A Letter From Our President

Fall is in the air – bringing cooler temperatures and the return of our winter residents. Welcome back! There is a lot going on at the Food Bank and we are excited to share our news with you. The Food Bank is in final negotiations for a new home! Any of you who have visited our current location can understand our need for a larger space. We have no desire to spend Food Bank funds on a fancy building, just a utilitarian space that will allow us to store and pack the food, and assist our clients in an efficient manner. We plan to stay in the Cave Creek area, as the Food Bank wants to remain a part of this community.

While we are thrilled to have a permanent space, due to the very specific needs of a food bank, the building will require some renovations to make it functional and operational. And, as always, we are relying on our donors to help with this project. We have begun a Capital Campaign that is aimed at supplying the necessary funds. I would ask that you please consider being a part of this! Our donors are always so supportive in providing much-needed food and dollars, and we are hoping that you will also want to help us in securing a productive environment for the future of the Food Bank.

As well as making a financial contribution, you will be hearing about some “creative” ways in which you can make your donation. For example, we are considering a fundraiser “Buy a Horseshoe”. A horseshoe can be purchased and a plate attached that is inscribed with your name, or your grandchild’s name, or your pet’s name, etc. The horseshoes will be available in two sizes. The completed horseshoes will adorn an area of exterior wall and an area of interior wall in the new Food Bank. If you attend one of the community events beginning in October, it is likely that you will come across a table, displaying these horseshoes for you to view and purchase. What a fun way to show your support of the Food Bank!

It is hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner and the Food Bank, once again, will be putting together holiday dinner bags for those who would not otherwise enjoy a delicious meal. Our Adopt-a-Family program also kicks off and is really putting us in the Christmas spirit. It is such a joy to see what this effort means to the many families in our community who are struggling. The holidays are especially difficult for them, as they deal with their inability to provide presents under the tree for their children. Every child deserves to be excited on Christmas morning when they discover packages with their name on them. And we, who have so much, can help to make that happen.

I know this is a busy time for all of us, but there continues to be so many who need our help. Please consider giving your support to the Foothills Food Bank. We are serving families locally, and are dependent on our donors to make our programs successful. As we approach the end of the year, don’t forget about the AZ Tax Credit. Under Arizona Law (ARS 43-1088), the Foothills Food Bank is recognized as serving the needs of the poor. If you qualify, you could receive a FULL TAX CREDIT of

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HOW FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK HELPS

The North Valley is often thought of as an area of well-to-do suburbs with middle to upper class residents who are getting along just fine. Pleasant urban surroundings disguise the fact that many North Valley residents are barely making ends meet in today’s economic environment.

Any crisis, such as a loss of job, a pay cut, a number of medical bills and the fact that people just don’t have any extra savings available, will bring people to the food bank. It takes about 30 pounds of food, valued at $64, to feed one person for 3 days.

CARE CLUB

Foothills Food Bank (FFB) assists needy families on a monthly basis through its Care Club program. Care Club helps people stretch their food dollars. A meat package, valued at $45, can be purchased for $15. A pantry package, valued at $40, can be purchased for $10 on a monthly basis.

Pre-registration for Care Club is recommended. Care Club hours are 12:30 - 4:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month and 12 - 8 pm on the third Thursday of each month.

Satellite Store in Anthem

Konia Cafe (located inside Crossroads Church) 42201 N. 41st Dr., Phoenix, 85086 Place order on Tuesday between 9-11am Pick up on Thursday between 12-2 pm

Did You Know???

The Foothills Food Bank has increased the number of people it serves by 213% since January, 2008. It’s no wonder we need a larger facility. Due to a lack of space, we’re unable to provide all the necessary services to help those in need.

Monthly Totals

Here’s a breakdown of the amount of food donated by the community to the Food Bank to help those in need:

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Bookalicious Buddies

by Barbara Gowan, Vice-President,
Greater Paradise Valley Reading Council

The Greater Paradise Valley Reading Council is partnering with the Foothills Food Bank and kicking off their community service project, Bookalicious Buddies, in November. Families visiting the food bank in November will also receive “food for their child’s mind” - a new picture or chapter book for their family to enjoy.

This is the first of four distributions planned by members of the local reading council. The Greater Paradise Valley Reading Council is an affiliate of the Arizona Reading Association and is comprised of teachers, librarians, reading specialists, book sellers and authors. Anyone who is a literacy advocate is invited to join the reading council. Information can be found at www.arizonareadingassociation.org.

Special thanks to Gardner’s Book Service for their donation of books to this service project. If you would like to donate books to the Bookalicious Buddies, contact Barbara Gowan, 480-502-8697, or Pam DiPietro at the food bank, 480-488-1145.

