FEEDING AMERICA SAN DIEGO APPOINTS NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
Jan Lezny will serve as chair, Gwendolyn Meyer as vice chair and Dennis Mudd as new director

SAN DIEGO — January 29, 2014 — Feeding America San Diego (FASD), the largest hunger-relief organization in San Diego County, announced its new board appointments following the end of the second quarter of the 2013–2014 fiscal year. Jan Lezny, Vice President of IP Business Strategy for Qualcomm Incorporated, was elected as chair of the board of directors. Local philanthropist and director of the Aqualia Foundation, Gwendolyn Meyer will serve as vice chair. Additionally, former Slacker Inc. and MusicMatch founder and CEO, Dennis Mudd has been appointed as a new board member. Lezny, Meyer and Mudd begin their new roles this month following the departure of previous board chairman, Troy Zander of DLA Piper and board members, Dan Blank of Social Venture Partners and Christian Waage SVP, general counsel at Receptos, Inc.

“Ms. Meyer and I are looking forward to the next chapter at Feeding America San Diego. Within five short years, the organization has experienced tremendous growth and significantly enhanced our impact in the community. We are honored to help chart the course for a hunger-free and healthy San Diego,” said Jan Lezny, board chair and vice president of IP business strategy for Qualcomm Incorporated. “Dennis Mudd is a tremendous asset to Feeding America San Diego. His vast experience in start-ups, business, as well as his passion for health and nutrition are a welcome addition to our board of directors.”

The new leaders bring comprehensive philanthropic and business experience to Feeding America San Diego’s board:

Jan Lezny is the vice president of IP business strategy for Qualcomm Incorporated located in San Diego. An experienced leader, Lezny specializes in developing and executing strategies in the company’s intellectual property department. Lezny joined the Feeding America San Diego board in March 2013. His extensive involvement in Qualcomm’s business and technology sectors has propelled Lezny’s position on the organization’s strategic planning and finance committees. Since joining Qualcomm in 1993, Lezny has held senior leadership positions in Qualcomm’s FLO TV, BREW and OmniTRACS businesses. Lezny holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Dayton, a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a master of business administration from the University of San Diego.
Gwendolyn Meyer brings valued international and philanthropic experience to her positions as director of the Aqualia Foundation, founding board member of Feeding America San Diego, and board member at Pacific Ridge School. Leveraging significant financial support from the Aqualia Foundation and national corporations, Meyer’s creative and dedicated approach to fund development is instrumental in her role on the gala and fundraising committees of Feeding America San Diego since 2007.

Dennis Mudd pioneered the digital music sector as the co-founder and CEO of both Musicmatch and Slacker Radio. Following ten years at Hewlett Packard, Mudd co-founded and served as CEO and chairman of Musicmatch, growing the company from a small startup to one of the world’s largest digital music companies. After Musicmatch, Mudd co-founded and served as the CEO of Slacker, an interactive online radio service. Awards for Mudd at Musicmatch and Slacker include the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Deloitte and Touche Fast 50, AEA's Best Software and Internet Company, PC Magazine's Best Internet Music Service, and PC Magazine’s Best Music Player for six consecutive years. In 2009, Mudd and his wife, Pamela, established The Mudd Foundation, an organization dedicated to healthy food relief. Mudd holds a bachelor’s degree from UC Berkeley and received his master of business administration from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business.

Feeding America San Diego also expresses immense gratitude for the dedicated service of the three board members who completed their terms in December of 2013: Troy Zander of DLA Piper and board members, Dan Blank of Social Venture Partners and Christian Waage SVP, General Counsel at Receptos, Inc.

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ABOUT FEEDING AMERICA SAN DIEGO

Established in 2007, Feeding America San Diego (FASD) is San Diego’s largest hunger-relief organization, distributing more than 23 million pounds of food within the last year, and the only Feeding America affiliate in the county. FASD works closely with more than 160 partner agencies, local school districts, corporate partners and a network of volunteers to serve 73,000 children, families and seniors in need each week. Devoted to feeding the hungry, advocacy, and education, FASD is committed to building a hunger-free and healthy San Diego through innovative programs and collaborative partnerships. To learn more about Feeding America San Diego and its hunger-relief initiatives, visit feedingamericasd.org.