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## San Diego Hunger Coalition Releases Hunger Free Kids Report

### Over \$170 million available to end child hunger in San Diego County

San Diego, October 15, 2018 – All kids, whether they are white, black, or brown, deserve three square meals a day. In San Diego, a shocking **1 in 5 kids lack consistent access** to adequate food. The good news is, **there are already programs** that can reach **every single kid**.

The San Diego Hunger Coalition is releasing the **2018 Hunger Free Kids Report** today. The report is the first in San Diego County to provide a road map for schools and nonprofits, such as Feeding San Diego, to seize opportunities to feed more kids through existing federal programs.

*“Hunger is a devastating challenge for children across San Diego County,”* says Vince Hall, CEO of Feeding San Diego, *“This report is the most comprehensive analysis ever done, giving us not just the scope of the problem, but a range of powerful solutions. Feeding San Diego began implementing some of these solutions before the ink on this report was dry, and we are going to work closely with the San Diego Hunger Coalition in the months and years ahead to expand and strengthen our collaborative work until every child has access to the nutritious food they need.”*

With a little time and resources, San Diego County could:

- Leverage over **\$170 million EACH YEAR in additional federal reimbursements**.
- Bring an **additional 70 million youth meals** to San Diego.
- Improve children’s ability to play, learn, and ultimately earn.

*“We hope every nonprofit and school district can take advantage of these fully-funded meals,”* says Anahid Brakke, Executive Director of San Diego Hunger Coalition, *“It’s good for kids and good for the budgets of the schools and organizations that serve them. San Diego Hunger Coalition, and our Hunger Free Kids partners like Feeding San Diego, are here to help get programs up and running.”*

**Only a fraction of available resources is currently utilized by San Diego school districts and nonprofits.** The report lays out concrete opportunities for improvement and deeper impact in 25 low-income San Diego County school districts, and strategies for any person, organization, or agency that wants to put an end to child hunger.

For more information, please visit [www.sandiegohungercoalition.org/hunger-free-kids-report](http://www.sandiegohungercoalition.org/hunger-free-kids-report)

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