



Foothills Food Bank Fall, 2021 Newsletter

Feeding Hungry, Empowering Neighbors, Giving Hope

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

Flexibility is the key to stability. ~ John Wooden

I want to express my appreciation and a big **THANK YOU** to our staff and volunteers for their yogi-like flexibility as we administer new procedures and programs to adapt to the changing climate of food security.



A few of the changes we have implemented:

In the beginning of August, we welcomed clients back inside to an enhanced marketplace where they can shop for fresh produce, deli and dairy, in addition to receiving their food box. Thank you to Desert Foothills Lutheran Church for their help in building shelves and moving product to create the renovated space! In an effort to meet our neighbors where they are, we have started 4 new food sharing programs: **Pop-up mobile distributions, Micro-pantries, Food partnering** and **Senior Market Day**.

Our marketing team has been hard at work designing a new website and brochures, and creating branding guidelines. Kudos to Pat Zeman, Carly Reuter (Tech 4 Life), and Marcus Holder for the amazing digital design work. To see our new look and learn more about the new programs, check out www.foothillsfoodbank.com!

A shoutout to Dave Writz (Evolve Solutions) for creating software programs to streamline our ordering and reporting processes and Steve Woods (Tech 4 Life) for helping us update our internal communication platform. Watch out, the FFB is becoming tech-savvy!

Thanks to all for assisting us in fulfilling our vision of **Feeding Hungry, Empowering Neighbors, Giving Hope**. We could not do it without your support!

With Gratitude,
Leigh

Welcome New Food Partners

In an effort to minimize food waste, address the changing landscape and increase our impact in the community, we have begun new partnerships with the following organizations to distribute produce, bread and baked goods to our neighbors in need every week:

- **SonShine Learning Center** in Black Canyon City is a place for children to learn and grow in a nurturing, loving environment. The Center opened as a ministry of Black Canyon Community Church.
- **My Crossroads Fellowship Church** in New River is a bible-based church working to strengthen the community.
- **Phoenix Impact Center** is a community-centered child and family outreach facility. On Sundays, they serve the community as Gospel Missions International.
- **Grace & Mercy Homeless Ministries** – Providing food with the love of Jesus.



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:

Senior Market Day,

Monday – 10:00AM to noon

Tuesday 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:

6038 E. Hidden Valley Drive

Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Black Canyon City:

34550 Old Black Canyon Highway

Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

PO BOX

PO Box 715

Carefree, AZ 85377

Phone

Cave Creek: (480) 488-1145

Black Canyon City: (623) 374-9441

Email

info@foothillsfoodbank.com

Website

www.foothillsfoodbank.com

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charitable organization.**

Meet our Outstanding Partners



Rotary of Anthem and Daisy Mountain Fire Department collected over 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food, \$1,080 and 3 gift cards.



Desert Foothills Lutheran Church volunteers assisted in building shelves and organizing our food bank pantry as we welcome clients back into the building.



YMCA hosted a “Case for a Cause” event to benefit the Food Bank during the hot summer. 1,400 pounds of bottled water was donated.



Trinity Fellowship of Cave Creek, a non-denominational, bible-based church, collected food and monetary donations as they hosted services at the American Legion Post 34. Susie Snider was proud of the bounty collected, reminding her of their Sermon on the Mount inspiration.



Canon Elementary School in Black Canyon City hosted a Back 2 School Jamboree. A special shoutout to **Anthem Giving Circle, The Wednesday Club, Anthem Country Club, Rotary Clubs of Anthem and Scottsdale, Fireman’s Charity, St. Vincent de Paul Society** and our many private donors for collecting school supplies. Our partner, Kids Need to Read, donated 1,150 books and resources valued at \$7,707!!! 43 students attended, 12 received new haircuts, 4 families signed up as new Food Bank clients, 9 signed up for our Snack Pack program and 11 teachers received totes filled with special gifts. We just set up **our first micro-pantry**. Students and parents have easy access to nutritious food and necessities.



