



COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA



OUR COMMUNITY IS GROWING

2022 Gratitude Report

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

31,573

community members donated to make our community a better place to live

614,221

pounds of food collected through food drives

98,634

hours contributed by volunteers



Nathan Rothschild
Board Chair



Malea Chavez returns to Tucson, where she grew up and graduated from Cholla High School



Dear Friends & Neighbors

I am honored and thrilled to join the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. I have been connected to food security since childhood; understanding the need to receive, provide, and raise awareness for this essential service in our community.

I am thrilled to return to my home in the Sonoran desert. I graduated from Cholla High School, and attended Arizona State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Studies. I went on to earn my Juris Doctor from U.C. Hastings College of the Law.

I am a parent to a teenager and part of a multigenerational household enjoying having my mom live with us.

Since I arrived in October, I have traveled all over southern Arizona to see and meet the hard-working staff and amazing volunteers who make the Community Food Bank run. As we enter 2023, I look forward to deepening our work in communities and providing more access to our services. I hope we can create more opportunities where all can live and thrive.

If you see me out and about, please introduce yourself! I'm enjoying meeting the people of this generous community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malea Chavez'.

Malea Chavez
*Chief Executive Officer
& President*

“ We’re excited to see the Community Food Bank move forward with the strong combination of skills that Ms. Chavez possesses. With her extensive background in non-profits and passion for advocacy and addressing the root cause of hunger, we know she is the right person for this job. Her strong leadership skills and the way she already knows the southern Arizona community add to the conviction we have that the Community Food Bank is in the right hands. ”

GROWING THROUGH CHALLENGES

Welcome In

After nearly two years of loading food into truck beds and car trunks, we are happy to be welcoming people back in person at the Gabrielle Giffords Resource Center in Tucson.

COVID precautions forced us to start drive-through and low-touch distribution at all five resource centers of the Community Food Bank, and your support made it possible for us to stay open during challenging times.

In Tucson, we moved three times to different parking lot setups, including the massive lot at Kino Sports Complex offered by Pima County. We're grateful to be back serving people in person, with time to talk face to face. Our staff and volunteers in Green Valley also returned to in-person service in June.

It's helpful to sit with someone, ask questions. See what kind of help is out there.

– Delores



Some of the changes we made during the pandemic stay in place in Nogales, Amado, and Marana, allowing safe distribution and good use of space.

We look forward knowing how important it is to be flexible; we look back gratefully, proud of being able to stay open in crisis, with your support.

THIS PAST YEAR WE DISTRIBUTED:

336,710 emergency food boxes

84,780 senior food boxes

62,181,335 pounds of food, including
41,698,316 pounds of produce





MAR. - MAY 2020

Drive-through food distribution begins in Tucson.

MAY 2020 - DEC. 2020

Food distribution moves to the Kino Sports Complex parking lot.

JAN. 2021 - FEB. 2022

We move back again to our Country Club location, still offering drive-through food distribution.

FEB. 2022 - PRESENT

Gabrielle Giffords Resource Center reopens, welcoming the public inside for service, returning to the walk-up model offered before COVID, and adding some options for clients to choose their own food items.



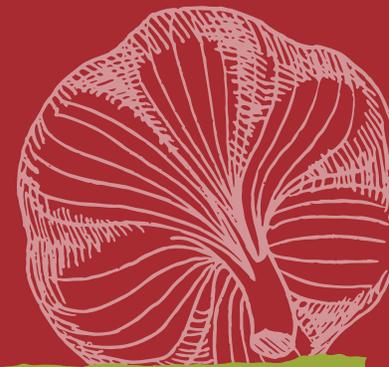
After 20 months, we said goodbye and thank you to National Guard service members who arrived by Governor's order in March of 2020. On an average day, about 80 service members packed and distributed food in Tucson, Nogales and Willcox. "They became very efficient," says Brenda Maza, Director of Warehouse Operations. "And we got to know each other well. Babies were born. People got their degrees. We became like family."

