural hunger by providing nutritious, healthy food to families in the rural Northeast and Southeast regions of San Diego County. Distributions set up in a farmer’s market style are consistently in the same locations in the community, have routine distribution schedules, and provide access to nutrition education and additional community resources.

**FY20 RESULTS**

**Average Monthly Unique Households Served Per Month**
2,481

**Number of Sites**
16

**Total Meals**
1,412,546

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COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The College Partnerships Program helps alleviate college hunger in San Diego County by providing nutritious, healthy food to low-income college students and their families. Distributions set up in a farmer’s market style are consistently in the same locations at each campus, have routine distribution schedules, and provide access to nutrition education and additional community resources. In addition, college campuses have set up fixed on site pantries for the everyday needs of students. When food is provided at locations a student already visits, they do not have to give up more of their valuable time and transportation budget to put food on the table.

FY20 RESULTS

Average Monthly Households Served Per Month: 2,940
Number of Sites: 10
Total Meals: 573,349

San Diego is home to several military bases and thousands of currently serving and retired service members. As a part of the San Diego community, and in partnership with local military organizations, Feeding San Diego seeks to serve and support members of our active duty military and veteran households facing food insecurity throughout San Diego County. To meet this need, Feeding San Diego and our partners reach households through two direct service sites, three school pantries, one rural mobile pantry and agency partners by providing food and food assistance services to military and veterans in a holistic and dignified manner.

FY20 RESULTS

Average Monthly Households Served Per Month: 10,764
Number of Sites: 16
Total Meals: 2,250,402

I want to thank Feeding San Diego and everyone who helps out here at the distribution. Putting others first is so important, especially during these tough times that we are facing as a country and community. For those facing difficulties right now, I would say, keep your head up and keep trying.

-Felicia
The Feeding Seniors Program aims to improve senior food security, reduce risk of chronic illnesses such as type-2 diabetes and hypertension, and increase self-sufficiency by providing nutritious, healthy food and CalFresh resources to low-income seniors. In line with the USDA, Feeding San Diego defines a senior as a person age 60 and older. Feeding San Diego and its partners reach these individuals through client-choice distributions at three sites and produce to seniors in partnership with one Meals on Wheels (MOW) site. In addition, agencies serve seniors through regularly held distributions throughout the month.

**FY20 RESULTS**

| Average Unique Households Served Per Month | 310 |
| Number of Sites | 4 |
| Total Meals | 2,135,932 |

The Healthcare Partnerships Program aims to help patients manage their health by improving food security through healthy food and nutrition education. Target populations include patients diagnosed with chronic illness, identified as food insecure and under medical treatment with partnering healthcare providers. Nutrition resources and recipes are provided each month, as well as nutrition-education classes and CalFresh application assistance when possible.

**FY20 RESULTS**

| Average Unique Households Served Per Month | 362 |
| Number of Sites | 5 |
| Total Meals | 73,424 |

The CalFresh Program is a collaboration between Feeding San Diego, its multiple distribution partners, the San Diego Hunger Coalition, and the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency’s Hospital and Community Support Services unit. Collectively, we all work to inform the public and increase the number of San Diego households accessing CalFresh (SNAP) benefits.

**FY20 RESULTS**

| Total Attributable Meals | 589,890 |
## REVENUE

**TOTAL:** $67,356,122

Includes cash and in-kind

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**TOTAL:** $58,637,483

Includes cash and in-kind

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## FINANCIALS

- **Federal Awards:** $120,572 (1.8%)
- **Other:** $156,480 (2.3%)
- **Contributions and Grants:** $54,871,227 (82.8%)
- **Rescued and Donated Food:** $46,971,229 (69.2%)

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, INVESTMENTS, AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT (JULY 2019 TO JUNE 2020)**

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- Costco                                      |
- James C. Cox Foundation                  |
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation          |
- Facebook                                   |
- GoMacro                                    |
- The GT Foundation                         |
I have three people in my family, but no earning members. And I have an autistic child. I am disabled too so this has [food distribution] been a lot of help. When I find people who don’t know about this program, I tell them about it. People often think that they will be asked a lot of questions, but I tell them not to be afraid and that they will not be asked for their ID or anything. I tell them that I had a very bad situation in my family and this helped me a lot.

- Roaza
“There have been a lot of times we have gone hungry. Because I am not working right now, the income is a lot less. Last week, we actually ran out of food, because my partner doesn’t get paid until Thursday. There are times when I don’t need it, but when I’m not working it helps. I make soups out of a lot of vegetables. The quality of the food is good.”

- Lyubov

“I have five kids; four of them are in school. This distribution definitely helps with my kids’ school lunches. It also helps financially because food gets so expensive. I am excited when there is celery because I like juicing, so I drink celery every day.”

- Jessica

“We have to take care of my mom because she has Alzheimer’s. It’s hard to take her shopping. This distribution is a blessing. All this food goes to my mom. We moved here three years ago. Sold our house to help. You’ve got to do what you’ve got to do for family.”

- Mary

“I’ve been volunteering for 5 years. I came to the clinic and then learnt about the distribution. I look after my dad — he’s 75 — and I take food for my neighbors. It is a blessing as it’s helping so many people. There is a big need for this support out here. Nothing goes to waste!”

- Miguel

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- Miguel
JOIN THE GROVE

The Grove is a giving circle for passionate supporters of Feeding San Diego helping to end hunger in our community. Members of The Grove make an annual gift of $1,000 or more.

More than 14,000 individual donors have generously supported our mission since COVID-19 hit. More than 800 of these individuals are members of The Grove. Your generous investment helps sustain and enhance hunger-relief and food rescue programs in San Diego County.

Visit feedingsandiego.org/the-grove for more information.