Dedicated to Service

Volunteer Profile



Jim Bridgewater is one of the van drivers who picks up between 3,000 – 7,000 pounds of donated food from our retail partners every day. Jim has been volunteering for the Food Bank since last Fall. He has a friendly, helpful and patient personality, a necessary combination since he is our point person working with Target and Safeway store personnel. He believes in service to others and finds joy in helping his fellow man. Jim found the Food Bank through a friend and Scottsdale Bible Church, where he also volunteers.

Board Member Profile



Originally from California, **Darrilyn Adams** joined the Board one year ago and lends her business, sales and marketing and corporate relationship skill set to our strong Board team. She was instrumental in developing the 5-year strategic plan for the Food Bank and hopes to help creatively bring food to those in need via mobile pantries and new strategic partnerships and to help de-stigmatize food insecurity. Her hope is to help grow the Food Bank's reach, to stay current with the needs of the community and to raise awareness of the great work we do and the delicious, healthy food we have to offer.

Donor Profile



Don & Kris Madson have been involved with the Food Bank since 2015. They started as volunteer drivers collecting food donations from Fry's and Trader Joe's. They have continued supporting the Food Bank by donating food from our Wish List weekly. Don is a retired medical device salesperson and has traveled the world. Kris is a retired dietician and trainer. Both experienced food insecurity as children and they feel blessed to help wherever and whenever possible. They are proud to support the Food Bank's mission and see firsthand how store partnerships, donors, volunteers and creating awareness of those in need build a strong and health community. Feeding the hungry is a 24-hour, 365-day need. We are thrilled to have such wonderful, loyal donors and advocates.

Senior Connect Meal Program



The Food Bank is thrilled to partner with the **Valley of the Sun United Way's** "Mighty Change" program to connect older adults in Maricopa County with community resources and locally prepared, flash-frozen, restaurant-quality meals prepared by **Ruby's Express Diner** in Anthem.



Each week from August – December, seniors can pick up a box containing 6 meals with a packet of preparation instructions and valuable resources at the Food Bank. The meal program is part of a larger five-year effort driving positive change for our community to reach mighty goals in health, housing and homelessness, education and workforce development.

These meals can be picked up at the Cave Creek food bank during Senior Market Day on Mondays from 10:00 – noon.

Food for Life – New Client Handout

A special thank you to Jennifer Griffiths, Dave Writz and the Paradise Valley Community College for developing the Foothills Food Bank Recipes for Success handout. Pages include Who We Are, Tips for a Cardiovascular Health Diet, How to Get More Vegetables in Your Day, 2 recipes, Preparing a Monthly Budget, 8 Realistic Ways to Stretch Your Food Budget and valuable community resources.

Empowering and educating clients to give hope! I am sure our clients appreciate the information.



Special Events:

Visit our NEW website at www.foothillsfoodbank.com for more details.

Empty Bowls will be both online and in-person at Harold's Cave Creek Corral on October 15th. Individuals can bid on the art auction and bowl sale donated by members of the Sonoran Arts League prior to the event. The event was created to shed light on World Hunger Day.

Shred-A-Thon will be held on November 13th at the municipal parking lot at 6061 E. Hidden Valley Dr. in Cave Creek. In addition to secure document shredding, there will be expanded resources to recycle old prescription drugs and electronics, and to donate clothing, books and more.

Adopt-A-Family is celebrating our 19th year of spreading holiday cheer to our clients' families! Donors and clients can begin signing up for our holiday program on October 1st.

Turkey Drive – Donate online to help us provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. We are looking to purchase smaller turkey breasts for seniors and small families.

Mobile Distribution at New River Senior Center – 4th Thursday of each month and more. Also at Coolwater Church – 3rd Saturday of each month.

Thank You to Big Earl's Eats, Local Johnny's, The Eddy, Bryant's BBQ and Hibachibot food truck for donating a portion of their Cave Creek Summerfest profits to the Food Bank.

2021 Board of Directors

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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 _____