When School Ends for the Summer, Thousands of Kids Lose Access to Vital Meals

Steve Weatherford, Angelo Sosa, Greg Keller, Vince Hall Speaking in Support of Ending Child Hunger

San Diego, CA — May 10, 2018 — Feeding San Diego announces its Fuel for Summer campaign, providing critical support for special food distributions throughout the summer to ensure that kids and families are getting the nutrition they need to live healthy and productive lives.

“What many people may not realize is that over the summer months, children and families suffer even more from hunger,” said CEO Vince Hall. “By not receiving the food they would normally get in school, it adds a bigger weight on the family and greatly increases the grocery bill.”

In the most recent Map the Meal Gap study by Feeding America, it was found that 1 in 6 children in San Diego face hunger. San Diego is home to the 7th largest number of children facing hunger in the US, with 127,280 children in San Diego County being food insecure.

Children across the county need our help in filling the meal gap they will experience from lack of access to school lunches, breakfasts, and after school programs. With the community’s support, Feeding San Diego can make sure that every child has food on their plate.

**Attend the Fuel for Summer Press Conference**

*Date:* Tuesday, May 15  
*Time:* 10am-11am, volunteer shift to follow  
*Location:* Feeding San Diego Warehouse: 9455 Waples St #135, San Diego, CA 92121  
*Speakers:*  
- Vince Hall, CEO Feeding San Diego  
- Steve Weatherford, Former New York Giant Super Bowl Champion  
- Angelo Sosa, Bravo's Top Chef  
- Greg Keller, Garden Fresh  
- Dana Hayden, Emily Horowitz, Julian Pathways/Food Corps

**WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

- **Donate** funds to provide critical support for special food distributions throughout the summer to ensure that kids and families receive the nutrition they need. Every dollar provides 4 meals.
- **Volunteer Open House** on Saturday, May 19. Register to learn more about volunteering, tour the facility and try several of our regular volunteer projects.
- **Advocate** by sharing your support online. **Like** Feeding San Diego on Facebook and follow on Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram at @FeedingSanDiego.
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.