We also welcomed back some of our longtime volunteers who had been absent during the pandemic.

"It's beautiful to be back," says Jim. "I lost my wife. My two little dogs. I love being back to give my time."



Emmy credits her culinary training with giving her confidence to complete her GED in four months, then double major in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.



After a long hiatus due to COVID, Caridad Community Kitchen is again holding culinary trainings. Students were welcomed back in January of 2022.

536,388 :: total meals prepared at Caridad Community Kitchen

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

“Cooking is my passion.
Living my best life is my mission.”

Caridad graduates receive ten weeks of training on topics from making mother sauces to how to handle a job interview.

For Emmy, a 2018 Caridad graduate, this was life-changing. She shared her story with other Caridad graduates this summer.

“ After a lifetime of choices that had put me in very dangerous situations, I finally came to a crossroads in my life. Either I kept living life the way I was living and lose everything, or give everything I had towards fighting for a new life. At this point there was no going back.

The classes [at Caridad] were intense, and the only way I was going to get through was to put in the work. As I learned culinary skills, I gained knowledge in gastronomy, and slowly gained respect for myself. I found the more I put into this program the more I got out of it. I learned this is true in all aspects of life. Finishing this course showed me I can accomplish pretty much anything I want in life as long as I don't give up. I wanted more education, more knowledge, and a better life along with a college degree. Today I stand before you with an associate's degree. I finished with a 3.74 GPA.

Today I have an amazing job that I look forward to going to every day. Cooking is my passion. Living my best life is my mission. Today I have my son back. He is very proud of his mom. And I am amazed at what I have been able to accomplish in these four years. Caridad has been a huge stepping stone in my career. And much more than that. Here at Caridad I have found my passion, my purpose. “





GROWING FUTURES

Made for the Shade

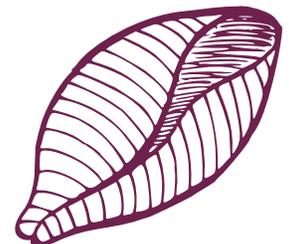
They are just getting started, but these native mesquite trees hold a lot of hope already.

They're spending their first year at Nuestra Tierra Garden at the Community Food Bank in Tucson. After they're established they'll find permanent homes in some of Tucson's warmer neighborhoods.

The goal: to cool down and increase energy savings in neighborhoods where temperatures can soar as much as eight degrees above the city average. Researchers find a heat island effect exists in many cities and falls along lines of race, ethnicity and income.

In Tucson, a recent study found seven of the ten hottest neighborhoods are located on the south side.

The native ironwood, desert willow, and mesquites thrive on less water, and their pods were a staple of traditional native diets for centuries. Mesquite flour is nutritious and naturally gluten-free. The pods can also be made into mesquite syrup, even coffee and tea.



These seedlings are just starting out, but will eventually become beautiful shade trees to cool neighborhoods.

The Community Food Bank is one of several sites growing the trees, along with Flowers and Bullets' Midtown Farm, Desert View High School, San Xavier Co-Op Farm, and the Community Food Bank's Las Milpitas Community Farm.

"We are collaborating on this project. We can't do this work by ourselves," says Víctor Ceballos Lira, Garden Education Supervisor at the Community Food Bank.

The work is funded by a one-year state grant from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, with the hope of growing 2,000 seedlings in the first year.

70
local farmers and small-scale growers work with us to get fresh produce to our community

\$133,813
generated for local farmers and food producers by the drive-through Farmers' Market

58% of Farmers' Market sales were in public assistance benefits

Our Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market has settled back to being in-person after a series of moves as a drive-through market earlier in the pandemic.

The weekly market at 221 S. Avenida del Convento is one of the ways we support local growers. It's also a market that is accessible to people using public assistance benefits. Shoppers can use SNAP (food stamps) benefits and seniors and people enrolled in WIC can use vouchers from the Farmers Market Nutrition Program to get fresh fruits and veggies.



