

Advocacy Update

April 2026



IN THE NEWS: *Feeding America Fly-in Recap*



During the week of March 2nd, Second Harvest joined more than 300 food bankers across the nation in Washington, D.C., as part of the Feeding America Fly-In. And for the first time, we were able to bring two of our Community Champions, Santiago and Kassem, with us to share their personal food insecurity stories directly with legislators. Pictured above left are Santiago (left), Malia Cary (Dir. of Government Affairs & Community Relations), and Kassem.

Thank you to the members of our Orange County delegation who took the time to meet with us and listen to our community members. We are grateful for your partnership in our work to end food insecurity in Orange County.

AT THE FOOD BANK: *Legislative Staffers Luncheon*

On Tuesday, March 24th, we held our annual Legislative Staffers Luncheon where we welcomed federal and state district staffers to the Food Bank. Staffers had the opportunity to learn about the work of Second Harvest directly from our CEO, Claudia Bonilla Keller, and then take a tour of the Distribution Center. They were also able to hear about our state and federal policy priorities for this year and about the current state of food insecurity in Orange County.

Thank you to our hardworking staffers who came out on behalf of our elected officials. We appreciate your time and all that you do in support of the Food Bank and the people in our communities. We are grateful for your partnership!



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ON THE CALENDAR:

March 28 – April 12 – Congressional Recess
April 18 – [Walk to Feed OC](#)
April 21 – [CA Hunger Action Coalition -- Hunger Action Day](#)