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2021 Gratitude Report



Building a Better Food Bank

Our first-ever major remodel to our Tucson Resource Center was completed in May 2021. This \$4 million renovation included much-needed upgrades to our warehouse and loading docks, and increased food storage.

The project also expanded our parking lot and improved traffic flow, added dedicated volunteer space, and upgraded our building for safety and accessibility. It's a friendlier, more accessible, and more efficient building, and we're excited to welcome our community to our improved space.

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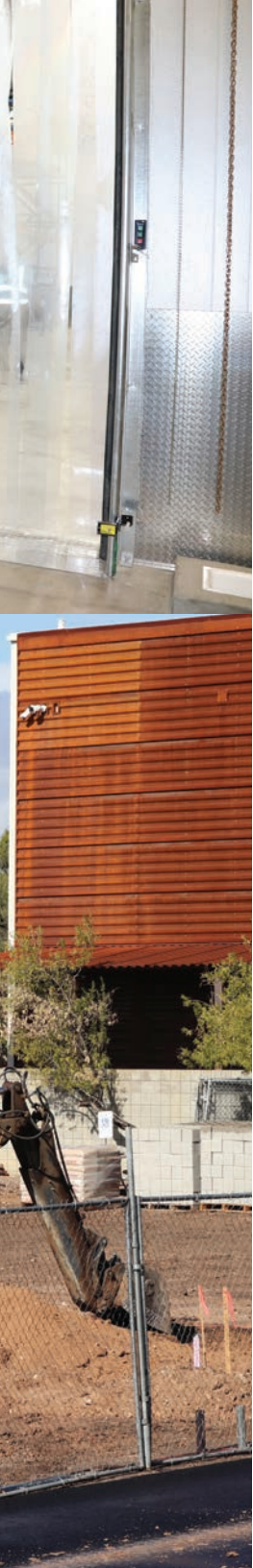
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Learn more about our renovation from CEO Michael McDonald





DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,

It has been a year of both record-breaking need and record-breaking community response.

For every long line of families waiting for food assistance, every local child out of school and missing meals, every isolated senior who couldn't leave the house for groceries—there was you. Showing up, giving back, and keeping our doors open. *Thank you.*

Because of you, we were ready to respond to the ongoing crises caused by the pandemic. We were ready to distribute a record-breaking 86 million pounds of food. With the help of Pima County, we were able to expand and serve in the Kino Stadium parking lot to meet the high demand for emergency food. We were able to prepare 127,000 *more* meals this year at Caridad Community Kitchen. We were ready to respond to whatever our community needed.

And as we've met each challenge this year, we've continued to envision the future we work toward for southern Arizona: a strong, resilient community, where neighbors look out for each other, and everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive. A healthy, hunger-free community.

Thank you, not only for your generous support but for your reminder of how compassionate and inspirational our community can be. We could not do this without you.

In gratitude & solidarity,



Michael McDonald
*Chief Executive Officer
& President*



Lauryn Bianco
Board Chair



**We envision the future
we work toward for
southern Arizona.**

“I went back to my car and I cried.”

MEL, COMMUNITY FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER

It was July 2020. The middle of a pandemic. With your help, we were distributing emergency food at Kino Sports Complex to over 1,100 households a day.

And Mel wanted to be part of it.

“I had been donating for years, but I wanted to be closer to the work,” says Mel. “I wanted to be hands-on.”

After his first volunteer shift greeting people arriving for food assistance, Mel sat in his car and cried.

“I was stunned,” he says. “I was overcome by the scope of the need. I got there at 6:00am and there were hundreds and hundreds of cars lined up.”

Mel is often the first face that families see when they arrive for help, and he cherishes that brief moment of human connection.

“People tell me about their kids, about their illnesses, about their worries and fears as they wait for food,” says Mel. “They tell me how grateful they are.”

Now, as our Tucson food distribution has moved back to our location on S. Country Club, Mel still joins us every single week. “I leave here physically exhausted but so energized. Watching all these people come together to fill a basic need for each other—there’s nothing like it.”

Volunteers like Mel contributed 126,482 hours this year to serve our community! That includes 63,198 hours from Arizona National Guard service members, who worked with us tirelessly since March 2020 to keep our doors open when we couldn’t have community volunteers with us.



86 MILLION

pounds of food distributed to local families, kids, and seniors, an increase of 32% from last year

318,824

people received emergency food boxes

227,908

pounds of food donated through food drives



SERVING SENIORS AT HOME

During the pandemic, many seniors couldn't risk leaving the house—even for essentials like food. So we brought the food to them! This year, COVID relief funding allowed us to begin delivering CSFP senior food boxes to the homes of low-income seniors who qualify as shut-in. The CSFP home delivery program has served about 400 seniors each month, and has been a big hit with older adults who are both food insecure and battling social isolation.

