

Association of Arizona Food Banks Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2014-2015



ASSOCIATION
OF ARIZONA
FOOD BANKS



From the CEO

FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015: Facing Challenges and Finding New Solutions

Dear Friends,

This year, we reached for a deeper understanding about people who are struggling. Who are they? Where do they live? What are the tough choices they face each day? *Hunger in America 2014* was released in August 2014 and helped us answer some of those questions. Here's what we learned: **we need to do more.**

We started new programs for children, because more than 1 in 4 children in Arizona live in poverty. With your help and with special funding, we worked to get more kids free meals in school.

Our key hunger-relief effort, the Arizona Statewide Gleaning Project, was vital for getting the right mix of food to our food bank members who serve thousands of Arizonans each year. We're also evaluating this program to see what we can do better, and how we can provide more healthy food throughout the state.

And, of course, we worked on preventing hunger through state and congressional action, and advocated for legislation targeted at feeding kids in schools and reinforcing the government safety net.

There is so much more to do. Addressing poverty can seem like an endless challenge. But so many people are working together: our food bank partners, their member agencies, the Feeding America network, other poverty relief agencies, and, most importantly, YOU. Just knowing this gives me hope for Arizona, and hope that one day we will end hunger in our state.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Rodgers".

Angie Rodgers, President & CEO

Advocacy

Boosting the Safety Net

Children were the focus of advocacy efforts this year. AAFB worked with others across the country to support an effective Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR). Unfortunately, CNR was not included as part of budget discussions and is operating under a continuing resolution unless cost offsets can be negotiated. Other congressional work included supporting the PATH Act of 2015, which was passed in AAFB's FY 2015-2016.



General state budget cuts to health and human services were avoided. AAFB's work, along with the work of other allies, stopped bad SNAP (food stamp) legislation that would have eliminated Arizona's ability to apply for federal waivers, disallowed categorical eligibility within SNAP, and required a photo on EBT cards.

AAFB also fought finger imaging, a requirement of SNAP and TANF applicants. As the last state in the nation to make finger imaging a requirement of beneficiaries, Arizona has not realized that more effective methods would save \$2 million in state and federal funds. Efforts in this fiscal year laid the groundwork for strategies that will continue into the next legislative session.

Other work included ensuring that the Arizona "Working Poor" tax credit was preserved and that state human services funding was protected from cuts.



Transportation

Established in 1993, the Arizona State-wide Gleaning Project (ASGP) began with a simple goal – **rescue as much produce as possible to help food banks provide healthy choices for their clients.**

Since then, AAFB has transported over 974 million pounds of food. The project has evolved from actual gleaning (combing fields after a harvest for food left behind) to supporting the joint efforts of our members and key partners like the LDS Cannery in Mesa, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Arizona Department of Economic Security. The ASGP now includes bulk food purchasing, coordinating large donations through Feeding America, and transporting fresh produce between food banks.

Two 18-wheel semis and their drivers are the heart of the ASGP. These trucks help food banks use more of their budgets for food, rather than for transportation or logistics. The ASGP helps people at risk benefit from the fresh fruits and vegetables that Arizona's rich agriculture and generous donors provide. **This year the ASGP:**

1

Supported Arizona food banks by coordinating transportation for 182 loads from Feeding America sourcing, or 6,071,164 pounds of food.

2

Delivered 834 loads, or 28,042,939 pounds of food, covering 294,167 miles during the year.

3

Coordinated bulk purchases totaling 1,090,089 pounds of food, most of which was fresh produce from Arizona and beyond.

Childhood Hunger

School and Summer Meal Programs



When kids at risk of hunger get meals in school, it improves their health, reduces class disruptions, and improves their grades.

Free School Meals

AAFB worked to increase the number of schools serving free breakfast, lunch, and summer meals. Many low-income schools aren't aware that they meet the federal criteria to provide free school meals (called the Community Eligibility Provision, or CEP) to all students. As of December 2014, just 73 Arizona schools – about 31% of those who are eligible – had adopted CEP. In FY 2014-2015, AAFB reached out to 170 schools to let them know they qualify.

Alternative School Breakfast Models

Working with the Valley of the Sun United Way, the Dairy Council of Arizona, and the Arizona Department of Education, AAFB encouraged schools to move breakfast out of the cafeteria and into the classroom to give more kids a healthy start to the school day. This included a training session for school personnel, outreach to more than 150 schools districts, and meetings with schools to help plan successful programs.

