FEEDING SAN DIEGO RECEIVES $120,000 GIFT FROM CALPINE IN WAKE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Funds will support Feeding San Diego’s increased hunger-relief services throughout San Diego County

SAN DIEGO (June 16, 2020) — Feeding San Diego received a gift of $120,000 from Calpine (calpine.com), a longtime California energy generator and provider of energy services, to help end hunger in San Diego County during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As an organization providing critical services in a community where Calpine employees and customers live and work, the funds will help Feeding San Diego provide much-needed meals to children, families and seniors in need of food assistance.

“Our community hunger relief organizations provide a critical lifeline to many Californians, especially those who are the most vulnerable,” said Alex Makler, Senior Vice President of the West Region at Calpine. "Unfortunately, these organizations are seeing record demand due to the innumerable, devastating impacts related to COVID-19. Calpine and our employees are proud to expand our support for hunger relief organizations to help those that are food insecure.”

Calpine’s gift to Feeding San Diego is part of a larger donation of over $500,000 to local hunger relief and nonprofit organizations across the state of California in response to the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.

“Currently, one in six San Diegans are facing hunger due to COVID-19 and Feeding San Diego has significantly expanded services to address the need for food assistance throughout the county. Feeding San Diego is incredibly grateful to Calpine for their generous gift,” said Gavon Morr, Chief Development and Marketing Officer of Feeding San Diego. "Their contribution will play a significant role in helping us sustain our critical work throughout the crisis.”

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ABOUT FEEDING SAN DIEGO

Feeding San Diego is a non-profit organization on a mission to connect every person facing hunger with nutritious meals by maximizing food rescue. Established in 2007, Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County and the only Feeding America affiliate in the region. Feeding San Diego provides more than 26 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, veterans, and people facing homelessness in partnership with a network of 300 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its COVID-19 response, visit feedingsandiego.org/coronavirus.

ABOUT CALPINE

Founded in California in 1984, Calpine Corporation has become America’s largest provider of electricity capable of generating over 26,000 megawatts (MW) from its 78 power plants in operation or under construction. Its wholesale power operations and retail businesses serve customers in 24 states, Canada and Mexico. Calpine’s Western Regional Office is located in Walnut Creek, California. Calpine owns and operates 33 geothermal and natural gas facilities located throughout California that provide 6,425 MWs of clean, reliable energy to power California homes, businesses and critical infrastructure. Calpine Energy Solutions, located in San Diego is the largest provider of back office operational services supporting almost all of California’s Community Choice.
Aggregator programs representing over 140 local governments, and one of the largest suppliers of energy to commercial and industrial businesses who purchase from third-party suppliers in California and throughout the country. Calpine has been deemed an essential business and during this crisis its 800+ CA employees, 230 of which are located just in San Diego, continue their work to support electric reliability.