



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

2026 **CALENDAR**

All artwork created by kids in Southern AZ!

Cover artwork by Alexa, Age 11

Anza Trail School

"When I first heard about the contest, there was a picture that popped into my head. I got a piece of paper and started drawing the corn, and it came out exactly as I had pictured it in my mind! I turned it in after coloring and thinking of more colorful ideas."

LAS MILPITAS: BRIGHT FUTURES IN BLOOM

On a sunny October morning, students from Drexel Elementary and Lauffer Middle School visited the farm. The field trip was in preparation for their Future City Projects, a nationwide program challenging students to design cities that eliminate food waste and promote health.

Students rotated through four interactive stations: touring community plots, visiting the chicken coop and compost systems, exploring the larger commercial farm plots, and creating botanical art through Tataki-zome—hammering foraged flowers into fabric.

During the tour they learned a lot about sustainable farming, and maybe a little about themselves. "I liked the chickens," smiled Fatuma, an eighth grader at Lauffer. Her classmate, Weston, enjoyed scooping compost into a wheelbarrow and learning about decomposition.

Elias, a Desert View High School sophomore and mentor for the program, was intrigued by the compost toilet and its role in the ecosystem. "I learned about drip irrigation and compost, useful when constructing a city."



SPECIAL THANKS

to the students and teachers at the following schools, as well as to all individuals who submitted entries, for participating.

AJ Mitchel Elementary School
Apollo Middle School
Basis Oro Valley Primary
Carrillo Elementary School
Continental School
Cragin Elementary School
Drexel Elementary School
Elvira Elementary School
Estes Elementary School
Gallego Elementary School
Gallego Intermediate School
Hermosa Montessori School
Homer Davis Elementary School
Ironwood Elementary School
Los Amigos Elementary School
Mission Manor Elementary School
Picture Rocks Elementary School
Presidio School
Prince Elementary School
Rivera Elementary School
Santa Clara Elementary School
Tucson Country Day School



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"Anytime we can turn an outdoor space into a classroom, it's a powerful learning experience."

Jackie Nichols, Lauffer STEM teacher, felt the students learned a great deal about the farm, and its role in the community, during their brief visit. "It's a way to bring people together, to raise healthy food, to engage with the land. This is how we grow capacity; we teach students about these outreaches. You never really know who it's going to inspire."

Brandon Merchant, Garden Education Coordinator, summed it up: "Anytime we can turn an outdoor space into a classroom, it's a powerful learning experience." Nova Kline, whose Drexel Elementary sixth graders visited the farm for the first time, agrees. Her students learned "about how they, on a small scale, can make a big impact, and that is priceless. They had a fabulous time."



Even more awesome art!

So many young artists shared their incredible talent with us this year, and we are thankful for each one! Here are just a few wonderful additions, but visit our gallery to view even more: communityfoodbank.org/kids-calendar-gallery



Send us your artwork for a chance to be featured in our 2027 calendar!

- Artwork should be focused on hunger, healthy eating, or helping our community.
- Use 8.5" x 11" white paper in a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Children can use markers, crayons, colored pencils, or paint – the brighter, the better!
- Include the child's full name, age, school, and a mailing address on the back of the picture.
- Artwork can be delivered to Community Food Bank [3003 S. Country Club] by 4pm September 23, 2026 or postmarked by September 23, 2026.
- We cannot accept late entries.

Mail 2027 entries to:

Community Food Bank
of Southern Arizona
Attn: Marketing Department
3003 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, AZ 85713

Kindness Ghanges Lives



Artwork by Aubrey, Age 10

Continental Elementary School



“The meaning behind my drawing is that everyone needs a little help now and then. My mom used to volunteer at the local Community Food Bank. I admire and appreciate the way she helped people.”

50 Years of Impact: 2026 marks half a century of service for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona! To learn how you can help make an impact with us, visit communityfoodbank.org/get-involved.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:				1 New Year's Day	2	3
				8	9	10
4	5	6	7	15	16	17
11	12 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	13	14	22	23	24
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Love eating healthy!

Artwork by Bella, Age 6

Desert Willow Elementary School



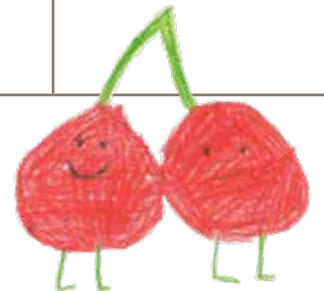
"I drew hearts in the sky for Valentine's Day and my favorite plant is the cactus and it is filled with fruit because that's a healthy choice."

Share the Love: Support your neighbors and help spread kindness all month long. Find ways to give back at communityfoodbank.org.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day	17 Ramadan Begins Lunar New Year	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Notes:





Artwork by Daniel, Age 12

Continental Elementary School



“The thing that inspired my drawing was meat and vegetables, and how healthy they are for us. The reason I went for a superhero design was because I thought it would be fun.”

In honor of **National Nutrition Month**, we encourage you to check out healthy, affordable recipes at communityfoodbank.org/how-we-help/recipe-bank.

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Purim Begins	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Eid al-Fitr Begins	20 Spring Equinox	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Notes:				



SUPER Foods!



Artwork by Aubrey, Age 9

Santa Clara Elementary School



"I dream of a world where
people share and give to
one another with kindness."

It's Volunteer Appreciation Month! We couldn't do what we do without YOU!
This month, we celebrate the volunteers who make our mission possible. Learn
more or sign up to help at communityfoodbank.org/volunteer.

