



# HEALTHY CONNECTIONS

2019 Gratitude Report



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FOOD BANK  
OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

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## DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,

Here's what you've taught us this year:  
that none of us can do it alone.

You continue to teach us about the power of community, about coming together to care for each other. We are nothing without you—we exist only in the power of your collective generosity.

This year, you've taught us that building a healthy community is about more than healthy food—it's about building connections. It's about sharing meals with our neighbors, growing food together in the desert, and listening to the needs of the people we serve.

Community and connection—there is nothing  
else that will move us forward.

In these pages, you'll read about the work we're doing with and for our neighbors in rural Arizona, the bright futures of local kids growing at local gardens, and the seniors who are designing the services their peers need and deserve.

This work is all possible because of you,  
our donors and our friends.

We thank you—for the generosity of your spirit, for the meals you share with friends and neighbors, and for the hope you inspire in all of us. Thank you for being part of a community that cares for each other.

You are moving us forward.

In gratitude and solidarity,



A handwritten signature of Michael McDonald in dark ink.

**Michael McDonald**  
Chief Executive Officer  
& President

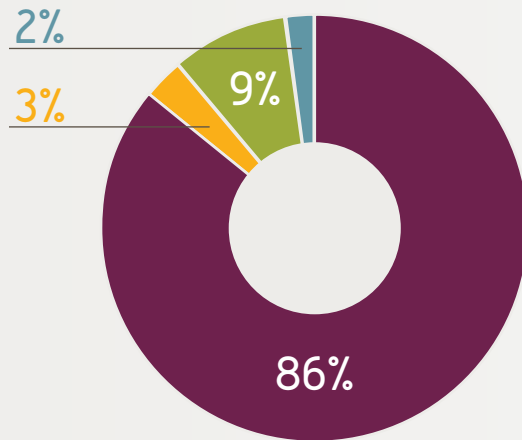


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**Gary Becker**  
Board Chair

# A HEALTHY FINANCIAL POSITION

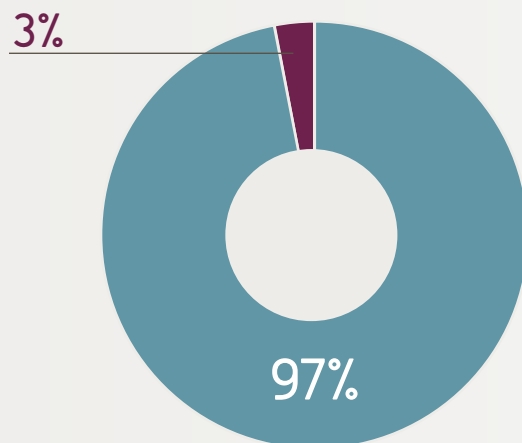
## Annual Operating Revenue, Fiscal Year 2019



DONATED FOOD	\$110,424,302
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$3,860,543
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$11,956,558
MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,566,352

**\$128,807,755**

## Annual Operating Expenses, Fiscal Year 2019



FOOD & PROGRAMS	\$124,015,466
ADMIN / FUNDRAISING	\$3,724,754

**\$127,740,220**

## Net Assets & Expenses

### NET ASSETS

With Donor Restrictions	\$2,290,069
Without Donor Restrictions	\$20,453,651
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$22,743,720</b>

### EXPENSES

Health & Food	\$121,406,763
Education	\$646,227
Community Development	\$1,962,476
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,015,466</b>
Fundraising	\$1,953,311
Administration	\$1,771,443
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$127,740,220</b>

View our 990 here:  
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"Growing up, my family had tough times when food was scarce. We didn't have a community food bank to go to for help, and our bellies ached. I hope this gift helps prevent some other children from feeling that ache."

— Jacqueline M., donor

## HERE'S WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR:

Nearly

**10,000**

families, seniors, and  
kids attended nutrition  
education classes



**5** Resource Center locations  
where our neighbors can access  
resources beyond food



AMADO • GREEN VALLEY  
MARANA • NOGALES • TUCSON



**421,121**

meals prepared at  
Caridad Community  
Kitchen for seniors,  
families, kids, and  
homeless individuals

Volunteers  
contributed

**198,625**

hours, a value of  
over \$5 million



**23,590**

donors like you  
contributed over  
\$11 million to make  
our community  
a better place

**68,892,340**

pounds of food  
distributed



**46,175,174**

pounds of fresh  
produce distributed



**254,878**

food boxes distributed  
to 187,054 individuals  
and families



“It felt  
good to  
have my  
voice  
heard.”



# CONNECTING SENIORS

“Seniors who have been hungry—we’re the ones who know what other seniors need.”

## Bobbie’s Story

Bobbie is one of five local seniors who joined us to work on an exciting new project: a grant from Feeding America to explore innovative solutions to senior hunger.

The result? Seniors designing hunger relief programs for other seniors.