Summer Meals

The "One More" Summer Challenge encouraged 175 schools and nonprofits to open one more summer meal site, add one more meal, or stay open one more week. This campaign also helped promote summer feeding sites and AAFB member food banks who wanted to do more to serve kids in the summer.

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Vision and Mission

Our Vision

A hunger-free Arizona

Our Mission

To deliver food and quality services to food banks and foster relationships in support of our commitment to eliminate hunger.

AAFB is a private, nonprofit organization serving five regional food bank members and a network of nearly 1,200 food pantries and agencies. Read more about AAFB's work to end hunger in Arizona at www.azfoodbanks.org.

Join us as we **#ImagineaSolution** to end hunger. Share your ideas on Facebook and Twitter today!

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Year Ended June 30, 2015 (with comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2014)

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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Totals	
			2015	2014
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Contributions	\$ 417,725	\$ 535,268	\$ 952,993	\$ 1,273,307
Governmental and other agency grants	365,092	-	365,092	365,092
Fee for service	353,293	-	353,293	492,668
Membership	55,601	-	55,601	55,601
Interest	2,427	-	2,427	2,576
Other	7,302	35,000	42,302	-
Net assets released from restriction	442,491	(442,491)	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	1,643,931	127,777	1,771,708	2,189,244
EXPENSES				
Program services:	1,254,237	-	1,254,237	1,520,445
Supporting services				
Management and general	132,098	-	132,098	125,268
Fundraising	173,356	-	173,356	173,343
Total supporting services	305,454	-	305,454	298,611
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,559,691	-	1,559,691	1,819,056
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	84,240	127,777	212,017	370,188
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,087,117	56,371	2,143,488	1,773,300
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,171,357	\$ 184,148	\$ 2,355,505	\$ 2,143,488

Copies of the 2014-15 AAFB Annual Report, full Financial Statements and IRS Form 990 are available on our website at www.azfoodbanks.org.

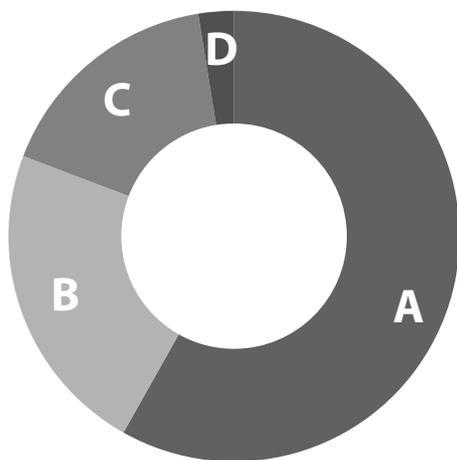
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AAFB Fiscal Year 2014-2015 at a Glance

The Association of Arizona Food Banks is a private, non-profit organization serving five regional food bank members, that in turn reach families in need in all 15 Arizona counties. AAFB develops food resources, advocates for public policy changes at the State and Federal levels, fosters cooperation among food banks, networks with government, local, state and national leaders dedicated to ending hunger, and engages all sectors of society in hunger awareness and action. AAFB is not a food bank - we help make food banking better.

Revenues:



A - Contributions from Individuals, Corporations & Foundations: \$952,993 - 54%

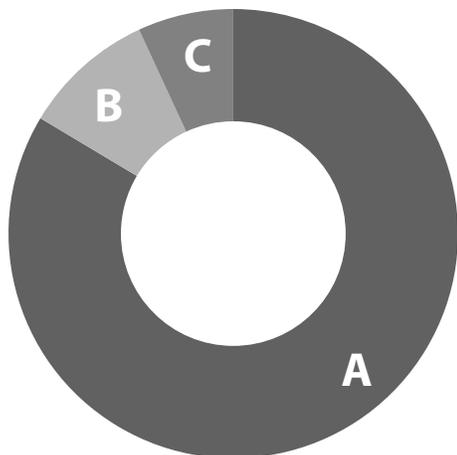
B - Service Fees, Interest, Other: \$398,022 - 22%

C - Government Grants: \$365,092 - 21%

D - Membership Dues: \$55,601 - 3%

Total Support & Revenues: \$1,771,708

Expenses:



A - Total Program Expense: \$1,254,237 - 80%

B - Fundraising: \$173,356 - 11%

C - Management & General: \$132,098 - 9%

Total Expenses: \$1,559,691

Based on financial figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Audited by Joel D. Huber, CPA, P.C.

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