FEEDING SAN DIEGO RECEIVES $50,000 GRANT FROM ALBERTSONS, VONS PAVILIONS AND ALBERTSONS COMPANIES FOUNDATION TO HELP FEED STUDENTS DURING THE CRISIS

Grant funds support ongoing efforts to provide meals to San Diego County students while they continue virtual learning at home

SAN DIEGO (October 2, 2020) — Feeding San Diego is responding to the dramatic surge in requests for food assistance during the COVID-19 crisis, particularly related to youth facing hunger. The organization is honored that the Albertsons Companies Foundation is helping to make it happen. Feeding San Diego announced today that it received a $50,000 grant from the Help Feed Families During the Crisis fundraiser to fight hunger during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. The campaign is part of Albertsons Companies Foundation’s Neighbors Community Relief Initiative.

Grant funds support summer meals for students as part of Feeding San Diego’s COVID-19 response and continued collaboration with local school districts. The distribution of shelf stable products at regularly scheduled distributions will help further support the health and nutrition of the participating students and their households into the fall and winter months.

“Many schools are experiencing unprecedented demand for nutrition assistance as the pandemic takes an economic and emotional toll on people throughout our community,” said Gavon Morris, Chief Philanthropy Officer of Feeding San Diego. “We’re grateful that Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions and Albertsons Companies Foundation stepped up to help us meet the need.”

The Nourishing Neighbors Community Relief Initiative was established to help local families impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and beyond. All funds are used to address the emergency in the following ways:

- Keep food banks stocked so they can respond to increased demand
- Support emergency meal distribution programs at schools
- Support senior centers and other programs that provide meals and food to seniors
- Help families access federal food programs

“We’re proud to support great organizations, like Feeding San Diego, who are leaning in farther during the pandemic to help students,” said Kevin Curry, Albertsons Companies Southern California Division President. “A child’s focus should be on learning, discovering and having fun, not whether they will be able to have lunch today.”

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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 31.2 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, veterans, and people facing homelessness in partnership with a network of 320 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries. More than 92% of the food provided to the community is rescued. By diverting more than 27 million pounds of food from the landfill every year,
Feeding San Diego is reducing greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 25,000 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent, which is comparable to taking 5,300 cars off the road for a year. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its COVID-19 response, visit feedingsandiego.org.