



Sahuarita  
**FoodBank**  
**& Community Resource Center**



**2018 Community Report**

# President's Reflections

**"One in four families in our community lives in insufficiency."**

I love this opportunity to step back and reflect on what has happened in the last year, before plunging into the next year. 2019 will take us into new directions that will allow us to serve our clients and the community even more successfully. It is most important that I thank you—our donors, supporters, and volunteers. What you will experience in this Community Report is the power of our shared mission—to feed those who are hungry and address the underlying causes of poverty. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in donating food, making financial contributions or provided grants.

The incredibly hard work of 150 volunteers has allowed us to accomplish the following:

- Provided food for 560,000 meals for our clients, including milk, eggs, and meat on each their twice-monthly visits.
- Sourced, funded, packed and delivered 290 BackPacks each week for school children who would otherwise lack weekend food.
- Provided surplus fresh produce to over 23,000 people during the Mexican produce season.
- Served Summit community pantry visitors 55,000 pounds of food—both fresh and non-perishable.
- Screened 63 people for benefits to which they are entitled.

Other accomplishments this year are key for our future:

- Received independent nonprofit corporation status, while remaining in close relationship with The Good Shepherd, the church that has nurtured and housed us since our opening in 2009. (Our separate IRS nonprofit status is pending.)
- Completed the first designs of our new 9,000 square foot food bank and community resource center building, to be constructed on land leased to the Sahuarita Food Bank just south of the Church.
- Recruited a wonderful Capital Campaign Committee, which contracted for a feasibility study that indicated our readiness to begin our Capital Campaign for \$2.2 million.
- As evidence of that, as of the end of October 2018, and at the beginning of the Campaign, we already have raised more than 25% of the total.
- Continued to collaborate with community partners in building the Sustainable Families Coalition, dedicated to reducing poverty in our region.

Again, on behalf of our clients, volunteers, and board, thank you for your generosity, support and interest in this work. We hope that you enjoy this Community Report 2018!

Warm regards, Penny Pestle



**Over 150 volunteers annually contribute more than 22,000 hours of service. Opportunities for service abound.**

# Your Impact

**Food Bank Distribution Days** Average of 175 families each week; 670,000 pounds of food in 2017-2018



**Overall:** in 2017-2018, 670,000 pounds of food, representing 560,000 meals (over 10,000 meals per week!).



**BackPacks:**  
290 weekend nutrition BackPacks to children in Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'Odham Nation.



**Early Literacy Program**  
**Story Time:** While parents receive food, their children may participate in Storytime, where volunteers read stories and give children a donated book each time they visit.



**Summit Pantry:** A twice monthly satellite pantry at Summit View Elementary School; 55,000 pounds of food in 2017-2018



**Wednesday Produce:** 150,000 pounds of produce on winter and spring Wednesdays in 2017-2018

# Healthy Today, Healthier Tomorrow

## Addressing the Causes of Hunger

Sahuarita Food Bank has a two-part mission—feeding the hungry and addressing the underlying causes of poverty and people's need for the food bank.

We at Sahuarita Food Bank want to assist our clients on their journeys to family economic stability and self-sufficiency. We already have some elements of a community resource center in place and plan to expand these programs over the next three years while our new facility is being built.

Today, we have three programs in addition to food distribution:

- Volunteers with **Storytime**, our early literacy program, read to our clients' children during waiting and shopping hours.
- Volunteers with a **Screening and Referral** program work with new clients to screen them for government programs for which they are eligible and refer them to services that can address issues other than food. Currently, we have five volunteers and are seeking more. Over the past year, our volunteers have identified 63 people eligible for SNAP (food stamps) benefits.
- We distribute **Parenting and Early Childhood** information from First Things First.

Over the next six months, we plan to add other programs before and/or during food distribution:

- The Sahuarita Unified School District has offered to provide a technical trainer for sessions on smartphone access to the schools for parents or guardians of school children. This will help them be more involved with their children's schools by enabling them to use the internet to get interim grades, monitor assignments, communicate with teachers, etc.
- In partnership with Pio Decimo (Catholic Community Services) in Tucson, we will organize a **Volunteer Income Tax Preparation** site right at SFB for our clients and others between mid-January and mid-April. This will save clients tax preparation fees, and will likely identify the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax-savings they may not have been claiming.
- We will host a United Way **Stay and Play Parenting Training** program just before SFB food distribution.



