FOOD BANK OF THE YEAR
we owe it all to you
2018 GRATITUDE REPORT
Our Mission

We change lives in the communities we serve by feeding the hungry today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow.
Dear friends & neighbors,

This year has been a truly remarkable one. Expanded facilities, new programs, more fresh food than ever before—and the incredible honor of being named Feeding America’s 2018 Food Bank of the Year.

We owe it all to you.

Feeding America selected our Community Food Bank as the most outstanding organization from over 200 food banks across the country. We are humbled and inspired by this recognition—but more than that, we remain humbled and inspired by you.

The real award goes to you: our donors, volunteers, and partners who stand up every day to make our community great. This national recognition is proof of what we’ve known all along: that our family of supporters in southern Arizona is very special.

From innovative programs that get fresh produce to families, to new spaces where community members can come to feel at home, you have led us through another year of progress, growth, and renewed commitment to our mission.

As you read about the highlights from our work this year, we hope you’ll remember that all of it is only possible because of you.

Thank you for your incredible commitment to our community. We’re proud to have you standing with us through an award-winning year.

With deep gratitude,

Michael McDonald  
Chief Executive Officer & President

Robert Mohelnitzky, MSW  
Board Chair

Chief Programs Officer Robert Ojeda accepts the Feeding America Food Bank of the Year award.
You want to give out food that you would want to eat. Food that makes people feel good.
Serving Up Kindness

Laura is 81, but she spends her days making sure other seniors have the food they need.

“Age is just a number,” says Laura. “Maybe when I’m 90 I’ll take a break.”

Laura spends twenty hours a week volunteering at our recently expanded Caridad Community Kitchen, where she packages the meals that will be delivered to nursing homes and homebound seniors.

“I look at the meals and I think ‘I would eat that!’” says Laura. “That’s what you want. You want to give out food that you would want to eat. Food that makes people feel good.”

The meals are designed to fit the nutritional needs of aging seniors, and to be delicious when heated up at home. Meals are prepared at Caridad and delivered to seniors in need through a partnership with Pima Council on Aging and Catholic Community Services.

“I do feel like I’m doing some good here,” says Laura. “For some people, this is the only food they’re going to get. And I’m going to make sure they get enough of it.”

“Every day when I leave here, I pray all the way home,” says Laura. “I say thank you for everything I have. I say thank you for all the people who give back. And for something as basic as food—I pray that everyone has that.”

More learning, more cooking, and more meals for our community—you make it possible!

CARIDAD SERVED

328,290 MEALS

INCLUDING SENIOR MEALS &

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS

THAT’S A

177% INCREASE

IN MEALS FROM LAST

FISCAL YEAR!

MEALS WERE PREPARED BY

270 VOLUNTEERS

AND 35 CULINARY STUDENTS

▲ A generous donation from the Kautz Family Foundation doubled the size of Caridad Community Kitchen this year.
Gabriela

Nutrition Education Leader

“I feel like we’re part of the community here. Like people are looking out for us.”
Healthy Families, Healthy Futures

Gabriela started going to the Palo Verde Resource Center to take English classes. What she found was a community of people ready to help her family.

“We don’t have any other family here,” says Gabi. “It’s just us.” Gabi’s two-year-old daughter, Gretel, sits on her lap.

Gabi and Gretel pick up fresh produce at Palo Verde High School every Monday—tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, peppers, spinach, watermelon, and more.

“It’s huge, to get fresh vegetables,” says Gabi. “And I say hi to everyone I know, and I tell them what I’m going to cook. We start talking, we make friends.”

Gabi spent so much time at Palo Verde that she started getting involved. Now, she volunteers as a Nutrition Education Leader—a parent who learns basic nutrition and cooking skills and then provides cooking lessons for other parents picking up food.

“A lot of parents don’t have time to cook,” says Gabi. “Or they don’t know how. Their kids don’t like healthy things. But I can show them an easy recipe, and it’s fast, and the little ones love it.”

“Right, Gretel? You love healthy foods,” says Gabi. “¿Cuál es tu comida favorita?” What’s your favorite food?

“Plátanos!” Gretel shouts. Bananas!

Gabi smiles. “I’m still learning. It’s a new experience. But I meet people, and I help people, and I learn how to cook things with the food I get. For my family. Everything for my family.”

With your support, our Produce Rescue operation continues to grow!

- WE DISTRIBUTED 52 MILLION + POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE—A 30% INCREASE!
- 73% OF THE TOTAL FOOD WE DISTRIBUTED WAS FRESH PRODUCE
- WE REACHED NEARLY 10,000 FAMILIES, SENIORS & KIDS THROUGH NUTRITION LESSONS
It’s good to have a place to go when I need it. I know there will be someone there.
For Dell, visiting the Community Food Bank in Marana is about more than getting groceries.

“The first time I had to come here, I was so nervous,” says Dell. “If you had told me I would end up loving it, I would’ve called you crazy.”

After a few visits to pick up emergency food, Dell found himself looking forward to his next trip to the food bank.

“Having something to look forward to—that’s important. When you live by yourself and you’re struggling just to pay the bills, there’s just not a lot to look forward to,” says Dell. “That’s a hard way to live.”

As our Marana location has expanded and added new services, it has become a community space where everyone is welcome.

“I realized I actually liked coming here. I started hanging around for a while and chatting with whoever’s around. I check out whatever classes and activities they have going on, learn something new.”

