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“I found out about the Food Bank’s food distribution in El Cajon, and I have been coming here for a little over a year now. The food that we get from the Food Bank helps us so much. We live for the fresh food and vegetables and the fresh produce. That is the only way I can afford it,” says Michelle.

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Our Mobile Pantry will help families in need in rural “food deserts” by distributing fresh produce and other foods, healthy options at dozens of sites in remote and rural areas. Each distribution will provide nearly 6,000 pounds of food to between 300 and 400 households. In addition, the Mobile Pantry will provide services to low-income military families and students on our College Hunger-Relief Program.

By distributing fresh, healthy food in rural food deserts, we will be helping to combat the issue of nutrition-related disease among the children and families we serve.

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For more information, visit SanDiegoFoodBank.org/StampOutHunger

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Help the Food Bank feed children living in poverty this summer by supporting our campaign for food drive sponsorship.

During the summer months, children living in poverty receive free meals at school and summer hunger is strong.

This June, you can support the food drive by touring your local Food Bank, Volunteers and Vons, and purchasing a $10 food card to be sent to a child in need.

Thank you to our summer food drive media sponsors

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On behalf of the Food Bank’s staff and family of volunteers, we thank you for your support.

We have a number of campaigns and events happening over the next several months that we hope you can support:

• Our Summer Food Drive takes place in June. Visit Albertsons and Vons supermarkets and donate a $5 pre-filled bag of food. All donations help us deliver food to nearly 200 and 400 households.

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Visit: SanDiegoFoodBank.org/AnnualReport

Find out how your support is helping the Food Bank serve individuals and families in need.

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