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:			1 Passover Begins	2	3	4
5 Easter	6	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19 National Volunteer Week (19th – 25th)	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Artwork by Cianna, Age 11

Santa Clara Elementary School

Make Mom proud by helping Stamp Out Hunger! Set out a bag of non-perishable food at your mailbox on Saturday, May 9th (the day before Mother's Day) and your letter carrier will collect it to help feed local families.



"In my drawing, I thought about my reservation farm that produces healthy food to share with the community"

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:					1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9 
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Eid al-Adha Begins	27	28	29	30
31						



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Artwork by Holland, Age 8

Gallego Primary Fine Arts Magnet School



“You should eat healthy because it helps you stay fit and do the things you like to do. You should always give food to people that need it.”

School's out for Summer... but our Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market is open nearly every Thursday year round! May to September from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM; October to April from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. MSA Annex: 267 S. Avenida del Covento.

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Notes:			



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Artwork by Astrid, Age 8

AJ Mitchel Elementary School



"The idea just came to me. I also want to inspire people to eat healthier so they can live longer."

Summer StockUp for Kids! Whether you give on July 14th, or anytime over the summer to our Child Nutrition Programs, you'll be helping supply summer meal kits and fill school pantries for the upcoming year.

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
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12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
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Artwork by Jasmine, Age 11

Presidio Elementary School



“My drawing represents a farm with a food stand, giving away a variety of healthy fruits and vegetables in the summer. It reminds me of a slightly cloudy day in the grassy fields of Flagstaff.”

Back to School, Back to Giving! Kick off the school year with a classroom food drive! It's a fun and easy way to support families in need. Get started at communityfoodbank.org/host-a-food-drive.

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



TAKE ACTION



Artwork by Viviana, Age 5

Carrillo K-5 Creative Arts Magnet School



“Growing a garden helps feed people.
Growing a garden helps people stay alive.”

Help End Hunger... One Step at a Time. Lace up on Saturday, September 12th for our annual HungerWalk! Rally your friends, form a team, and register today at communityfoodbank.org/HungerWalk.

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:		1	2	3	4 National Food Bank Day	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah Begins	12 Hunger Walk
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Yom Kippur Begins	21	22 Autumn Equinox	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Artwork by Dylsa, Age 11

Elvira Elementary School



“The pumpkin patch that I drew represents the pumpkins that can be grown for food; like pumpkin pie. I also like carving pumpkins for Halloween.”

Leave a Legacy That Lasts! Create lasting impact through planned giving—whether it’s a bequest, charitable annuity, or IRA rollover. Explore meaningful ways to give at communityfoodbank.org/more-ways-to-give.

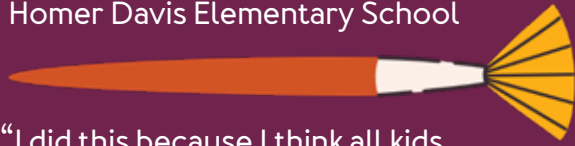
October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day	13	14	15	16 World Food Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



Artwork by Joseph, Age 11

Homer Davis Elementary School



"I did this because I think all kids should eat fruits and vegetables, and I love to draw."

Give Thanks and Give Back! This season, donate our top five most-needed items: peanut butter, cereal, canned tuna & chicken, beans, and pasta. Find a drop-off spot near you at communityfoodbank.org/food-drop-off-locations.

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	Notes:				A healthy Outside starts from the inside!



Healthy Kids! Happy world!

Artwork by Sebastian, Age 7

Mission Manor Elementary School

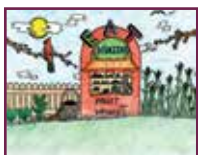
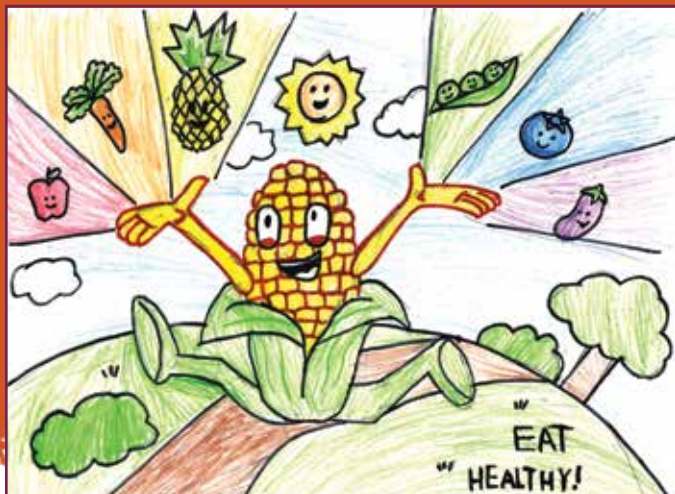


"I drew fruit in each color because the earth needs fruit and vegetables to grow, and to be strong!"

Feed Hope for the Holidays! Your generosity nourishes families, seniors, and individuals right here in our community. Give the gift of hope at communityfoodbank.org/donate.

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:		1 #GIVING TUESDAY	2	3	4 Hanukkah Begins	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



You can help end childhood hunger!

No child should go hungry, but the reality is:

- 1 in 5 children face hunger in Arizona. [Feeding America]
- About 30% of the people we serve at the Community Food Bank are children.
- Children experiencing hunger can struggle with lower achievement rates, behavioral challenges, and below-average test scores throughout their school years.

Help us create a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow for kids in Southern Arizona. Give today!

By Mail: Community Food Bank
3003 S. Country Club
Tucson, AZ 85713

By Phone: (520) 882-3300

Online: communityfoodbank.org/calendar



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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 that address the root causes of poverty and hunger.