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up to $400 for a married couple or $200 for a single individual, head of household or married filing separately.

A tax credit differs from a tax deduction in that a credit allows you to subtract your donation from your State of Arizona tax liability, dollar for dollar. Helping the Food Bank is a tangible way to show your gratitude for your blessings, by sharing with those less fortunate.

I want to personally thank each one of you for all you do throughout the year to help us help others. I feel so grateful to live in a community where people are not totally consumed with their own lives, but care about helping others and sharing what they have. God bless all of you!

Jeanne Panhorst
President, Foothills Food Bank

Wish List

- Jelly
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Canned Pasta
- Juice
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Dry Instant Milk
- Boxes of Potato, Rice and Pasta sides
  - Canned Tuna, Chicken, etc.
  - Canned soups, chili and stews
  - Canned Tomatoes, Sauce & Paste
- Sugar
- Toiletries and bars of soap
- Condiments
- Diapers size 5 and 6

Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project

Working together again this year, the Foothills Community Foundation and the Foothills Food Bank will make the holidays better for up to 300 struggling families. It takes many volunteers to carry out this program and the entire community to make it happen. The Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project helps existing clients of the Foothills Food Bank - families that would not have a Christmas were it not for this program. Other non-profit partners such as Carefree Kiwanis, Rotary of North Scottsdale, Salvation Army of Carefree, Rural Metro of Cave Creek, the Carefree Fire Department, St. Vincent De Paul (Our Lady of Joy and St. Gabriel chapters), CCUSD and Foothills Caring Corps team up for this Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project. Necessities such as shampoo, soap, toiletries and paper products are always in need at the food bank. The public can drop off their donations of toiletries at the FCF’s “Necessity” in the lobby of the Holland Community Center, 34250 N. 60th St. (next to the Y) 480-488-1090. For more information about the Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project, please call the Foothills Food Bank at 480-488-1145.

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Where Would We Be Without Our Friends?

A Special Thank You to the Gold Mine Thrift Shop …

The Food Bank is very fortunate to be in partnership with the Gold Mine Thrift Shop in Cave Creek. We are able to send our clients there to shop for needed items. Often the clients are seeking articles of clothing, for example when they have need of an appropriate outfit for a job interview. The staff at the Gold Mine is so compassionate and helpful to our clients, spending time with them and advising them on purchases, yet maintaining the client’s dignity.

In addition, the Gold Mine gives the Food Bank much-needed financial support. A big “Thank You” to Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, Lena McCoy (Manager), and all of the volunteers for supporting the Food Bank and joining with us in our mission to help the needy in our community.

And don’t forget the Gold Mine as you clean out your closets and downsize your possessions. They can always use donations of gently-used clothing and household items. What a wonderful way to repurpose things you no longer need!

Kids Supporting Kids…
One Jar at a Time

by Peni Long

Sometimes it’s the simple things in life that make the most difference. To 12-year-old Kendra Ingram, a student at Copper Ridge Elementary, peanut butter is that thing. When the 7th grader learned that a lot of kids go hungry and that the local food banks really need peanut butter donations, she started her very own peanut butter drive. “When my mom told me how much one jar of peanut butter can do to help families, I just said, ‘That is my charity!’, and I am going to collect peanut butter.” Kendra’s goal this school year is to collect 1,000 jars—she’s met 11% of her goal so far with big plans to get the rest.

Pam DiPietro, Executive Director of the Foothills Food Bank, was the first grateful recipient of Kendra’s peanut butter—a staple for the organization’s clients. Since then, Kendra has also made donations to St. Vincent DePaul’s, and four local businesses have signed up to put out collection boxes. She recently set up a box at the Holland Community Center and is urging the young people who use the center to help with donations. “I get to eat whenever I want. If I can help some kids not go hungry, it will make all the difference in the world to me.”

Kendra has a name for her charity—Kids Supporting Kids. She would especially like to involve more schools and will even provide an incentive—an ice cream or Popsicle party for the class that donates the most. “It would really be great to have a contact or a

The Nativities – Foothills Food Bank will again have the Christmas project called The Nativities. It will be happening the same weekend as the Carefree Christmas Festival. Now, we are appealing to all our volunteers and other community/church members to offer to display your unique Nativity sets during the three-day festival. We request that you bring your Nativity set in and set it up yourself. If you have a Nativity, large or small, that you would be willing to share with our community this Christmas season in support of the Foothills Food Bank, please call 480-488-1145 for further information.

chairperson at other schools to help out,” says Kendra, and she and her mom will help by providing a box and getting the peanut butter donations to the food banks.

