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RELEASE: The Fresno Center receives grant from No Kid Hungry to decrease food insecurity in young children

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4/12/21, Fresno, CA: No Kid Hungry, a campaign from the national nonprofit Share Our Strength, will invest [\\$3 million in grants to organizations](#) focused on early childhood to help decrease food insecurity among children under the age of six.

At one point during the past year, [40 percent of parents of kids under six reported job or income loss related to the coronavirus pandemic. More than one in five parents reported food insecurity in their household.](#) Early childhood is the most intensive period of brain and body development, and hunger and hardship at this age can have long-term implications for children.

The No Kid Hungry grants will serve more than 120 early child care centers, healthcare providers and community organizations. These organizations work with an estimated 170,000 children under the age of five in 34 states and the District of Columbia, including The Fresno Center in Fresno CA.

“Food insecurity in the early years can have an immediate and lasting impact on overall health, learning, school readiness, and behavior,” says Caron Gremont, Director of Early Childhood for the No Kid Hungry campaign. “These flexible, year-long grants will help organizations provide healthy food to young kids and their families at this critical time.”

The Fresno Center has been making a huge impact on Food insecurity in Southeast Fresno and continues to offer wrap around services to food clients who indicate need on the intake form collected by trained advocates and social workers. The Fresno Center will utilize the grant funds to provide nutrition education and meals to 600 families which will strengthen our efforts to reach the most vulnerable population – CHILDREN.

The Fresno Center has been on the front line of food insecurity for over four years with a monthly Neighborhood Market. However, this past year we increased our efforts with a partnership with the City of Fresno CARES ACT to offer a weekly food distribution in which we have fed over 200,000 residents in the City of Fresno. This enhanced support by No Kids Hungry funding will provide local Fresno parents with children 0-5 a customized nutrition box and an invitation to a virtual family cooking experience that will be culturally specific for our Fresno clients. Food pantry and distribution combined with health education is the key for us to be successful in this endeavor, says Pao Yang, President & CEO, The Fresno Center.

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About No Kid Hungry

No child should go hungry in America. But in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, 1 in 6 kids could face hunger this year. No Kid Hungry is working to end childhood hunger by helping launch and improve programs that give all kids the healthy food they need to thrive. This is a problem we know how to solve. No Kid Hungry is a campaign of Share Our Strength, an organization committed to ending hunger and poverty.

About The Fresno Center

Founded in 1991, the mission of The Fresno Center is to assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient, self-fulfilled, and productive members of the community while fostering cultural preservation and promoting cross-cultural understanding. It has a long-standing history of providing traditional and culturally competent, and linguistic services to the growing needs of underserved and unserved, low-income residents in Fresno County.