

OUR MISSION:

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

Established in 1984, AAFB is a private, non-profit organization serving five regional food bank members that reach a network of nearly 1,700 food pantries and agencies. As one of the first state associations in the nation, AAFB was instrumental in the development of a statewide gleaning project, and our advocacy efforts have brought about beneficial state and federal legislation for our members and the people they serve.

The Association of Arizona Food Banks is not a food bank - we help make food banking better.

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www.unitedfoodbank.org | 480.926.4897

Yuma Community Food Bank, Yuma
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www.arizonaselfhelp.org

Health-e-Arizona - online SNAP (Food Stamp) application
www.healthearizona.org

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www.cir.org

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www.vsuw.org

Arizona Department of Economic Security
www.azdes.gov



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK Ginny Hildebrand, AAFB President & CEO



Dear Friends,

Our July, 2009-June, 2010 year brought accomplishments that make us proud, new opportunities, major challenges, and heartfelt gratitude for the support of so many generous partners as we celebrated 25 years of service.

AAFB is proud to have joined with advocates around the country to work for significant improvements to Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR). Please see "Advocacy Matters" below for the latest news on that effort as we go to print. To help us spread the word about CNR and other important news and events, we give a heartfelt thank you for the generous donation of time and talent to ROCKET MEDIA, who began work on our new user friendly web site, now up for the world to see at www.azfoodbanks.org. Please take a moment to look around the new site, and we would love to hear your thoughts and comments.

In April, we learned we would be welcomed in July as an inaugural Feeding America Partner State Associations (PSAs), along with Texas and Virginia. This distinctive honor recognizes AAFB as a model worth emulating, and provides us opportunities to mentor others across the U.S. and help shape Feeding America's relationship with state associations.

The major challenges continue: unprecedented demand for food and a legislative response to our state budget deficit that meant fewer support services, from AHCCCS to child care, impacting the lives of Arizona's most vulnerable families. The need for help grew consistently throughout the year along with home foreclosures, unemployment, bankruptcies and the credit crunch. One in five Arizonans, one in four children, live in poverty – the second highest poverty rate in the country – just after Mississippi. By June, 2010 there were 450,310 households participating in SNAP, (Food Stamps), up from 376,957 in July, 2009. Fortunately AAFB and our member food banks were able to purchase more food thanks to generous foundation and individual donors who responded to the crisis. Our Arizona Statewide Gleaning Project finished the year facilitating the delivery of 45.2 million pounds of donated and purchased food, the equivalent of 35.3 million meals.

As I write today, Arizona's budget deficit is \$800 million for this year with next fiscal year's deficit projected to be \$1.2-\$1.4 billion. AAFB will continue to speak from experience to policymakers on the impact recent cuts have had on real families trying to find or keep jobs, stay healthy and feed their children. The clear message – don't resolve the budget deficit by pushing more families from struggling to defeat. AAFB's commitment remains strong to advocate for hungry people, serve our member food banks and enhance the system of food assistance throughout Arizona.

Your generous support of AAFB has been and is critical in this most perilous time. Your voice to policy makers as citizens concerned about Arizona's future is important. Your financial support and your recommendation of AAFB to your friends and colleagues are needed now more than ever. Thank you for all you have done to combat the unacceptable problem of hunger. Your partnership with AAFB is and will be the key to our success.