To help Kendra meet her 1,000 jar goal by the end of the school year, you may contact her at kendraingram6@gmail.com, call her at 480-544-1171, or make donations at the Holland Community Center, on 60th Street just off of Carefree Highway. And if you want to see her in action, you might just catch her on one of the television ads for—you guessed it—Jif Peanut Butter.
Capital Campaign Drive

Purchase a horseshoe to help “Buck” out hunger

Did you know?
- Food Bank clients have increased by 213% since January, 2008.
- Current space is 2,000sf which is insufficient to serve clients, and have storage and office space all in one place.
- We currently have to rent storage space off site for food and the Director’s office.
- The Food Bank fed 11, 671 people last year.

check one  I will support the Foothills Food Bank with a pledge or through the purchase of a horseshoe.

_____ Mustang - $25 donation gets you a horseshoe at the new facility with family or in memory of name on plaque hanging in the Mustang section.
_____ Stallion - $50 donation gets you a horseshoe at the new facility with family or in memory of name plaque hanging in the Stallion section.
_____ Corporate Stallion - Donate over $500 and you will get a shelf/section named for your business.
_____ Help in a bigger way - by making a larger donation or pledge. We have found a building that we are negotiating to purchase and we are in need of dollars to finance this building. The more dollars we raise now, the smaller the mortgage. It would be great not to have a mortgage and to use all donated dollars to directly help those in need.

Name(s)________________________________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

City, state, zip ___________________________ Email Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

I/we hereby pledge to the Foothills Food Bank the sum of: ________________________ Dollars
To be paid in cash, check, credit card, securities or other property of equivalent value.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______________

Spouse (when joint gift) ___________________________________________ Date ______________

Paid herewith: $_____________ Balance due: $_____________

Balance to be paid as follows (circle one) Monthly Quarterly Yearly

Special instructions: ___________________________________________________________________________

☐ Please send me payment reminders.
☐ Check enclosed
☐ Please charge my: VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ ___________________________________________________________________________

Please charge my card for $_____________/month for _______ months.

Expiration: _____/______ Security code: _______ (3 or 4 digits on back of card)

Signature ___________________________________________ Date __________________________

My gift is in honor or memory of: __________________________________________________________________________

Please mail this completed form to: Foothills Food Bank, PO Box 715, Carefree, AZ 85377

Or return to physical address: 6920 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

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Times are not getting any better!

No matter what you hear or read, the indication at the food bank is that times are not getting better. We are averaging about 10 new “clients” a month. In total, we are seeing about 375 “families” a month. During the summer months our shelves were almost bare and we were spending thousands of dollars a month to purchase food.

In the past, the food donations were always adequate and we only needed to purchase a minimal amount of food. That is no longer the case. Along with seeing more people, the food donations have dropped off slightly. In July we received 40,032 pounds of food, in August it dropped to 38,401 pounds and in September it was 31,198 pounds.

It takes much needed space to take care of the growing needs. Space we do not have. The food bank has been searching for a larger permanent space, and we have found it. We are now looking for the dollars that will help us to purchase this space.

We desire to expand some programs, such as more foods for seniors, different foods for the homeless, special dietary foods such as gluten free items and we especially want to begin a program called Snak Pac for school age children, but lack the space to do this. The building that we have found will help us to accomplish these things.

Some of you have already helped by making donations to our Capital Campaign when we first announced it back in March. Now that we actually have found our ideal space, we need to rev up the campaign and raise the dollars to purchase this building outright. We would like to pay off the building now so that in the future, donations will go to helping people in need and not to a mortgage.

Please help us to reach our goal. You can do it by making a donation and also by offering to help us raise dollars by becoming a member of our Capital Campaign Committee and helping to solicit the Corporate World for dollars. Do whatever you can to help us reach our goal.

I can be reached at 602-284-3483, my cell phone. Don’t look for me at the food bank because there is no room for me. My office has been taken over by boxes and items that we have no other space for. You can usually find me at my desk at my home, or at a meeting. We hold a lot of meetings around my dining room table.

Thank you sincerely,

Pam DiPietro, Executive Director

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ARIZONA TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Show your support for the Foothills Food Bank AND reduce your Arizona tax bill with a tax credit.

FULL TAX CREDIT for the amount that you donate.

For more information, visit www.revenue.state.az or call 1-800-843-7196. Please complete the form below and mail it along with your check payable to the Foothills Food Bank, PO Box 715, Carefree, AZ 85377.

Foothills Food Bank 2011 Charitable Organization Tax Credit Donation Form

Name__________________________Last__________________________First__________________________M.I.__________________________

Address__________________________________________________________

(We need your address so we can send you a receipt letter.)

City__________________________Zip Code__________________________Amount Enclosed__________

Maximum donation is $400 married couple; $200 single, head of household or married/filing separately.

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