TODAY FEEDING SAN DIEGO HOLDS FINAL EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR 1,000 PLUS HOSPITALITY WORKERS

Every Monday in February, members of the local hospitality industry affected by the pandemic have had access to nutritious food for free at Pechanga Arena

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SAN DIEGO (February 22, 2021) — Today, Feeding San Diego, the county’s leading hunger relief and food rescue organization, will hold its final large-scale emergency drive-through food distribution site specifically for members of the hospitality industry who are out of work or working reduced hours and in need of nutritious food. Attendees will be given information about how to access other Feeding San Diego distributions close to their homes as well as information about CalFresh and how the organization can help them apply. Many people are facing hunger for the first time and don’t know where to turn. One of the objectives of the distribution is to empower people with the information they need to navigate this crisis over the long-term.

Feeding San Diego’s work has always been closely intertwined with the local food community, whether it’s working with celebrity chefs to spread the word of its mission or partnering with restaurants and caterers to rescue food that would otherwise go to waste. For the month of February, Feeding San Diego has provided a dedicated food distribution for the local hospitality community as part of its Spread Love San Diego campaign.

Each distribution is prepared to serve over 1,000 households with 50 pounds of food including: a frozen meat protein, produce, and dry goods.

What: Drive-through distribution where volunteers place food directly in the trunk, always keeping six feet of distance. All attendees are asked to wear a mask. Attendees must register via the link here: https://feedingsandiego.app.rsvpify.com/.

When: The final distribution is today, Monday, February 22, at 1 PM. 1,000 plus households will be served.
Where: Pechanga Arena (3500 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110)

Interview Opportunities: Feeding San Diego team members are available for interviews, as are food recipients potentially. Please contact Allison Glader to arrange an interview day-of.

For additional 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 in the “Find Food Map.”

To help people facing hunger during the pandemic, San Diegans can give online to enable Feeding San Diego to continue its critical work during this time.

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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, and veterans in partnership with a network of 320 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries. Last year, more than 92 percent of the food provided to the community was rescued. By diverting more than 27 million pounds of food from the landfill, Feeding San Diego reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 25,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalent, which is comparable to taking 5,300 cars off the road for one year. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its COVID-19 response, visit feedingsandiego.org.