

# Hunger Action Month at the Franciscan Renewal Center



## Casa Food Drive

Benefitting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Saturday, September 19\* and Sunday, September 20**  
**Mornings only, 8:00 - 11:00 am.**

*We are **ONLY** able to accept food donations on these dates and times.*

September is Hunger Action Month at the Franciscan Renewal Center. The “action” for this year is a special food drive benefitting *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* (SVdP). Due to the pandemic, SVdP has not been able to hold collections. Although, monetary donations are always welcome, SVdP could use your help to keep their food bank shelves filled. *Only non-perishable, shelf-stable, unexpired items are accepted:*

- canned tuna or chicken
- peanut butter (in plastic jars)
- boxed mac-n-cheese
- canned vegetables (low sodium)
- canned beans
- dry beans
- rice
- canned soup
- pasta
- canned fruit (low sugar, avoid high fructose corn syrup)
- Spam
- breakfast cereal
- instant potatoes

Collection: items are to be brought to the East-Front Parking Lot of the Franciscan Renewal Center.

September is nationwide **Hunger Action Month**, a month where food banks and food pantries, advocacy groups and individuals all over America stand together to fight hunger. It’s a month to spread the word and act on the hunger crisis, especially this year when so many have been affected by the global pandemic. Donate food (to this food drive), attend the FRC Virtual Event on September 27 with Angie Rodgers ([link](#)) and make a financial donation to a local food bank. *See reverse side for “Pandemic Protocols” that will be in place and for information about St. Vincent de Paul.*

**\*Note** - on Saturday Morning, **September 19**: in the lane in front of the lobby, there will also be a drive through sale of [Café Justo Fair Trade Coffee](#). Choice of one pound bags of: Arabica and Robusta, medium and dark roast, ground and bean, regular or decaf coffee for \$10.00 (exact change requested). Consult the FRC webpage calendar of events for more information. [www.casa.org](http://www.casa.org)

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All are welcome.

## **Casa Hunger Action Ministry - Making a difference through Awareness, Advocacy and Action**



In the past during the September Hunger Action Month, the Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) and *Our Lady of the Angels* community assembled *Casa Kindness Bags* and *Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags* for those in need. This year the Food Drive will support the meal and nutrition needs for school age children.

### **Pandemic Protocols Will Be Followed During Donation Drop-Off.**

- Drive into the main entrance of the Franciscan Renewal Center and to the east (front) parking lot.
- Look for directional signs, tables, SVdP donation boxes and HAM volunteers in orange shirts. There will be two lanes of donations boxes. You should be able to drive up, get out of your car and place your donation items into the donation boxes.
- Social distancing measures will be used. Although we can assist you if needed, HAM volunteers will minimize what we touch and will be wearing masks, and gloves.
- If you feel comfortable, please take a minimally touched handout for the Hunger Action Month Virtual Event on September 27 “Feeding Arizona’s Families during a Global Pandemic” with Angie Rodgers, President & CEO of Arizona Food Bank Network.
- Hand sanitizer or wipes will be available.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**FEED. CLOTHE.  
HOUSE. HEAL.**

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**

SVdP has been serving the community throughout central and northern Arizona since 1946. Programs include:

- Charity dining rooms that serve thousands each day.
- Food boxes for hungry families.
- Services for the homeless.
- Medical and dental care for the working poor.
- Thrift stores throughout the region.
- A bridge housing shelter.
- General assistance for individuals in need.

SVdP provides help for people’s physical, mental, and spiritual needs. Done this with care and respect, clients and guests are shown that that they matter and they are children of God.

In 2019, SVdP delivered 181,000 food boxes through volunteer-run food pantries across Arizona and 301,400 million meals were served through six SVdP charity dining rooms and 28 partner agencies.

**Feeding the hungry is prayer in action.**