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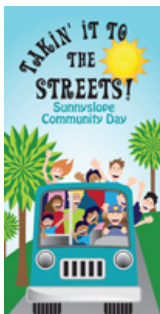
Trot Your Turkey Nov. 14

Sunnyslope High School Key Club will sponsor a turkey trot at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 14 at the Sunnyslope High School Track. Donate a frozen turkey or game hen (bring it to the event or the food bank), or participate as a trotter (carry a frozen turkey or game hen around the track to the finish line). Contact Desert Mission Resource Development for more information at 602-331-5792 or desertmission@JCL.com. All birds benefit the Desert Mission Food Bank.

The Big Fish Pub and Grub Event Benefitting the Food Bank Nov. 7

Music, good food and it all benefits the Desert Mission Food Bank. Contact us for more information at 602-331-5792.



Sunnyslope Community Day Nov. 14 at the Desert Mission Center

10 a.m. until 2 p.m. • 9201 N. Fifth St.

Make your home, our community and our environment safer by bringing unneeded prescription drugs for safe disposal. Sunnyslope Community Day is part of Sunnyslope Second Saturdays. Other events this day include Desert Mission Food Bank offering Bargain Baskets (\$15 for 10 pounds of meat and \$10 for a box of pantry staples) with no eligibility requirements.

"Picturing Maricopa" Displays Faces of Hunger

Oct. 26 to Dec. 6 • Burton Barr Central Library • 1221 N. Central Ave.

A community photography project of 15 exceptional Valley photographers capturing the mission and purpose of 15 human services agencies including the Desert Mission Food Bank. The resulting images tell the story of basic needs and emergency services in greater Phoenix. This is a project sponsored by the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

Food Bank Benefits from a Heartfelt Gesture

A man walked into the Food Bank on Sept. 11 and pressed \$40 into the hands of a staff member, asking her to use it to help someone buy food. "There is a simple grace in this gesture - the man had read about the increased need for food in our community, and he took action. We can all learn from him", said the staff member.



Fry's Food Stores President Jon Flora presented a check for more than \$17,000 to Cindy Hallman (right) and the Desert Mission Food Bank. Said Flora: "We're honored to provide funding for Snac Pacs for hungry school children." Also pictured, left to right, are Desert Mission's Cathie Hanna, Sharon Pierson and Ann Kells.

Dear Friends of Desert Mission:

It's not news that these are challenging times. Desert Mission is serving 30 percent more people than we did this time last year, and the needs are increasingly urgent.

One way to assist neighbors in need is through the Arizona Working Poor Tax Credit. Annually, Arizona taxpayers can designate as much as \$200 of their state tax payment (\$400 for a married couple filing jointly) to an agency serving the working poor. Desert Mission meets the state's requirements in this area. Consult with your tax adviser or visit www.revenue.state.az.us for details.

Holiday Adopt-a-Family is in full swing, with families in need being matched to volunteers, who will provide toys and essentials for the children and the ingredients for a holiday meal. If you'd like to adopt a family, please go to JCL.com/desertmission or call our Resource Development Office at 602-331-5792.

Thanks to generous donors and volunteers like you, we are able to keep up with growing difficulties in our community. You've rolled up your sleeves and opened your checkbooks. Thank you.

Cindy Hallman

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Vice President, John C. Lincoln Health Network
Executive Director, Desert Mission Inc.

Thank you to....

Ameriprise volunteers for packing 439 meat baskets, two bins of Snac Pacs, serving 95 client families, carrying out groceries, and sorting and picking up food.

Cheerios Spoonfuls of Stories for giving each child served through our programs a book a month for the coming year.

City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds - \$40,000 to the Community Health and Children's Dental Clinic to increase health care access for needy children, and \$22,000 to Lincoln Learning Center for education enrichment programs (*developmental screenings, tuition assistance, scholarships for swim and gymnastics lessons for low-income children*).

Compass Bank for your \$10,180 donation and faithful volunteer service to the Desert Mission Food Bank.

Delaine Anthony, DMD, for recycling scrap metal from her dental office and sending Children's Dental Clinic the \$400 she raised.

Delta Dental Foundation of Arizona for a \$10,000 grant to the Children's Dental Clinic to support staff time, supplies and the annual volunteer appreciation dinner.

Desert Christian Fellowship and Orangewood Presbyterian Church for your extraordinary volunteers!

Diane Scherer, CEO of the Phoenix Association of Realtors, for hosting a YEAR-LONG food and fun drive to benefit our food bank!

Doug Beischel, DDS, and his staff and patients for your generous donations of drinking water during our summer's hottest months.

First Things First for a generous \$146,196 grant for the Food Bank to provide emergency food to children ages 0 to 5 and their families.



Home Depot for a \$3,000 gift card that Food Bank staff used to purchase bottled water for families visiting the Food Bank this summer.

Maricopa County's Local Board of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (funds from FEMA – the Federal Emergency Management Agency) for granting \$13,360 to the Food Bank to help meet the increased emergency food needs of the community this summer.

Target for granting \$3,000 to Marley House to provide workbooks and parent resource materials for their school-based violence prevention program.

Volunteers from Arizona Department of Transportation for washing the Adult Day Health Care Center vans and buses. They spend four Saturday mornings a year ensuring our vehicles are sparkling clean.



Lend a Helping Hand

Marley House Behavioral Health Clinic needs:

- McDonald's gift certificates.
- Girls' hygiene items.
- Socks and underwear for school-agers and teens.

Food Bank needs:

- Warehouse volunteers able to lift and work weekdays. Contact Renee Lambdin at 602-870-6060 ext. 1389 or renee.lambdin@JCL.com.
- New or used canvas grocery bags.
- Suitcases on wheels.
- Wash cloths.
- Baby powder and wipes.

Children's Dental Clinic needs:

- Children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss.

Adult Day Health Care needs:

- Volunteers to teach crafts.
- Musicians to share your musical talents.

Do You Need Community Service Learning Hours?

Contact Renee Lambdin at 602-870-6060 ext. 1389 or renee.lambdin@JCL.com to volunteer. We have set aside one afternoon each month so you can plan to meet your requirements and help at the Desert Mission Food Bank. Here are the 2009 and 2010 dates:

Oct. 26, 2009	Feb. 22, 2010
Nov. 30, 2009	March 29, 2010
Jan. 25, 2010	April 26, 2010

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