GROWING GARDENS



More water for the garden at the Nogales Resource Center! This summer the garden got a new water harvesting tank that holds 325 gallons – an amount that can be gathered with an inch of rain.



Garden beds at the Green Valley Resource Center are up and growing again. The summer brought Jamaica, tomatillo, Serrano peppers, jalapeños, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, squash, and basil to enjoy.



Our Marana Resource Center sponsors five gardens. This spring, volunteers planted native corn, lima bean, pea and pepper seedlings with the help of a master gardener.

GROWING SCHOOL PANTRIES

“It feels like family here.”

Early morning dropoff brings a line of cars at Prince Elementary, and that’s not just to get students to class. The school pantry is open. Demand is high for spaghetti, peanut butter, canned goods and fresh, local produce.

Parents are quick to say the bags of food and fresh produce help a lot.

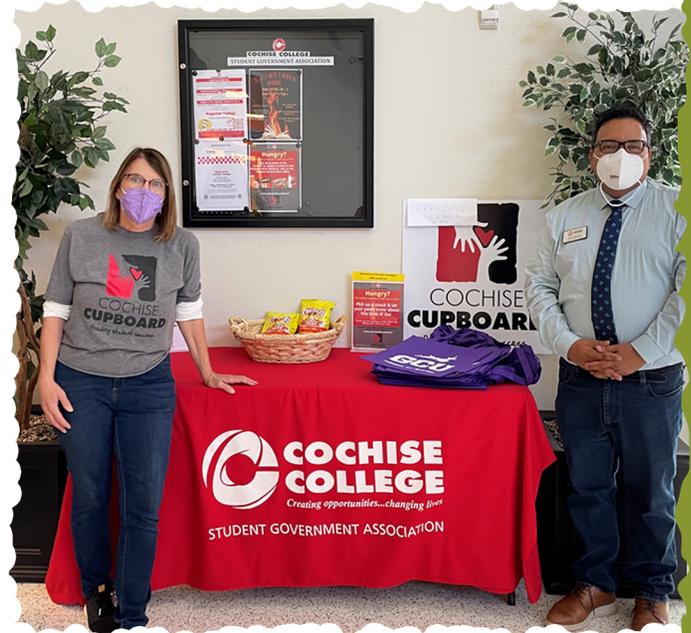
Some pantries are set up in a school cafeteria, others in a ramada on the playground. All are meant to make it easy for parents, grandparents, and families to pick up food for growing children.

At Prince Elementary, the pantry goes beyond serving the school. A couple calls saying they have each just lost their jobs. They don’t have children attending the school.

Can they still get some food?
The answer is yes.

40,402
children
served by
school pantries
this past
year

128,066
afterschool
meals and
snacks served at
public libraries
and other sites



We welcomed one of our newest school pantries this year at Cochise College, with campuses in Douglas and Sierra Vista.

**33 school
pantry
sites serve
123 schools**

including schools in Bisbee, Nogales, Tombstone and Baboquivari, along with schools in the Tucson Unified, Amphitheater, Flowing Wells, and Sunnyside School Districts and several charter schools





GROWING HEALTHY HABITS

We know that food insecurity is associated with nearly every health condition. In children we see it related to behavior problems and poor cognitive development. In adults it can be connected to diabetes and high blood pressure.

We are one of 13 food banks across the country selected by the Feeding America network to move forward with evaluating the foods we provide. Using Healthy Eating Research Guidelines, we evaluated 81 foods from pasta to green beans. We looked at their amount of saturated fat, sodium and sugar. Foods were ranked as “red”, “yellow” or “green”. The goal: distribute foods which are more nutritious.

It's always on our minds—the health of our community.

The idea of food as medicine took shape in a series of Diabetes Culinary Workshops. Families were invited to experiment in the kitchen and modify traditional recipes with more healthy ingredients.

