



Dear Friends,

I know it sounds like a broken record -- but once again, Valley View Community Food Bank served a record number of clients. In 2021, we served 712,663 clients from communities all over the West Valley who received food boxes to meet their individual needs. Staff and volunteers at VVCFB know that some families need special food to meet dietary restrictions. Obviously, a single senior



doesn't need the same food or quantity of items that a young family with growing children does. We take the time to make a special food box for each client rather than operating on a "one size fits all" model. We also have no Zip Code restrictions for our clients. I always tell staff to "find a way to say yes" when a client calls, even after hours.

In 2021, seniors were an increasing number and larger percentage of our clients. We have tried to meet that need by partnering with the Sun City West Foundation to open a pantry at their building on Monday mornings. We have a Thursday pantry for seniors in El Mirage where clients can supplement their bi-weekly visits and receive fresh produce and bakery items. We are also working on ways to increase deliveries to home-bound seniors.

In the spring of 2021, 14,631 individuals received extra food at Easter and I expect the numbers during Easter week this year will be at least that high. With the help of many partners, we again have Easter baskets for the children, too. Our

numbers for Thanksgiving and Christmas were even higher and I expect that to be true this fall, too.

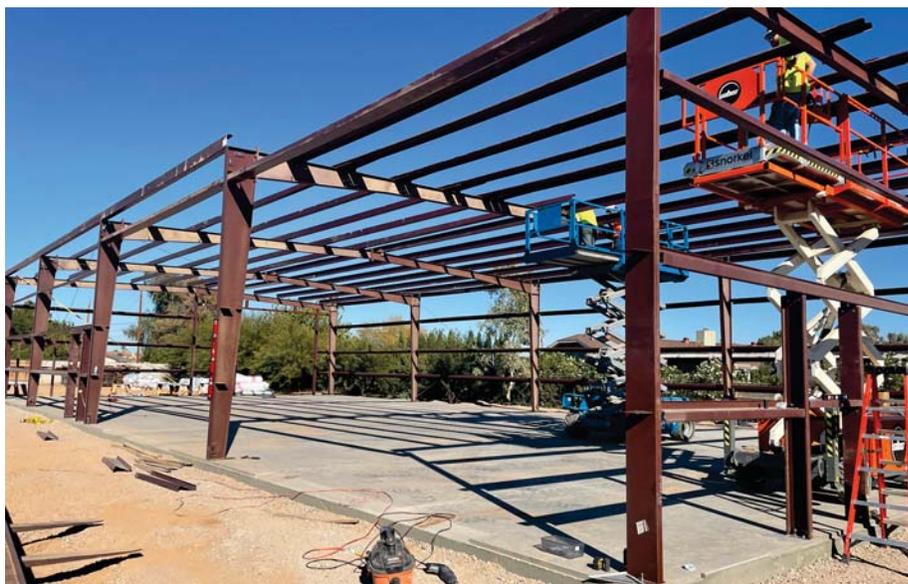
Our warehouse is finished and that has really helped our work. I no longer have to turn down food because I don't have a place to store it. Best of all, friends have pitched in and it is paid for, saving us thousands of dollars if we had to rent hard-to-find space. We are still looking for another refrigerated truck which will also help with our outreach. As with other supply chain issues, trucks are few and far between but with help from the Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation, we are ready to pounce when we see what we need.

Summer is traditionally a hard time for food banks and VVCFB is no exception. Many of our volunteers and donors are out of town. The post offices are not doing a May food drive again this year. Thankfully, many businesses and churches have stepped up their food drives and that is much appreciated. We will need your help for our back to school event in late July as well as for your generous financial and food donations over the summer.

It's hard to believe that it was 15 years ago that I opened a little pantry in a Youngtown storefront and now we are serving hundreds of thousands. THANK YOU! Your support and belief in our mission has made it possible.

Jesse Ramirez  
Founder and President

P.S. Make plans now to join us to celebrate our successes at our Gala on November 5th!



The warehouse got off to a great start, and is now complete and ready for a busy summer.

# How to Help

**Make a cash donation.** Donate online at:

[www.feedingAZ.org](http://www.feedingAZ.org).

or mail a check to:

**Valley View Community Food Bank**  
10771 W. Peoria Ave.  
Sun City 85351

SCAN TO DONATE



Donations made directly to Valley View Community Food Bank from your IRA are not taxed before distribution. However, they are not deductible as charitable contributions or for the state tax credit.

**Make a charitable donation.** Even if you don't itemize your federal return, you are eligible to take up to \$300 per person or \$600 per couple as a deduction. Gifts to VVCFB of \$800 per couple also qualify for the charitable tax credit on your state income tax.

**Leave a Legacy.** Remember VVCFB in your will or trust.

**Shop at Amazon.** Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) instead of Amazon.com. Choose **Valley View Community Food Assistance** from the drop-down menu. We also have a wish list on Amazon.

**Support Valley View Community Thrift Shops** at 13576 W. Camino del Sol #6, Sun City West 85375, 10737 W. Peoria Ave., Sun City or 12321 NW Grand Ave., El Mirage 85363. Call 623-455-2911 for hours or to arrange a pick-up.

**Volunteer.** Volunteers are needed in the pantry and the thrift shops on a regular basis. Organize a food drive or collect items for Thanksgiving or Christmas. For information on how to get started, contact Jesse Jr. at [vvfoodassistance@yahoo.com](mailto:vvfoodassistance@yahoo.com).

**Fill the Pantry.** Pick up extra items while shopping. Always needed items include: peanut butter and jelly, pasta, canned soups and stews, canned fruits and vegetables. Also baby food and diapers and adult sanitary items.

**Thank you to our generous donors who made the difference in so many lives this year! Your kindness and compassion have brought relief and hope to our community.**



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