

MEDIA ADVISORY

NOTICE OF INFORMATION RELEASE

Government Accountability Office to Release Briefing: Hungry in College: Food Insecurity on American Campuses

San Diego Hunger Coalition available to answer questions and provide resources

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 - **The Government Accountability Office (GAO)** has announced the release of a **new report on how to increase access to nutrition in higher education**. While this topic has long been a focus of hunger relief organizations, experts, and researchers, the GAO report will be **the first-ever national report about the extent of food insecurity among college students**, and the difficulties they experience while accessing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, known as CalFresh in California).

The GAO will host a briefing tomorrow, Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 2:00 pm ET in Washington D.C., however a live stream of the briefing will be available on Facebook at facebook.com/mazonusa.

San Diego Hunger Coalition is ready to answer questions, provide resources, and arrange interviews on the topic of college hunger. The Hunger Coalition regularly partners with universities and community colleges to increase awareness of student eligibility for CalFresh, and leads training sessions for organizations and campuses providing application assistance to low-income students.

The Hunger Coalition uses a multi-pronged approach to addressing college hunger, and is ready to facilitate interviews with partner organizations which use these strategies:

- **Connecting college students to CalFresh benefits:** Feeding San Diego, San Diego State University, University of California, San Diego, Southwestern Community College
- **Super Clinics/Same Day CalFresh Enrollment:** Southwestern Community College
- **On-campus food pantries:** San Diego Food Bank

San Diego Hunger Coalition has a collection of helpful resources and student eligibility guidelines on its website at <https://www.sdhunger.org/calfresh-college-students>.

The full GAO briefing announcement is available at: <http://bit.ly/college-hunger>.

What: GAO briefing & report release on college hunger in America

Where (online): <http://facebook.com/mazonusa>

When: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 2:00 pm ET (11:00 am PT)

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