JASON PAOLINI OF US FOODS APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT FEEDING AMERICA SAN DIEGO

Starting with a donation of thousands of pounds of food, US Foods President joins FASD

SAN DIEGO – May 16, 2013 — Feeding America San Diego (FASD) announces a huge donation of thousands of pounds of food thanks to a strong partnership with US Foods. Holding senior leadership roles with US Foods since 1999, Jason Paolini has served as the President of US Foods in the Greater San Diego area since 2010. Paolini starts in a new role this month as a board member for FASD and is kicking off his support by donating thousands of pounds of food from the US Foods Culinary Expo on May 22.

“US Foods and our employees look forward to making an even bigger impact on hunger in San Diego in the future,” said Jason Paolini, president of US Foods in the Greater San Diego-region. “The food donation from our Expo is just the first step in supporting Feeding America San Diego’s great work.”

The US Foods Culinary Expo, held on Wednesday, May 22 at the Port Pavilion at Broadway Pier from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is a showcase of the products and vendors of the organization. All the remaining food from the US Foods Culinary Expo will be picked up by FASD for distribution to adults, seniors and children in need. Additionally, this event commemorates the launch of an innovative new partnership with US Foods that allows FASD and its partner agencies to streamline food orders, minimize costs and expand access to rarely donated food items.

“We couldn’t be happier to have Jason and US Foods joining Feeding America San Diego in a bigger way,” said Jennifer Gilmore, FASD executive director. “Together, we look forward to offering innovative food resources to our partner nonprofits across the county to reach more of the families and children struggling with food insecurity.”

Local US Foods employees have donated more than $26,000 to support the work of FASD to provide emergency food assistance to the 1 in 5 people facing hunger in San Diego County. Nationally, US Foods has made generous donations of more than 20 million pounds of food and grocery product.

As a mission partner of Feeding America national, US Foods engages in programmatic support, employee payroll deduction and product donations to food banks across the nation. Further solidifying the pairing of food distributors to hunger-relief, Robert B. Aiken, Jr., former President and Chief Executive Officer of US Foods, joined Feeding America as the President and Chief Executive Officer in December 2012.
Prior to US Foods, Paolini held management roles in the hospitality and utilities industries. He has landed business development accounts that include the San Diego Chargers, San Diego Padres, Milwaukee Bucks and the PGA of America. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Cabrini College and has served on the Board of Directors at California Restaurant Association since 2011.

To learn more about how to help feed hungry San Diegans, visit FeedingAmericaSD.org.

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ABOUT FEEDING AMERICA SAN DIEGO
Established in 2007, Feeding America San Diego (FASD) is San Diego’s largest distributor of hunger-relief food, more than 21.5 million pounds within the last year, and the only Feeding America affiliate in the county. FASD works closely with over 160 partner agencies, local school districts, corporate partners and a network of volunteers to serve 73,000 children, families and seniors in need each week. Devoted to feeding the hungry, advocating for a sustainable future, and educating the community, FASD is committed to building a hunger-free and healthy San Diego through innovative programs and collaborative partnerships.

ABOUT US FOODS
With more than $20 billion in annual revenue, US Foods is the tenth largest private company in America. As one of America’s great food companies and leading distributors, US Foods is Keeping Kitchens Cooking and making life easier for more than 250,000 customers, including independent and multi-unit restaurants, healthcare and hospitality entities, government and educational institutions. The company offers more than 350,000 products, including high-quality, exclusive brands such as the innovative Chef’s Line, a time-saving, chef-inspired line of scratch-quality products, and Rykoff Sexton, a premium line of specialty ingredients sourced from around the world. US Foods also showcases its innovative food culture through The Scoop, a quarterly launch of new, on-trend products designed to make customers more successful. The company proudly employs approximately 25,000 people in more than 60 locations nationwide. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill., and jointly owned by funds managed by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Inc. and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.