We worked with nonprofit Design Impact on client-centered design to learn more about senior hunger with and from seniors.

“I think it’s important for older folks to have a voice,” says Bobbie. “The people who are receiving services should have a say in what they look like.”

Our team of seniors knew right away that social isolation often goes hand in hand with hunger. The programs they piloted worked to address this: cooking classes and grocery distributions that built community around food.

“You want to feel comfortable where you’re going to get food,” says Bobbie. “It should feel like you’re just going to meet friends. Like you’ve always got a place to go where people know you.”

The programs also focused on senior-specific nutrition—foods that address common diet-related diseases like diabetes and high blood pressure.

“I know what it feels like to need help,” says Bobbie. “I’ve been there. So I can help make it better for other seniors, and I feel like I’m doing a good thing.”

***Innovative solutions to senior hunger and a place at the table for those most impacted: it’s all possible because of you.***



1 of only 4  
food banks  
nationwide chosen  
for this senior hunger  
innovation grant

With  
your  
support...



292,435

senior meals prepared and  
delivered with love

*in partnership with Catholic Community  
Services and Pima Council on Aging*



111,412

senior food boxes full of nutritious  
groceries distributed through the  
Commodity Senior Food Program



2,369

seniors received vouchers to buy fresh,  
local produce at Farmers’ Markets

# THE RURAL CONNECTION

Your support reaches deep into rural areas of southern Arizona—places like Our Neighbors Farm and Pantry in Safford.

With only three staff members and several hardworking volunteers, Our Neighbors Farm and Pantry serves over 400 people a month.

They also grow organic fruits and vegetables that are distributed at the pantry, where they're offered to people like Paul.

"I'm on a tight budget. Everything here is what I eat and use," says Paul. Paul lives on his own. "I don't need no T-bone steak. This is a blessing."

Paul has arthritis and uses two canes to make his way through the pantry. A volunteer helps as he chooses the produce, canned foods, bread, and other donated goods to fill his cart for his monthly visit.

Your support allows us to partner with Our Neighbors Farm and Pantry and hundreds

of other nonprofits across southern Arizona—and to help people like Paul.

We know that rural areas have high rates of hunger, plus additional barriers, like a lack of transportation. Agencies like Our Neighbors Farm and Pantry are working against this—distributing senior food boxes and fresh produce delivered from the Community Food Bank.

Your gifts also funded a capacity-building grant that has allowed them to replace an outdated computer system, purchase water harvesting tanks, and install a new pollinator garden.

***Your support is doing so much more than fighting hunger in Tucson—it's building healthier communities across five counties in southern Arizona.***

We partner with  
**385**  
other nonprofits,  
schools, churches,  
and more

**\$356,769**  
provided in  
capacity-building  
grants for partner  
agencies working  
in hunger relief and  
community health

**Volunteers pack emergency food bags**  
at the Community Food Bank main  
warehouse five days a week.







“I don’t need no T-bone steak. This is a blessing.”

ABOUT  
**1,050**  
BAGS

are assembled by volunteers during an average shift.

Community Food Bank drivers deliver the bags to rural sites and partner agencies in five southern Arizona counties. These include smaller food banks and pantries, faith communities, and other nonprofits.



An emergency food bag packed in Tucson can end up more than 160 miles away in Clifton, or in rural places from Ajo to Duncan.



“My favorite  
thing about  
gardening?  
Everything.”



# GROWING CONNECTIONS

“The food you grow yourself tastes better than the food at the store,” says 9-year-old Amaya. “It’s because you grew it with love.”

## Veronica, Amaya, Elmer, and Diego’s Story

Veronica is a teacher at Elvira Elementary, where she also runs the Student Wellness and Gardening Club. Her kids can’t get enough of the garden.

“I like the broccoli, the asparagus, the strawberries, the celery,” says 7-year-old Elmer, ticking them off on his fingers.

“Me too,” says Amaya. “I love the celery.”

The garden at Elvira is part of the Farm to Child program, bringing lessons about gardens, growing food, nutrition, and the environment to local kids.

Your gifts also fund programs like Farm to Institution, which brings fresh produce from local farms to school cafeterias. A recent shipment

of local Asian pears was a big hit at Elvira.

“It was cool that the pears were grown here,” says Amaya. “They weren’t from a store.”

The kids are enthusiastic about gardening and healthy food—and awestruck every time they learn something new. With your support, local kids are growing up to be healthy, curious, and compassionate.

“We’re sharing love with nature and other people,” says Elmer. “Instead of keeping it to ourselves.”

***Your gifts are growing bright futures for local kids. Thank you!***

*Because of you...*



**100,000+**

servings of local produce were grown with help from the Community Food Bank

A new **community garden** in Nogales is already in full bloom!