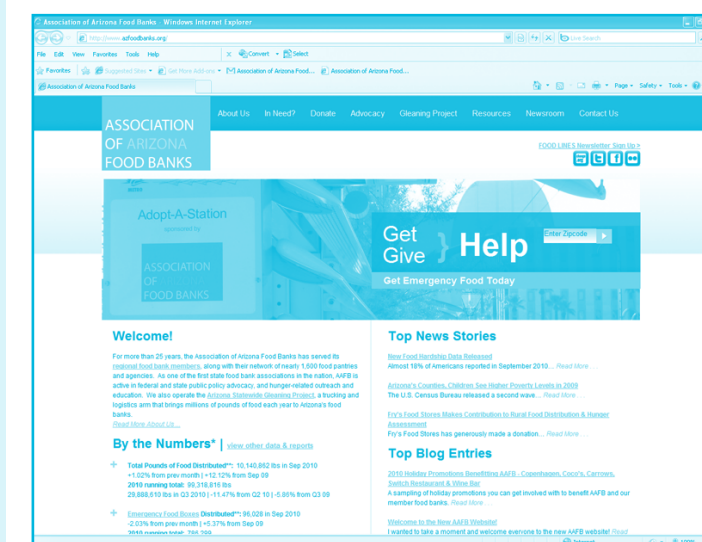
In gratitude,

Ginny Hildebrand, President and CEO

ADVOCACY MATTERS

With the elections complete, it is never too soon to advocate on behalf of struggling Arizonans to help educate incoming legislators about the poverty, food insecurity and other challenges these households face. With state budget deficits of \$800 million this year and an estimated \$1.2-1.4 billion for fiscal year 2011, it's critical that we raise our voices against further cuts to food banks and other safety net services. Simply put, the policies recommended in campaign speeches and in the upcoming session will have real-world impacts to families struggling to find work and put food on the table. One in five Arizonans, including one in four of our children under 18, already live in poverty--the second highest rate in the country. We must make sure that the policies Arizona adopts to address immediate problems do not contribute to even greater long-term suffering for its poorest citizens. Be sure to bookmark www.azfoodbanks.org and visit www.facebook.com/azfoodbanks for the latest updates.

Speaking of the importance of making smart policy choices, as of press time, Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) is set to be passed before the end of the year in the lame-duck Congressional session. As it stands now, the Senate version of the bill will likely be passed, which means it will be partially funded with cuts to SNAP (Food Stamps). Advocates nationwide are optimistic these cuts will be reversed as part of an omnibus bill at the very end of the session. Get the latest information and raise your voice on CNR by visiting www.frac.org.



HELPING US SPREAD THE WORD: Thanks to a tremendous donation from Gilbert design firm ROCKET MEDIA, the brand new www.azfoodbanks.org is packed with the latest food bank and hunger-related news, information, events, statistics and more.

AAFB JULY 2009 - JUNE 2010 FINANCIALS

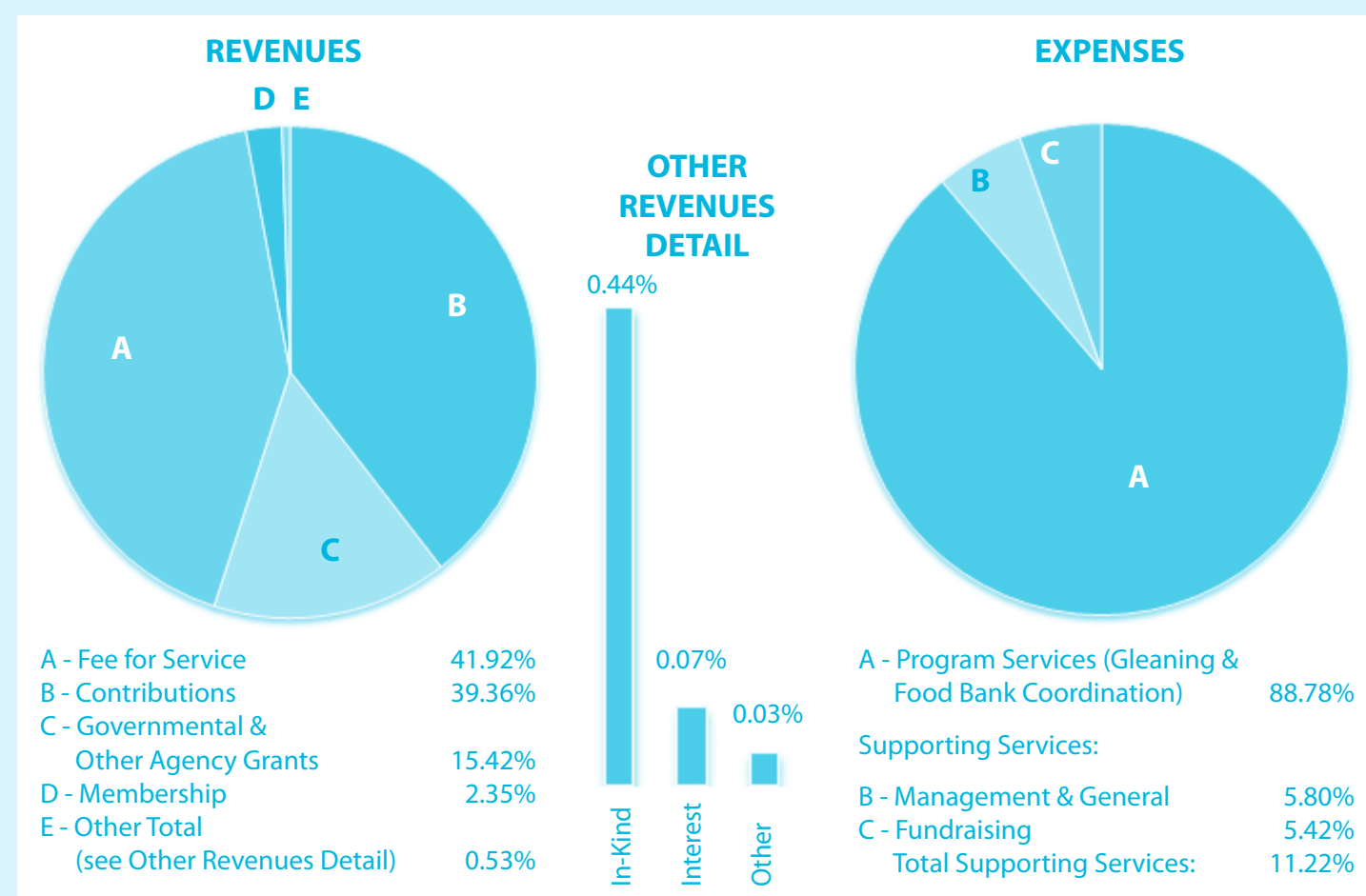
Based on financial figures for the year ending June 30, 2010. Audited by Beauchamp & Coy, CPA's, PLLC.

