

Season's greetings, valued team members.

We have finished another revolution around the Sun. It is time to welcome 2026 with hope and optimism. I know we are all going to create a beautiful year as a team. All we need is empathy, courage, and time – especially that last one. Give us time, and we can accomplish anything.

Time seems to pass more quickly these days. Months feel like days and years feel like months. When I joined this team, I was in my twenties. Aside from having no grey hair, my perception of time was different. Back then, I used to think time couldn't pass fast enough, like I was always anticipating something special, and that all that stood between me and that something special was time. It was an obstacle. Now that I am in my forties, with mostly gray hair, time can't go slowly enough. It marches on like an invading force, and I want to raise an army to block its advance. This may be a sign of all the wonderful people in my life, the fulfillment I get from my activities, or the gratitude I seem to experience more often than ever before. But, as I think about it, I even want the bad days to go by more slowly. So, it can't just be that I am craving more of the good times – I just want more time, good and bad.

As 2025 comes to a close, I hope that all of us can look back and feel some level of satisfaction with the time we all had. It's funny to think that regardless of how we spent our time this year, we all had equal amounts of it, even if it went by faster for some and slower for others. I am sure that most of us will agree that time spent joyously always passes more quickly than troubled times. I sincerely hope everyone experienced more joy than trouble this year.

Please end this year with a great amount of pride in your heart. There is so much to be proud of. We complete another year of continuing our sacred work: nourishing children. I cannot think of a more virtuous career path for any of us. Though I don't want this message to be about accomplishments, everyone on this team accomplished something, a lot of things, in fact. The children of Santa Ana are healthier because of the work done in our kitchens, on our trucks, in our warehouse, and in our offices. Everyone contributed, and everyone should rest knowing the work we do is meaningful. In this way, time has very little to do with it. It's the things we did together this year that infuse time with meaning.

I wish everyone a restful, joyous, and "slow" winter break. Happy Holidays to all. See you in the new year.



Josh

Season's greetings,



Dear Nutrition Services Team,

As we turn the page to 2026, I want to take a moment to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. Your dedication, compassion, and teamwork make the impossible possible every single day.

Let's carry this energy into the new year—creating, inspiring, and lifting each other up. Here's to more moments that matter, more laughter, more growth, and more shared victories. Together, we make every second count.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

With gratitude and pride,



Josefina



HAPPY
Holidays
