Hunger Action Ministry

“Through our hands, we serve in love”
Saint Teresa of Calcutta adapted

“You pray for the hungry, and then you feed them. That's how prayer works”
Pope Francis

Our Vision: To be a change agent in our community.

Our Mission

By promoting and supporting organizations, in the local community, that strive to reduce and eliminate hunger, our mission involves:

Awareness – Educate the Casa community on Hunger issues.
Advocacy – Promote state/national legislation affecting food security.
Action – Organize service projects in our community.

2019
Monday November 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food Bank Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Boxes, no space available/FULL.
Tuesday, November 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food Bank Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Boxes Giveaway.
Tuesday, December 10, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Desert Mission FB, Sort & Pack

2020
Friday, January 17, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Desert Mission Food Bank, Sort & Pack
Tuesday, January 28, 4 to 6:30 p.m. SVDP Family Dining Rm/Dream Cntr
Monday, February 10, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Desert Mission Food Bank, Sort & Pack
Friday, March 20, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Desert Mission Food Bank, Sort & Pack

Our next Opportunities for SERVICE 2019-2020

Here’s why our Casa Community cares about Hunger in Arizona

• Our total population is 6.9 million; 412,000 children live in poverty and 756,00 adults live in poverty; one in four children go to bed hungry every night.
• One in six families receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Hunger Action, meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Always check with the front desk for the location of the meeting. See information in bulletins about our service or advocacy opportunities. For more information, contact: hungeraction@thecasa.org
Website: https://thecasa.org/faith-in-action/hunger-action-ministry/

Give me the hunger to be a part of the feeding and the healing of this world.
(Jesuit resources, prayers to end hunger.)
Fall 2019 & Winter 2020 Service Opportunities

St. Mary’s Food Bank
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Food Box Distribution
Monday, November 25, [FULL] and Tuesday, November 26, 2019

St. Mary’s Food Bank distributes more than 10,000 Thanksgiving Food boxes in the three days leading up to Thanksgiving. The goal is to include a turkey and other holiday dinner items in the boxes so that all Arizona families have a chance to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. St. Mary’s relies on more than 300 hundred volunteers to distribute these meals. Join the Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) on Monday, November 25 to participate in this great program. Watch the Bulletin for when HAM will be in Hospitality with more details and to sign-up.

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St. Mary’s Food Bank distributes 250,000 meals daily, six days a week, to individuals as well as nearly 500 nonprofits partners (including Desert Mission) in 13 Arizona counties. Packing emergency food boxes is one of their principal projects. Recently they were asked to increase the production of Food Boxes. As a result they are increasing the number of shifts to pack boxes, especially in the afternoons.

Desert Mission Food Bank
9229 N 4th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020 [Park on Fifth St., south of Hatcher.]

Desert Mission Food Bank is combatting hunger across the income spectrum by helping to bridge nutrition gaps that negatively affect the health and well-being of community residents. Volunteers sort and bag food items as well as help clients around the market. HAM is continuing to provide volunteer service once a month in 2020. 10 to 15 volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please arrive at 8:45 a.m. on each of the following days:

- Friday, January 17
- Monday, February 10
- Friday, March 20

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Family Dining Room and Dream Center, Monday, January 28, 4 to 6:30 p.m.
420 West Watkins Rd. Phoenix

SVDP Family Dining Room and Dream Center: (Adults and children 9 and older) are welcome to volunteer. is open to all families in need of nutritious meals. But when you visit St. Vincent de Paul to serve or be served, it's rarely just about eating. Volunteers create an experience many of us take for granted, an opportunity not only to eat but to meet and greet as well. Stomachs and hearts are filled in five dining rooms, where 3,500 nourishing, hot meals accompany our hospitality every day. The Dream Center offers a supportive home or school atmosphere, including communal reading and group art projects for our younger guests, plus one-on-one tutoring programs and fun educational activities.

To sign-up for any of these dates please email hungeraction@thecasa.org
- Please include your telephone number along with your email.
- Indicate the date and the site at which you would like to serve.