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85,864

senior food boxes
distributed to 13,364 seniors

FOOD ACCESS FOR FAMILIES

As the pandemic closed schools and disrupted other food resources, school pantries stayed open supplying fresh produce and nonperishables to kids and their families. And with your support, more school pantries reached more families than ever this year! Your gifts helped us open new school pantry locations in rural areas of Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties, including Tombstone, Bisbee, and Douglas. In a year of crisis, 33 school pantry sites provided 22,684 households with pantry staples and fresh produce.

“We love the tuna and this food box has helped my family and me to be able to eat while things are going so bad. Thank you, thank you.”



“When schools were closed, we were here.”

When the school bus stops at Trinity Place Townhomes after school, the kids don't go straight home. They run right to Aracely.

“I'm always the first stop,” says Aracely. “Because I've got the snacks.”

Trinity Place is an affordable housing complex in Tucson, and thanks to

support from donors like you, the kids living there always have access to healthy afterschool snacks.

Snack packs include milk and juice, fruit, crackers, and protein. The current favorite? Beef jerky.

Along with weekday snacks, Trinity Place offers weekend food packs to share with families, plus nutrition education lessons and free breakfasts all summer long.

“For some kids, school is the only place they get food,” says Aracely. “When schools were closed, we were here.”

As kids grab snacks and run to the playground to eat, there's a lot of laughing and yelling. Aracely is reminding them to drink their milk and eat their fruit.

“We just want happy, healthy kids here,” she says. “The way kids should be.”

Trinity Place is one of 16 community sites that stepped up to make sure at-risk kids continued to get free afterschool snacks during the pandemic. Public libraries, community centers, and other afterschool programs found innovative ways to get 63,146 healthy snack packs to local kids this year.

551,970
meals served from
school pantries,
an increase of 31%

12,929
summer breakfasts served
and nearly 3,000 weekend
packs sent home for kids to
share with their families

22
school pantry partners
received grants to purchase
food and equipment
and start gardens

“I thought it would be good for kids to know what they’re eating and where it comes from.”

Hiv[h]ai is the O’odham word for sunflower. *Kai* means seed.

For Addy, teaching kids in the GuVo district of the Tohono O’odham Nation about growing food is about more than just having something fresh to eat.

“It’s about investing in long-term food sovereignty,” says Addy, “and reasserting our traditional food systems, our culture, and our language.”

Addy is the Garden Coordinator with the Native American Advancement Foundation (NAAF), an organization working in the rural GuVo district to improve education, health and wellness, and food sustainability. Today, local kids are harvesting massive sunflowers and sharing their protein-rich seeds.

With your support, grant funds have allowed the NAAF to build Ruth’s Garden, a community space named for an honored elder, where the community comes together to grow foundational Tohono O’odham foods like bawi (tepary

beans), hun (corn), and ha:l (squash).

“It has really kicked off energy in the community for growing and cooking and working together to be healthier,” says Addy.

“My favorite thing is evening time in the garden,” says Addy. “The way the sun sets on the plants, and the way it all smells. You look forward to tomorrow. To the future you’re growing.”

The Native American Advancement Foundation is one of 70 local organizations to be awarded a Thriving Communities Grant this year. With your support, we invested over \$2 million this year in organizations, collectives, and mutual aid groups that are working to build food security, community health, and social justice.

\$2,771,703

granted to community organizations working to build healthy, hunger-free communities



400

community partners working alongside us





LISTENING TO COMMUNITY

In a series of focus groups, we asked our neighbors: “What would it look like if your community was doing really well?” The answers guide our work, and reaffirm our commitment to centering those most affected by what we do.

“Our number one priority is listening to what our community needs.”

CARIDAD COMMUNITY KITCHEN RESPONDS IN A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

It was an incredibly busy year at Caridad Community Kitchen where, for the first time, our team prepared more than half a million meals. The kitchen also increased its hours serving meals for people experiencing homelessness in order to meet higher demand. With these changes, we continued to prioritize food dignity and community choice.

When a survey showed that meal guests enjoy the comfort of a hot meal, kitchen staff got right to work serving up warm burritos, roasted vegetables, and hearty casseroles. When guests asked for refreshing summer options, the menu included an Asian chicken salad, a chilled three-bean salad, and a summer staple: frozen Eegee's!

When the pandemic highlighted the need for personal hygiene items, you donated masks, hand sanitizer, soap, toothpaste, sunscreen, socks and underwear, and other items to share with guests during meal services.

“During crisis, we're here,” says Zoe. “Our guests know they can count on us.”



