

Food Bank

Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank

10862 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3204

Successes and Questions

We have once again excelled in service to our neighbors providing an incredible amount of wholesome food to sustain them through times of difficulty. In numbers 10,388 people in 3,886 families visited us during the year including 3,895 children. Each week about 700 children in 19 Paradise Valley schools took home weekend food packed and paid for by the food bank. The children in thirty six schools and their nurses availed themselves of juice and crackers for the dispensing of medicine also purchased by the food bank. Support of snack programs and summer snack programs at some elementary schools was also provided by the food bank. Additionally, many of our fellow charities were the recipients of perishable and non-perishable foodstuffs, in excess of 50,000 pounds, given by the food bank to insure that food did not go to waste in our community.

As humble as we are, this achievement is worth boasting about, especially for an organization of our size that has an all-volunteer staff. What we request from these volunteers is a dedication and commitment well out of the ordinary.

We are at a transition point in our existence. In our first thirty-two years, we were carried forward by a core of volunteers, many since nearly the beginning, with all thanks and glory to them. Now we face the inevitable question of who will carry us through the next thirty-two years. We must begin to answer the questions of what we must do to sustain ourselves and move forward. Does our location suit our clients? Does our rental space and building design suit our needs? Can we integrate technology into our process when we do not have volunteers familiar with that technology? Can we continue to meet the physical challenges of our “heavy work” when our average volunteer is well beyond retirement age? Can we expect to attract people with the professional skill set necessary to move us forward without compensating them?

We are an optimistic bunch. I know we will find the answers.

We are blessed to be in an extremely generous community. Our donors -- individuals, businesses, churches, synagogues, schools, granting foundations and civic organizations -- all return year after year with their donations of money and food without continual reminders. Our methods and our successes promote this extraordinary loyalty.

TO OUR DONORS

\$30,000

The Dow Foundation

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\$1,000 - \$2,000

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Bradley Travis

10,000 + pounds

Whole Foods Market (20th St. and Camelback)
Whole Foods Market (Tatum and Shea)
Bashas (32nd St and Shea)

Temple Kol Ami
La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church
Empty Bowls Pet Food Pantry

5,000 - 10,000 pounds

Mountain Trail Middle School
Pinnacle High School

Temple Chai
Boulder Creek Elementary School

2,000 - 5,000 pounds

Quail Run Elementary School
Grayhawk Elementary School
Scottsdale Bible Church (Cactus)
Larkspur Elementary School
Copper Canyon Elementary School
Liberty Elementary School
Eagle Scout Project Andrew Wimmer
Humble Monkey Yoga
Boy Scout Troop #109

Mercury Mine Elementary School
Desert Shadows Elementary School
Desert Shadows Middle School
Sunrise Middle School
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Palomino Elementary School
Desert Shadows Middle School
Temple Beth Ami