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents	\$ 856,180
Grants & Accounts Receivable	\$ 209,861
Contributions Receivable	\$ 27,953
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	\$ 4,155
Property & Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 156,448
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,254,597

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,398
Accrued Payroll & Other Accrued Expenses	\$ 24,145
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 27,543
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted, Undesignated	\$ 1,048,241
Unrestricted, Designated	\$ 133,701
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,181,942
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 45,112
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,227,054
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 1,254,597



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT & REVENUES			
Contributions	\$ 821,967	\$ 88,453	\$ 910,420
Governmental & Other Agency Grants	\$ 365,092	-	\$ 365,092
Fee for Service	\$ 969,628	-	\$ 969,628
Membership	\$ 55,600	-	\$ 55,600
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 10,123	-	\$ 10,123
Interest	\$ 1,608	-	\$ 1,608
Other	\$ 642	-	\$ 642
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$ 236,621	\$ (236,621)	-
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	\$ 2,461,281	\$ (148,168)	\$ 2,313,113
EXPENSES			
Program Services (Gleaning & Food Bank Coordination)	\$ 2,037,999	-	\$ 2,037,999
Supporting Services:			
Management & General	\$ 133,044	-	\$ 133,044
Fundraising	\$ 124,439	-	\$ 124,439
Total Supporting Services	\$ 257,483	-	\$ 257,483
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,295,482	-	\$ 2,295,482
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 165,799	\$ (148,168)	\$ 17,631
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED	\$ 1,016,143	\$ 193,280	\$ 1,209,423
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,181,942	\$ 45,112	\$ 1,227,054

THANK YOU

The complete set of financials is available by contacting AAFB or visiting www.azfoodbanks.org.

Thank you to all our civic, corporate and donor partners in 2009-10. Your support helps us help Arizona!

A and D Sales	EMW Marketing & Design	Northern Arizona Combined Federal Campaign
Ag Against Hunger	Fasturtle Technologies	Operation Blessing
All Modes Transportation	Feeding America	Pinto Creek
All Round Construction, Inc.	Feeding America Food Banks	Reliable Freight Distributors
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Arizona Community Foundation	Food Research & Action Center	ROCKET MEDIA
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Arizona Department of Agriculture	Glenn D'Lima Enterprises, Inc.	St. Luke's Health Initiatives
Arizona Department of Corrections	The Hansjoerg Wyss Foundation	Salt River Project
Arizona Department of Economic Security	Intel Corporation	San Francisco Food Bank
Arizona Division of Emergency Management	Integrated Web Strategy	Sandhills Publishing
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The Arizona Republic & 12 News Season for Sharing	LA Foods	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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The Bidstrup Foundation	Lincoln GIVES - John C. Lincoln Health Foundation	Sundance Farms
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Duncan Family Farms	McMiles Foundation	Wells Fargo
Emerson Network Power	Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust	Western Refining
		Western Vegetable Producers

LOOKING FOR A LAST MINUTE GIFT?

More Arizona families than ever are struggling to feed their children. One in five individuals in Arizona lives in poverty, and one in four children go to bed hungry. You can be a partner in alleviating the unacceptable condition of hunger.

Making a **contribution in honor** of a special person in your life tells them how much you appreciate them, and is perfect for the individual on your shopping list for whom finding a perfect holiday gift is a struggle. We will send your honoree an acknowledgement of your thoughtful gift--without the amount listed--and send you an acknowledgement as well.

During the holiday season, we often have special memories of those we love who have passed on, or we are reminded that a friend has lost a treasured person too. Many of AAFB's generous supporters send a **gift in memory** of those special people at the holidays. An acknowledgement will be sent to you and to others if they are the bereaved.