433,927

senior meals prepared,
an increase of 25%



48,796

community meals served at Caridad
Community Kitchen, an increase of 162%



126,421

community meals prepared,
an increase of 23%

Four ways your support is bringing local produce to local communities

DELIVERED TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES

A new program in partnership with Pivot Produce gets fresh, nutrient-dense food to the most food-insecure seniors in our community. 635 low-income seniors at 15 senior living facilities in Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise Counties received twice-monthly deliveries of locally-grown fruits and veggies!

SOLD AT FARMERS' MARKETS

Because of you, our Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market has continued to make fresh food accessible to our community. The market moved locations five times this year but continues to offer drive-thru service in a COVID-safe manner. This year, we worked with 70 local farmers and small-scale growers, and 55% of market sales were made with public assistance benefits like SNAP—a steep increase from last year's 35%.

DISTRIBUTED TO KIDS AND FAMILIES AT SCHOOL PANTRIES

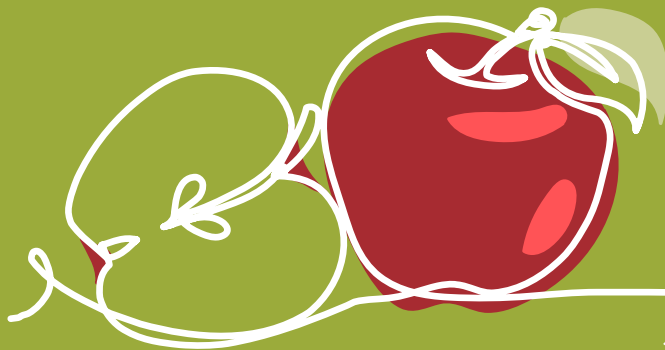
With your support, a new program allowed us to purchase \$125k of locally-grown produce and redistribute it to kids and families at local schools. Economic support for our local farms, and getting fresh fruits, vegetables, and eggs to communities in need—that's a win-win!

SERVED UP IN SENIOR MEALS

At the kitchen, over 3,000 pounds of locally-grown fruits and veggies were cooked up and sent home to seniors this year, in meals like barbecue chicken over locally-grown collard greens, and fresh salads featuring locally-grown tomatoes.



“I am so grateful for the fruit, especially the apples.”



The Community Food Bank is committed to dismantling racism and other systemic injustices that create and perpetuate poverty and hunger.

We strive to center the voices and lived experiences of the communities most impacted by food insecurity.

As we work to become a more equitable organization, we have formed an internal Equity Team that guides our decision-making to best serve every member of our community with dignity and respect.

Thank you for being part of our journey as we cultivate a community of justice and care, and lead the way to a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We live and work on the ancestral and occupied lands of the Tohono O'odham, Pascua Yaqui, Hohokam, and many other indigenous communities. We acknowledge the histories of oppression, violence, and displacement that have led us to occupy this land today, and we honor the pasts, cultures, and contributions of the Native communities who continue to live and work alongside us.

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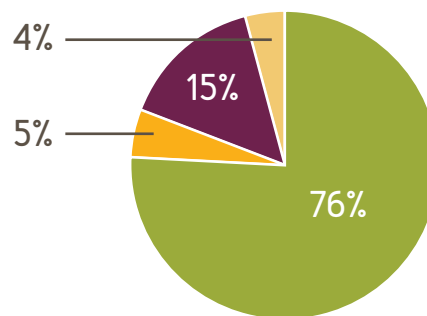
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The ongoing pandemic has led to a record-breaking year of community support, and we are tremendously grateful to have ended our fiscal year in a financial surplus. We continue to draw from our resources judiciously as we respond to ongoing crises and plan for our community's long recovery. *Thank you for standing with us.*

View our 990 online at:
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ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE



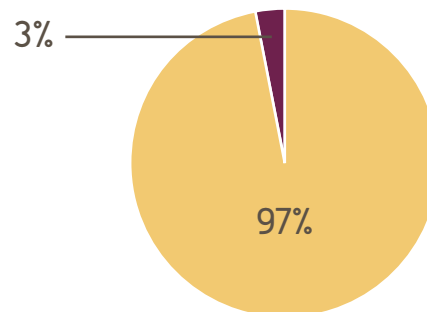
Donated Food	\$135,515,286
Government Grants	\$8,694,871
Contributions	\$27,065,751
Miscellaneous	\$6,640,450
TOTAL	\$177,916,358

NET ASSETS & EXPENSES

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$44,773,416
With Donor Restrictions	\$4,510,642
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$49,284,058

ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES



Food & Programs	\$155,878,952
Admin/Fundraising	\$5,045,853
TOTAL	\$160,924,805

EXPENSES

Health & Food	\$150,163,608
Education	\$4,822,593
Community Development	\$892,751
PROGRAMS EXPENSES TOTAL	\$115,878,952
Fundraising	\$2,400,992
Administration	\$2,644,861
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$160,924,805

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



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