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**Feeding San Diego Calls to Protect Federal Hunger-Relief Programs**  
*More than half of all San Diego County SNAP recipients are children*

**San Diego, CA – October 10, 2017** - [Feeding San Diego \(FSD\)](#), the leading hunger-relief organization in San Diego County, hosted a press conference today, October 10 to ask Congress not to cut funding from federal hunger-relief programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Despite 4 out of 5 people believing that protecting funding for federal hunger-relief programs is the right thing to do for the American people and economy, Congress voted last week to slash billions of dollars from SNAP by passing a house budget resolution called cruel, reckless and dangerous by representatives speaking in opposition.

Feeding San Diego, [Hunger Advocacy Network](#) and [Jewish Family Service of San Diego](#) rejects any budget that calls for cuts to critical programs like SNAP. This program bridges the gap for more than 200,000 children, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities in San Diego who are facing tough times and struggling to put food on the table. 58 percent of all San Diego SNAP recipients are children and 10 percent are seniors.

"Hunger-relief organizations across San Diego County are devastated at the impact that this will have on our most vulnerable neighbors," said Vince Hall, CEO of Feeding San Diego. "We are ready to keep fighting to ensure that everyone has access to nutritious food for their families."

In San Diego County, 1 in 8 people live in households that struggle to put food on the table, nearly 400,000 people. While hunger-relief organizations in San Diego work tirelessly every day to end hunger in our communities, the meal gap in our service area is still 75 million meals. For every 1 meal organizations like Feeding San Diego serve, 19 meals are provided by programs like SNAP.

To learn more about what Feeding San Diego is doing to fight hunger, visit [feedingsandiego.org](http://feedingsandiego.org).

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**ABOUT FEEDING SAN DIEGO**

Established in 2007, [Feeding San Diego \(FSD\)](#) is the leading hunger-relief organization in the county, providing 25.2 million meals within the last year, and the only Feeding America affiliate in the region. FSD provides food and resources to a network of more than 245 distribution partners serving 63,000 children, families and seniors each week. Focused on healthy food, education and advocacy, FSD is building a hunger-free and healthy San Diego through innovative programs and collaborative partnerships. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its hunger-relief initiatives, visit [feedingsandiego.org](http://feedingsandiego.org).