HOST HOTELS & RESORTS PARTNERS WITH FEEDING SAN DIEGO TO END HUNGER DURING COVID-19

Grant funds support local hunger-relief response efforts throughout San Diego County

SAN DIEGO (October 6, 2020) — Host Hotels & Resorts, the world’s largest lodging real estate investment trust, has awarded Feeding San Diego grant funds to support its COVID-19 response efforts as part of its partnership with Feeding America in support of food banks across the country. Host Hotels & Resorts owns iconic San Diego properties including Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego and Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.

“Feeding San Diego relies on the generosity of our corporate partners to help us end hunger. We are incredibly thankful for the grant from Host Hotels & Resorts to continue our critical work during the pandemic,” said Gavon Morris, Chief Philanthropy Officer of Feeding San Diego. “San Diego is known for its hospitality — our community has truly come together to help serve those in need and alleviate the worsening hunger crisis.”

“We are proud to be able to support the communities in which we live and work and where our hotels are located, especially during this challenging and unprecedented time,” said Joanne Hamilton, Executive Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Responsibility. “We are grateful for the efforts of Feeding San Diego to provide meals to those who need them most.”

Grant funds will support Feeding San Diego and its ongoing COVID-19 emergency response, which includes hundreds of drive-through distribution sites across San Diego County. Hunger in the county has increased by an estimated 50 percent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hundreds of thousands of people need food assistance, with approximately 40 percent of people facing hunger for the first time.

For assistance, those affected by the pandemic or people in need can easily find the closest food distribution by visiting feedingsandiego.org/get-help and entering their zip code or calling 211.

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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.