



Summer 2021 Newsletter

The Foothills Food Bank — A Source of Hope and Help

This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to *Service*.



As we celebrate our 32nd year of service, Foothills Food Bank was voted the Best Non-Profit Organization by the Best of North Valley. The Food Bank also again received the top A-1 rating from Maricopa County. That rating has been held for 18 years.



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Foothills Food Bank provides food, referral information and financial assistance to individuals and families in need within its service area. The number of food bank clients grows by 10% each year.



A special thank you to our Board, donors, staff and volunteers for their dedication. Supporting our 3 full-time and 5 part-time staff members, over 300 volunteers contributed 26,315 service hours over the past year.

So far this year, \$941,655 worth of food and financial assistance has been distributed to our neighbors in need.

New Strategic Plan Highlights

The FFB Board of Directors recently approved a five-year strategic plan. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Serve more clients by expanding service area to be based on zip code.
- Enhance existing community partnerships and create new ones to update referral resources for clients.
- Pilot mobile delivery outreach to distribute more food.
- Evaluate physical space, improve safety and plan for future growth needs.
- Explore and implement revised management systems to support daily operations and efficiencies.

Thank you to Board members Dirk Dijkerman, Lory Olsson and Darrilyn Adams for their invaluable assistance with the development of this important plan.



Proudly Representing Our Community

Mission

The Foothills Food Bank and Resource Center provides food, referral information and financial assistance to individuals and families in need within our service area.

Hours of Operation

Cave Creek:

Monday thru Friday – 9AM to noon
Tuesday and Thursday evenings –
5:30PM to 7:00PM

Black Canyon City:

Tuesday and Thursday – 7:30 to 11AM

Address

Cave Creek:

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Cave Creek, AZ 85331

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**We are a 501c3
charitable organization.**

**93 cents of every dollar
donated goes directly to
support our mission.**

Growing Need



Our Lady of Joy Roman Catholic Church collected 6,117 pounds of food and over \$6,000! A special thank you to their dedicated volunteers.



St. Gabriel Catholic Church has been a loyal partner with the Food Bank, from collecting Easter baskets for our families to hosting Spring and Fall food drives. This Spring they promoted 5 community food drives, a school drive and a church drive, going door-to-door with flyers and grocery bags, and collected 8,329 pounds of food and over \$2,500. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!



Over the past 12 months, **North Valley Jewish Community Association (NVJCA)** has donated over 1,600 pounds of food. This is in addition to their participation in the holiday Adopt-A-Family program, children's birthday party bags, Passover Seder meals and more. NVJCA dedicates 100% of their social action in support of the Food Bank. We are honored. A special thank you to Nea Cohen and Elaine Rose and the other members of NVJCA's Social Action Committee.



Sonoran Trails Middle School collected 375 pounds of food and \$50 at their May food drive. They have been supporters of the Food Bank for over 3 years.



Girl Scouts Troop 4640 visited the Food Bank to learn about neighbors in need and servant leadership. The second graders donated 22 pounds of Girl Scout cookies, toured the facility, packed backpacks of food and supplies and created handmade inspirational cards for our senior clients.

Dedicated to Service

Volunteer Profiles



After being a Food Bank volunteer for a short time, **Julie Writz** has already made her mark by heading up the FFB logo clothing program and annual Shred-A-Thon event. She also volunteers in the warehouse every week and has made this a family affair by bringing her daughters to help when they are in town and recruiting her husband Dave to lend his expertise with streamlining operational processes and communications with our clients.



Superhero **Louie Smaniotto**, Warehouse Team Lead, has again donated over 1,000 volunteer hours this past year to benefit the Food Bank. Louie guides the warehouse team every Monday, Wednesday and Friday as they unload and sort 5,000 – 7,000 pounds of food deliveries per shift, stock the Food Bank with fruit, produce, deli items and baked goods, and load trucks bound for Black Canyon City and other locations. This hard-working man is a real superhero!



Board Member Profile

Lory Olsson, an Arizona native, retired from the software management field and was seeking a cause with which to share her time and talents. When the Food Bank was recruiting new Board members, Lory was selected and has served on the Board for two years. She also volunteers on Wednesdays to greet clients and assist them with food and resources. Lory is thoughtful, empathetic and embraces change, and she was instrumental in creating the 5-year Strategic Plan to help guide the Food Bank's future.



Donor Profile

Meet **Andrew and Gail Cannella**, who have been major Food Bank donors for the past five years. They began by making regular donations of non-perishable food items from our Wish List and now also make generous monetary donations throughout the year, especially during all holidays. They believe in sharing their good fortune to help others in need. This quiet couple expects nothing in return and hopes to motivate others to take action to strengthen our community. They are another example of service and generosity during this crazy past year. Our deepest gratitude to them and our many other supporters!



Special Funding Opportunities

93 cents of every dollar donated supports our mission.

Visit our website at www.foothillsfoodbank.com to help us fund these special projects:

- 1. Client Pantry:** Paint, update shelving and provide a welcoming space in the front food pantry when clients return after Covid. Make drive-thru driveway modifications.
- 2. Warehouse:** Improve warehouse safety and provide permanent shade canopy over loading dock. Update equipment and workflow.
- 3. Community Training Center:** Convert back room space to create a conference/training center for volunteers, Board, and to welcome our special groups like church groups, Scouts, etc.

Make a generous donation and tell us which project you would like to fund. Feel free to choose more than one!

2021 Board of Directors

President – Charles Laurenti

Vice President – Lory Olsson

Secretary – Terry Dowd

Treasurer – Glenn Ford

Directors – Chuck Weirauch

Darrilyn Adams

Jill Hieb


Joe McCabe

Myong Covert

Elaine Adrian

New Members – Jill Muth





The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive sponsored by the United States Postal Service will be an online campaign only because of COVID. Please visit our website at www.foothillsfoodbank.com to donate.

Shred Success!

This year's Shred-A-Thon garnered donations of \$2,243 and 585 pounds of food, while offering members of our community an opportunity to securely shred their sensitive documents.

Zero Hero Winner

To acknowledge our great partnership, Kroger's president presented Foothills Food Bank with a check for \$2,000 during their annual 2020 Zero Hero celebration honoring Fry's Foods at Thompson Peak and Hayden. This program is committed to ending hunger in our communities and eliminating waste across their company by 2025.



2021 Charitable Donation Form

The Charitable Tax Credit helps the Foothills Food Bank continue its mission. Support the food bank and reduce your Arizona tax bill with a tax credit of up to \$400 for individuals and \$800 for married couples. This year the state is requiring donors to use a code when making a donation. The new **Qualified Charitable Organization Code for the Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center on your Arizona income tax returns is 20514**. For more information, visit www.azdor.gov, click on Tax Credits, Contributions to QCOs and QFCOs or call **1-800-843-7196**. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Amount Donated _____ Amount enclosed _____

(Please make check payable to **Foothills Food Bank**.)

Or

Please charge my VISA _____ MC _____ Discover _____ American Express _____

Card number _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code (3 digits on back of card) _____

Signature _____ Date _____