



HUNGER to Hope

News from United Food Bank

SUMMER 2018



2018 United Food Bank 35th Anniversary Gala Back to the 80's

Saturday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m.
Elegante at Doubletree by Hilton Gilbert

Join us as we celebrate our 35th Anniversary with Back to the Future-Rocking the 80's. Our emcee is none other than 80's Morning Mayor, Dave Pratt, with Guest Speaker Raveen Arora. Early bird tickets go on sale July 15th. Visit unitedfoodbank.org for all the fun details. For businesses, sponsorship packages are available.

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Together,

WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

MAP THE MEAL GAP

Map the Meal Gap 2018 reveals that food insecurity exists in every county in United Food Bank's service area. Food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

For these food-insecure households, the United Food Bank network may be the only source of hope and support. In the five counties served by United Food Bank:

692,080

people struggle with food insecurity. 257,720 of them are children.

33%

of food-insecure individuals have a level of income that likely prevents them from qualifying for federal nutrition programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and free and reduced-price school lunch programs.

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35th Anniversary Giving Circles & Societies

JOIN ONE OF OUR NEW 35TH
ANNIVERSARY GIVING CIRCLES

\$.35/DAY (OR JUST \$10.50 A MONTH) = 630 MEALS ANNUALLY
\$35.00/MONTH (OR \$420 ANNUALLY) = 2,100 MEALS ANNUALLY



Kids Café

ONE IN FOUR CHILDREN IN ARIZONA STRUGGLES WITH FOOD INSECURITY

One in four children in Arizona struggles with food insecurity. In the five counties served by United Food Bank, that means 257,720 children do not know from where they will get their next meal. Roberto attends an afterschool program, supported by United Food Bank's Kids Café Food Program. Recently, due to a generous donation, UFB was able to provide fresh fruit one day a week to our afterschool programs. The Site Director shared that she gave each student a fresh, whole apple. Roberto wasn't eating his apple and when she asked why, he said he didn't really know what to do with it, he was waiting for her to slice it. She explained that the way to eat an apple is to just take a bite. Roberto took a bite, and the apple popped in his mouth and was crisp and juicy. He smiled the biggest

smile she had ever seen. At age 8, he had never bitten into a fresh apple before. United Food Bank is working hard to end childhood food insecurity, but we need the financial assistance of generous funders to keep children like Roberto fed with wholesome, nutritious food. The summer months are hard on families, and donations to food banks decline severely over the summer months, when we need these precious resources most. Please consider making a \$10.00 donation to United Food Bank in July and August to help keep children like Roberto fed, healthy and productive throughout the summer and beyond. With \$10.00, United Food Bank can provide 50 meals. Visit give.unitedfoodbank.org or text WeFeedAz to 480-800-0468 to make a donation.

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IN PROVIDING A SUMMER OF A MILLION MEALS

Providing more than 61,000 meals for children, families and seniors daily, United Food Bank relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations and community groups. That's why you can join 12 News and United Food Bank feed Arizona children! Now, until September 2 you can donate to help us reach our goal of 1 million meals during the summer! Visit, azmillionmeals.org to donate a gift.

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But there is **good news!** Food insecurity in Arizona declined for a third year in a row! Thanks to our donors, volunteers and everyone who supports United Food Bank, fewer of our neighbors are going hungry and we are closer to our goal of ending hunger in Arizona. Join our 35th Summer Campaign – **Summer of a Million Meals.**

Help us feed hungry people in Arizona over the summer by visiting azmillionmeals.org to make a donation.

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Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who attended our Friends Breakfast. It was an awesome morning and we made many new friends. Visit unitedfoodbank.org to see photos from the event where we made new friends and honored our 2017 Hunger Heroes.

Thank you to the National Association of Letter Carriers, and everyone who donated to their "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. United Food Bank received over 100,000 pounds of food – enough for more than 83,000 meals.