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San Diego Latin Food Festival supports hunger relief in San Diego County

San Diego Hunger Coalition selected as nonprofit partner for Latin Food Festival

San Diego, August 13, 2019 – The 7th Annual ¡Latin Food Fest! comes to San Diego Bay on August 17th and 18th. The culinary celebration includes a high-energy kick-off with the "Latin Spirits Festival," followed by "Gran Tasting," which features food, beverage, wine, beer, and spirits stations, as well as cooking and cocktail demos by award-winning chefs and mixologists.

This year's festival has selected San Diego Hunger Coalition as the nonprofit partner. Their mission is to lead collaborative action to end hunger in San Diego County supported by research, education, and advocacy. San Diego Hunger Coalition celebrates its 45th anniversary this year.

¡Latin Food Fest! draws a diversity of attendees while helping to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger in San Diego County. The Hunger Coalition will receive 100% of proceeds from "Designated Driver" tickets, silent auctions, and donations made by ticket buyers on the festival's website.

Charitable contributions will support the Hunger Coalition's *Hunger Free Kids* program which provides technical assistance, hands-on support, and training for schools and nonprofits in San Diego County to launch or expand free meal programs for kids.

More information and tickets for the 7th Annual ¡Latin Food Fest! are available at latinfoodfest.com.

About Hunger Free Kids

In San Diego County, 1 in 5 children don't always have enough to eat. The best way to ensure our kids are properly nourished is through federal nutrition programs such as school lunches, breakfasts, and suppers. These federal programs are fully reimbursable and follow strict nutrition guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Hunger Free Kids works with schools, districts, government agencies, and nonprofits to start or expand federal child nutrition programs. San Diego Hunger Coalition research shows that in 2016 there were \$170 million in untapped federal reimbursements for youth meals in San Diego County. Hunger Free Kids helps schools and nonprofits utilize these resources to their fullest potential to feed more kids in their communities.

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