Storytime during food distribution

Screening and Referral

Parenting and Early Childhood

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Stay and Play Parenting Training

# Sustainable Families

## **Partners for a Better Community**

Over the last two years, Sahuarita Food Bank has taken an organizing and prominent role in the Sustainable Families Coalition, a volunteer group of community leaders representing government, education, business, human service, and faith organizations. Working groups are building greater cooperation among community organizations and promoting more services for low-income residents. A Steering Committee coordinates working group efforts and plans.



Here are the goals of the individual working groups:

- **Schools:** Ensure students find the behavioral health care and other assistance they need to succeed in school.
  - **Workforce Development:** Support employers in finding and retaining qualified workers, and low-income workers in finding and retaining employment as well as advancement in their workplaces.
  - **Human Services:** Provide information on available community services for those in need and identify and work to fill gaps in human services.
  - **Affordable Housing:** Soon to be established, this group will encourage affordable housing options for low- and middle-income families that will allow a variety of workers to live and work in our community.

On September 19, 2018, the Human Services group sponsored “Shining a Light on Behavioral Health,” a community conversation attended by 60 local and regional behavioral health stakeholders. Michael Shafer of the ASU College of Public Service and Community Solutions presented the helpful keynote address. The goal is to provide more behavioral health resources and behavioral health education in our community.

The Sustainable Families Coalition presented a report to the community on October 30, 2018, highlighting their past and future work on "Moving from Insufficiency to Self-Sufficiency." Keynote speaker Jon Ford from the Vitalyst Health Foundation inspired the attendees by sharing success stories of community collaboratives across the county.

# Building Campaign

## Room to Nourish our Community

As more neighbors come for help, we respond, but our current limited space puts a great strain on clients and volunteers. More space will increase our ability to feed those who are hungry and address the causes of hunger.

We're beginning a \$2.2 million capital campaign for a new building that will help us meet the growing needs of our community. First, we'll ask our known friends for help. Then we'll reach out to the wider community where we can make new friends.

Thanks to the generosity of The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, SFB has the opportunity to lease land at a nominal cost adjacent to its current location, providing continuity for the people we serve. We will build 7,000 square feet of space for food collection, storage, preparation and distribution, and another 2,000 square feet for a Community Resource Center, where we and our partners can offer space for programs such as health screenings, classes for those with diabetes, an employer resource network, basic job skills classes, the Sustainable Families Coalition, and a community resources liaison.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting project, please contact Jackie Smith at [jackiesmithaz@aol.com](mailto:jackiesmithaz@aol.com)



# Financials

## Thank You to our Donors

Our vision of feeding the hungry and addressing the causes of hunger continues to inspire us as our client numbers increase. SFB has worked hard at ferreting out places where we can partner with others not only in the area of food acquisition and distribution but also of human services. This has served our clients in a much broader manner than we could do alone. This has served our clients in a much broader manner than we could do alone. Our partnerships within the community extend to grocery stores, schools, governmental entities, other human service agencies, civic organizations and many businesses. And, of course, we also rely on individuals for a major part of our financial support. For all those who give – we say a huge THANK YOU!

### Budget Overview

2018-2019

#### Revenue

Individual Contributions	\$100,000
Grants and Contracts	\$119,500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$219,500</b>

#### Expenditures

Emergency Food Purchases	\$35,000
BackPacks (food for children)	\$50,000
Community Resource Center Programs	\$20,000
Operations (e.g., office, utilities, insurance, lease, audit, vehicles, maintenance)	\$49,500
Fundraising	\$ 5,000
Personnel	\$60,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$219,500</b>

#### Value of In-kind Food Donations\*

\$620,000

#### Value of Volunteer Labor\*\*

\$548,000

#### % of budget for administration

6%

\*Feeding America 2017 value of food

\*\*Independent Sector 2017 value of volunteer time

### Donors



Wonderful donors come in all sizes!

## Board Members



### Sahuarita Food Bank Board of Directors—2018

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