



Notice of Event

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First Annual State of Hunger Luncheon

San Diego Hunger Coalition and Hunger Free San Diego Advisory Board reveal a transformational approach to ending hunger in San Diego County.

San Diego, November 15, 2019 – On November 15, 2019, San Diego Hunger Coalition will host its **inaugural State of Hunger Luncheon** at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. The luncheon will feature a briefing on hunger in San Diego County, a panel presentation of local hunger relief experts, networking opportunities, and an audience of over 200 guests representing local nonprofits, philanthropy, government, healthcare, education and more.

At the State of Hunger Luncheon, attendees will be provided with a **detailed look at new data on hunger and hunger relief in San Diego County that has never been previously available**. The data helps bring the comprehensive story of hunger in San Diego to light and illuminates a clear path forward that builds upon our hunger relief community's many strengths and successes.

1st Annual State of Hunger Luncheon

November 15, 2019

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation

[404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114](https://www.jacobscenter.org/404-Euclid-Avenue-San-Diego-CA-92114)

Info and tickets: sdhunger.org/state-of-hunger

Topics that will be covered:

- **Who is Hungry and Why?** *The latest statistics on food insecurity and a closer look at the populations affected.*
- **Are We Meeting the Need?** *NEW data on the number of meals currently provided by San Diego's hunger relief community and the gap we need to close.*
- **Trends & Opportunities.** *Hear from a panel of experts representing different types of hunger relief programs.*
- **Hunger Free San Diego.** *An unprecedented campaign to fight hunger that builds upon existing resources with data and systems-based approach to ensuring every San Diegan has enough to eat in their time of need.*

Speakers:

- **Anahid Brakke**, Executive Director, San Diego Hunger Coalition
- **Paul Downey**, President & CEO, Serving Seniors
- **Vince Hall**, CEO, Feeding San Diego
- **Angela Kretschmar**, Executive Director, Heaven's Windows
- **Gary Petill**, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, San Diego Unified School District
- **Vanessa Ruiz-Moore**, Vice President of Operations, Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank
- **Karla Samayoa**, Director of Enrollment and Navigation, 2-1-1 San Diego
- **Amanda Schultz Brochu**, Hunger Free San Diego Director, San Diego Hunger Coalition

About Hunger Free San Diego

Hunger Free San Diego is a multi-year, countywide initiative to ensure no San Diegan goes without food in their time of need. Creating a Hunger Free San Diego will require cross-sector collaboration and a bold, new way of thinking about the problem.

Hunger Free San Diego is guided by a local advisory board of more than 30 CEOs, program directors, researchers and other experts representing different elements of our local hunger relief system including food banks and pantries, social service agencies, government, healthcare, education, academia, philanthropy, and other aligned collaboratives.

The members of Hunger Free San Diego are united in the belief that solving hunger in our region is possible and that the solution lies in maximizing available resources, enhancing existing programs, and in applying a more coordinated and strategic approach to how our community targets and prioritizes its efforts for the biggest and most sustainable impact on hunger in San Diego County.

Hunger Free San Diego is led by the San Diego Hunger Coalition and is part of the national Hunger Free Communities Network.

About San Diego Hunger Coalition

For 45 years, the San Diego Hunger Coalition (SDHC) has brought people and organizations in San Diego County together in a fight against the devastating and debilitating effects of hunger. SDHC does not provide direct service. We are a backbone organization that strengthens San Diego's hunger relief community by facilitating collaborative solutions. We use data to highlight current gaps, opportunities, and underutilized resources to propel our sector toward the greatest impact and most dignified assistance, while being as cost-effective and efficient as possible. We are social innovators, systems engineers and capacity builders, and we nurture and strengthen collaborations and partnerships that result in more alignment and less duplication of services.

SDHC conducts training and technical assistance for community-based organizations and schools to start or expand federal nutrition programs; educates policymakers and the public about the social, economic, and environmental factors that contribute to hunger; and advocates for legislative and administrative policies to end hunger, promote nutrition and protect public health. Each year, more than 100 different local nonprofit service providers, school districts, higher education institutions, Federally Qualified Health Centers, hospitals, affordable housing providers, and government agencies participate in one or more of the collaborative tables we lead including the CalFresh Task Force, Hunger Free Kids Task Force, Hunger Advocacy Network, or the Hunger Free San Diego Advisory Board.

Our mission remains true to our founding purpose 45 years ago: To lead coordinated action to end hunger in San Diego County supported by research, education and advocacy.

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For more information on the State of Hunger Luncheon, please visit www.sdhunger.org/state-of-hunger or contact Joe Shumate, Communications Officer, at joseph@sdhunger.org.