We continue a healthy partnership with El Rio Health Center that was started to help improve patients' ability to manage or prevent Type 2 diabetes. Free produce is given out monthly on Saturday mornings, not only to El Rio patients, but the entire community is welcome.

Safe housing, education, and job opportunities can all have a major impact on people's health. Find out more.



GROWING LEADERS

It started as a deep dive over Spring Break. About 20 high school students took some time to learn about food justice and what that can mean in our community.

They went to urban farms, backyard farms, saw how aquaponics and worm composting works. They talked with our Farm & Garden team and Community Organizing team. Now six of those students are taking part in a yearlong fellowship to grow youth leaders.

Students will learn skills in sustainable agriculture and community building, and will produce a yearlong project focused on food justice.

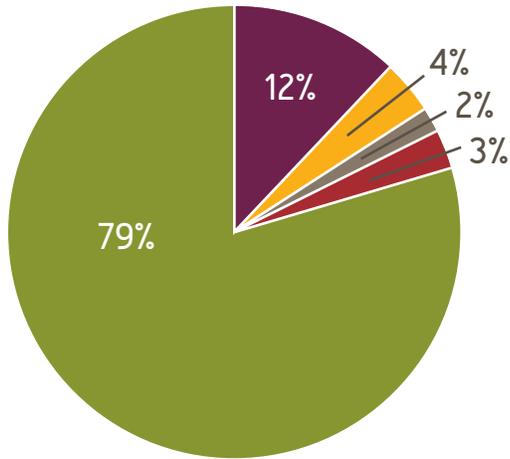
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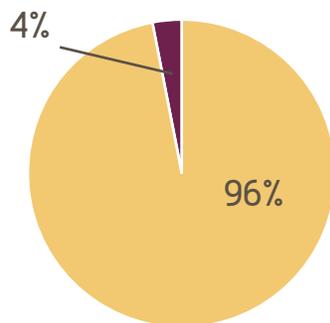
ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE



Donated Food	\$99,312,153
Government Grants	\$5,138,750
Contributions	\$14,444,803
Bequests	\$2,952,872
Miscellaneous	\$3,456,713

\$125,305,291

ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES



Food & Programs	\$119,414,213
Admin/Fundraising	\$5,180,337

\$124,594,550

FINANCIALS

Fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Your gifts fight hunger today by providing meals to our community. Funds also support the broader work of building a healthy, hunger-free future, including community gardens, farmers' markets, nutrition programs, advocacy, and other initiatives.

View our 990 online at:
CommunityFoodBank.org/financials

NET ASSETS & EXPENSES

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$23,384,989
With Donor Restrictions	\$4,103,430

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$27,488,419

EXPENSES

Health & Food	\$113,763,625
Education	\$3,561,303
Community Development	\$1,051,700

PROGRAMS EXPENSES TOTAL \$118,376,628

Fundraising	\$2,411,962
Administration	\$2,719,756

TOTAL EXPENSES \$123,508,346

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Seeds of Life donors are generous individuals who have made the Community Food Bank a priority in their planned giving. We thank the following donors, whose gifts were realized this year and whose legacy lives on in the continued work to build a healthy, hunger-free community.

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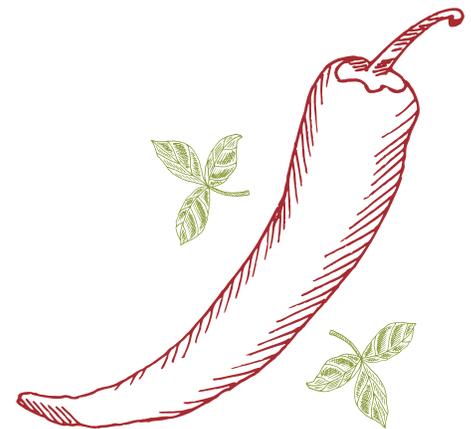
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in the communities we serve by feeding the hungry today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow



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