Others have chosen to **become monthly donors**. They have asked us to charge their credit card each month on the 5th or the 20th, a convenient way to keep supporting our work throughout the year.

Returning the enclosed envelope today or making a secure online donation at www.azfoodbanks.org ensures our continued outreach and education, in addition to providing much needed food.

RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT FOR YOUR 2010 DONATION

Under Arizona law (ARS43-1088.G.2), AAFB is recognized as serving the working poor. If you qualify, you could receive a **FULL TAX CREDIT**, up to \$200 (filing as a single unmarried head of household) or \$400 (married filing joint return) for donating to AAFB. Not only can you receive the Arizona tax credit, but you can also include the donation on your Federal Tax Return. Donations must be postmarked by December 31, 2010. See www.azfoodbanks.org and www.azdor.gov for more details, or call 602-255-3381 or 1-800-843-7196 from area codes 520 or 928. Always consult your tax preparer or financial advisor for specific advice.

Also, if you are at least 70½ years young, you may qualify to donate from your IRA without triggering tax consequences, when you transfer the funds directly. Please contact your tax preparer or financial advisor for specific advice.

ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA FOOD BANKS



GLEANING PROJECT UPDATE

by Jami Kakinuma, Gleaning Operations Administrative Manager

IT'S CITRUS GLEANING TIME AGAIN!

The citrus season in Arizona runs from January through late March, sometimes stretching into early April. During this time, our member food banks coordinate volunteers to go to donors' properties and glean the citrus from their trees. Of course, our food banks are always willing to accept citrus donations from individual donors who pick their own trees and generously deliver the citrus to the food banks' doors.

All the citrus the food banks receive is first distributed to their agencies and clients throughout the state. However, what is collected is usually far more than what can be distributed and used in Arizona. That's where the Arizona Statewide Gleaning Project (ASGP) staff come in, with help from the food banks, to set up a distribution schedule to share truckloads of citrus with food banks across the Western United States. Some of these food banks in turn, when inventories allow, share truckloads of extra product they might have, such as apples or potatoes, with Arizona's food banks.

The ASGP is able to accomplish what it does by working closely with our many partners, including our member food banks. While it is always appreciated when you drop off your gleaned citrus to any of our member food banks, here is information on how you can have your citrus trees gleaned:

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance - Phoenix & Flagstaff

- Citrus Gleaning Hotline: 602-343-5658
- Gleaning Period: 1/4/11 through 3/31/11

United Food Bank - Mesa & East Valley

- Citrus Gleaning Hotline: 480-926-4897 ext. 256
- Gleaning Period: 1/4/11 through 3/15/11

Desert Mission Food Bank - North Phoenix

- Citrus donations graciously accepted at the food bank during regular business hours
- Bins are available to neighborhoods who have "gleaning parties" for the food bank - call 602-870-6060
- Gleaning Period begins 1/4/11

Yuma Community Food Bank - Yuma

- Citrus donations graciously accepted at the food bank during regular business hours
- Volunteers Needed - call 928-343-1243 if interested
- Gleaning Period begins 1/4/11

Community Food Bank - Tucson & Southern Arizona

- Citrus Gleaning Hotline - 520-623-7978 ext. 222
- NO CALLS ACCEPTED BEFORE JANUARY 4, 2011
- Gleaning Period: 1/4/11 through 4/30/11

VOLUNTEER GLEANERS ALWAYS NEEDED

There are always volunteer opportunities at the food banks to help glean citrus. For larger groups who would like to glean citrus, the food banks can typically arrange for delivery of materials needed to glean and pick up of the gleaned fruit when the gleaning is done. Please inquire directly with the food banks to volunteer.

ENSURING HEALTHY, HIGH-YIELD CITRUS TREES

To produce good, healthy fruit from your citrus trees, be sure they have the proper care. For more information on citrus trees off all types and how to properly care for them, please visit www.citrus-tree-care.com.

YEAR-END WRAP

In 2009-10 fiscal year, the ASGP coordinated the delivery of 53 truckloads, or over 2.1 million pounds of citrus, to food banks in all fifteen Arizona counties as well as to some outside of Arizona. Overall, the ASGP coordinated the distribution of more than 45.2 million pounds of food of all types to partners in Arizona and across the country. Since the project started in 1993, more than 812 million pounds of food has been distributed.

With the new year right around the corner, the goal of the ASGP is to move even more food in 2011 to help keep up with ever-increasing demand. Thank you again to all the donors, volunteers or "gleaners" and the hard-working staff of our member food banks for doing your part to get this fresh, nutritious fruit to Arizonan households struggling with hunger!