Dell has started a GED class at the new Marana Resource Center and has been practicing his skills in the computer lab.

“I’m working on it!” Dell laughs. “I’m no good at computers yet. But six months ago, I wasn’t even leaving my house. I was living on crackers, ashamed to ask for help.”

“It’s just good to have friendly faces here, you know? It’s good to be here.”

Your gifts are creating Resource Centers that address the root causes of hunger!

THE NEW SPACE HOUSES SERVICES INCLUDING:

- English classes
- Nutrition & cooking classes
- Resume & job search help
- GED programs
- Low-cost medical care & health screenings
- Computer lab services for seniors & veterans
- And more!

Generous community donations grew our Marana location by 3,000 sq. feet.
264,406 emergency food boxes were distributed to 186,130 individuals and families

201,614 hours of service were donated by volunteers

7,000 people learned to grow healthy food

25,352 people donated to make our community a better place to live

CORPORATE & FOUNDATION PARTNERS

ABR Imagery
AHS Foundation
The Albertsons Companies Foundation
Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation
American Endowment Foundation
Andeavor (formerly Western Refining)
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Apache Produce
Arizona Community Action Association
Arizona Community Foundation
Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Department of Education
Arizona Humanities Council
Arizona Lottery
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Bank of America
Bank of America Foundation
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The Columbus Foundation
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
Connie Hillman Family Foundation
Costco
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CP Produce
Darden
Del Campo Supreme Inc
Delta Fresh Sales LLC
Dental Prosthetics, Inc.
Denton Family Foundation
Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment
Divine Flavor, LLC
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GROWING GOOD Neighbors

Las Milpitas Community Farm is growing! Our new just-for-kids space at the farm, The Learning Garden, was completed this year with the help of over 120 volunteers. Because of you, local kids now have an interactive space to learn about soil, plants, nutrition, and where their food comes from.

Las Milpitas grew 4,352 pounds of produce in 68 community garden plots, hosted students from 10 local schools, provided 18 free workshops on food and gardening, and held a weeklong camp for local kids. Your support does more than grow food—it grows strong communities.
CREATING Connections

Our network of community partners continues to grow! With your support, we partner with over **350 local nonprofits**—food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and more.

This year, your gifts helped the rural Tombstone Food Bank grow from a once-a-month mobile food distribution to a full-service food pantry. Tombstone went from serving 70 people a month to serving nearly **600 households and individuals** each month!

That’s just one example of what we can do when we work together. When we share resources, we serve our community in big ways. Thank you!
62,143
backpacks of healthy food went home with local kids in need

452,414
pounds of food was donated through community food drives

100,000+
servings of fresh, local food was grown through Farm & Garden programs

71,119,542
total pounds of food was distributed

TOP 10 FOOD DRIVES

1 National Association of Letter Carriers
2 Winterhaven Festival of Lights
3 Pima County Fair
4 The Highlands of Dove Mountain Community
5 Carondelet Healthy Over Hungry Cereal Drive
6 Casino Del Sol Bingo Food Drive
7 HSL Properties
8 AIA Canstruction
9 Thanksgiving on the Mayflower
10 Voyager RV Resort

SEEDS OF LIFE

Seeds of Life donors are generous individuals who have made the Community Food Bank a priority in their planned giving. Their legacy continues to build a healthy, hunger-free community.

Susan D. Banfield
Linda C. Bergeron-Hulse
Jack J. Challem
Conforti Trust
William F. Crosby
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Groom Family Trust
Gulbert Charitable Remainder Unitrust
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Joy K. Nelson
Paul & Dorothy Olson Revocable Trust
Patricia Tarr
T. Jay Thompson
Linda Jean Wahler
Margaret E. Wilson
Mona Wong
Mary Lou Wood Estate
Marlen D. Yoder
Financial Position

ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

- TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE
  $125,193,229

- MISCELLANEOUS
  $1,794,213

- CONTRIBUTIONS
  $11,695,134

- GOVERNMENT GRANTS
  $3,408,225

- DONATED FOOD
  $108,295,657

ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

- TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES
  $123,711,181

- FOOD & PROGRAMS
  $120,240,733

- ADMIN/FUNDRAISING
  $3,470,448

NET ASSETS AND EXPENSES

NET ASSETS

- Unrestricted $19,760,939
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets $1,612,336
- Permanently Restricted Net Assets $302,910

TOTAL NET ASSETS $20,194,137

EXPENSES

- Health & Food $118,093,317
- Education $1,561,509
- Community Development $585,907

PROGRAMS EXPENSES TOTAL $120,240,733

- Fundraising $1,897,508
- Administration $1,572,940

TOTAL EXPENSES $123,711,181

*View our financials and IRS Form 990 online at communityfoodbank.org/financials
TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE LIVES...

You can help children, seniors, individuals, and families struggling with hunger right here in southern Arizona.

DONATE
Our funding comes from donors just like you!

VOLUNTEER
Volunteers like you make our work possible.

PARTNER
Become one of our corporate partners.

To learn more about ways you can get involved, visit communityfoodbank.org or call us at (520) 622-0525.
THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity, relies on over 120 employees and hundreds of community volunteers to ensure that the people of southern Arizona have access to the food and programs they need. The food bank is based in Pima County and also serves Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz counties. The Community Food Bank provides services to eligible applicants without regard to race, color, creed, religion, handicap, age, national origin, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or gender.