

ECHO, INC. TO RECEIVE NOURISHING NEIGHBORS DONATIONS MADE AT LOCAL ALBERTSONS AND SAFEWAY STORES IN SEPTEMBER

Farmington, NM – 9/15/21 – Economic Council Helping Others (ECHO), Inc. has been selected as a charity partner for Albertsons and Safeway stores and will receive donations from its annual Nourishing Neighbors campaign aimed at helping ensure every child has access to a healthy breakfast.

All donations made at the Albertsons and Safeway stores (Farmington and Aztec locations) will be used to purchase individually packaged, easy-to-open breakfast foods for kids at risk of going hungry. These foods will be put together in a bag to create about 5 breakfast meals and distributed to children during the summer of 2022.

“Young minds and bodies need a healthy breakfast to kick off their day,” said ECHO, Inc. CEO, Nanette Pinckney. “Eating breakfast improves alertness, concentration, mental performance and mood. We’re thrilled to have been selected as the charity partner for these Albertsons and Safeway stores and grateful to the Albertsons and Safeway Foundation’s Nourishing Neighbors initiative for their ongoing commitment to fighting hunger in our communities.”

ECHO, Inc. has been providing meals to the kids of San Juan County for over 20 years through our Backpack for Children program. Food filled backpacks are provided to over 26 schools to provide to children identified as food insecure when not in school during the weekend and holiday breaks. These food filled backpacks not only benefit the child receiving it, but many times their younger siblings as well.

Nourishing Neighbors aims to fight hunger by helping keep Food Banks stocked, supporting meal distribution programs at schools, and supporting programs that provide food to seniors. As a program of Albertsons and Safeway Foundation, it is working to eradicate childhood hunger in America. With as many as 1 in 4 children in America at risk of hunger, the funds raised in September will be dedicated to local efforts that ensure every child has access to a healthy breakfast.

Breakfast is an essential school supply for kids to learn, grow, and thrive and together we are making our neighborhoods better places for our children to grow up.

Anyone wishing to support ECHO, Inc. through this program can go to their local Albertsons and Safeway store and make a donation to Nourishing Neighbors at checkout September 1-30.

Together we can empower our community to thrive.

Locally great and nationally strong, Albertson's Companies is one of the largest food and drug retailers in the United States. Albertsons Cos. operates stores across 34 states and the District of Columbia under 20 well-known banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen and Carrs. The Denver Division has 124 Safeway and Albertsons stores in five states, including Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, South Dakota and Nebraska, and employs more than 10,000 people. Albertsons Cos. is committed to helping people across the country live better lives by making a meaningful difference, neighborhood by neighborhood. In 2019 alone, along with the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the Company gave nearly \$225 million in food and financial support. These efforts helped millions of people in the areas of hunger relief, education, cancer research and treatment, programs for people with disabilities and veterans outreach.

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