**31,524**

educational hours were provided at school gardens and cafeterias

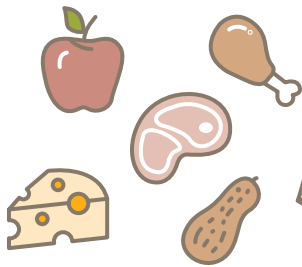
Nearly  
**5,000**  
neighbors  
attended  
community  
farm and garden  
workshops and  
events last year







Bonus foods we distributed include apples, pork, chicken, fish, milk, cheese, and nuts.



## A HEALTHIER VARIETY

Trade mitigation brought an unprecedented opportunity to southern Arizona.

It was a record year for us, thanks to millions of pounds of USDA bonus foods we received as a result of trade mitigation. It also meant that we needed your help. We asked you to step up and help us provide storage and infrastructure to handle the influx of food—and you did. With your generous support, we were able to distribute protein and dairy products that we don't often get.

*Local kids going home with gallons of milk? You made that happen.*

## TOP 5 FOOD DRIVES

**1** National Association of Letter Carriers  
284,050 lbs

**2** Winterhaven Festival of Lights  
56,238 lbs

**3** Pima County Fair  
27,914 lbs

**4** The Highlands at Dove Mountain  
15,626 lbs

**5** HSL Properties  
15,200 lbs

In total, you donated  
**885,138**  
pounds of food last year!



## SEEDS OF LIFE

*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 last year and whose legacy lives on in the continued work to build a healthy, hunger-free community.*

**Andruch-Handcox  
Survivor's Trust**

**Royce E. Ballinger**

**Tam T. De Witt**

**Mary L. Doering**

**Richard Lee Friedman**

**Robert L and Joan Hall**

**Carol L. Merfeld**

**Audrey Jean Merriman**

**Rose Mofford**

**John R Riley**

**Clovis J. Snider**

**Ronald G. Steele**

*Thank you to all 175 donors who continue to think of us in their planned giving. We're honored to be part of your plans.*



## 20 YEARS OF LOCAL FOOD

Our Farmers' Market celebrated **two decades** of providing fresh, local food to our communities, building economic opportunities for local growers, and serving as a community gathering space. With your help, the market supports the local food system while making fresh produce **accessible to low-income families**. Thank you for growing with us!



## NO STUDENT GOES HUNGRY

We're happy to welcome Pima Community College as one of our newest partners. Their **new food pantries** at both the West and Desert Vista campuses are a student and staff-driven initiative, led by folks who recognized the need among the campus community. Thank you for making sure that no student, of any age, goes hungry.



## KEEPING IT FRESH

A new program called FRESH2 (Food Resources Expanded to Support Health) is creating **healthier emergency food boxes**, including a therapeutic box specifically for people with diabetes. It's a program with the potential to influence other **food banks nationwide**. As one program participant says, "They're giving us the right tools. They're giving us good choices."

## CORPORATE & FOUNDATION PARTNERS

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Thomas and Jeanne Elmezzi Private Foundation  
Enterprise Holdings Foundation  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Feeding America  
Fiesta Events, Inc.  
The Fink Family Foundation

## A CARING COMMUNITY

When the Federal Government shut down, you stepped up.

An unprecedented 35-day shutdown of the Federal Government showed us one thing—hunger can happen to anyone. And it showed us another thing—that you’ll always step up to help. With your support, we held extra emergency food distributions for furloughed employees.

Trucks loaded with fresh produce, bread, milk, and other pantry staples hit the road to Federal Corrections Institutions in Tucson and Safford, the Tucson airport, and other locations.

*“It helped a lot,” said one federal employee, who was facing two missed paychecks with a young family to feed.*



### Over 850

emergency food boxes were distributed to furloughed federal employees



### 4 extra

food distributions were held, some early in the morning so federal employees could get there

### Corporate & Foundation Partners, continued

Five Crowns Inc.

FLSmith Krebs

Food for Needy Inc.

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Pima County

Pima County Community Action Agency

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Produce House LLC





## A RECORD WEATHER DAY

It was a record-breaking year in a lot of ways! Our Nuestra Tierra Learning Garden and Las Milpitas Community Farm saw snow for the **first time in years**—but it didn't stop us from growing food, learning together, and building a strong, healthy community. Thanks for standing with us on even the coldest Arizona days!



## FRESH FOOD FOR ALL

Your gifts put fresh produce on the table for families who need it. Last year, we distributed over **46 million pounds** of fresh produce! And you're doing more than feeding southern Arizona—when we were sure that Arizona families had all the produce they needed, we shipped fresh fruits and veggies to **33 food banks in 30 states** across the country. Thank you for helping us put fresh food on the table!



## GRADUATING WITH CONFIDENCE

With your support, **26 students** completed **7,068 hours** of classroom and kitchen training at Caridad Community Kitchen's culinary training program, where they learned kitchen skills, participated in internships at local restaurants, and prepared **over 100,000 meals** for local kids and seniors. Cooking for the community and starting a new culinary career—you make it possible.

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Raytheon Company  
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