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Who faces hunger in Arizona?

STORY



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I'm 35 years old and have lived in Winslow for five years. I moved here from New Mexico and my wife and I have 3 children ages 9, 4 and 1. There are few job opportunities here in Winslow, it took me 3-4 months to find a job, after constantly following up on applications. Right now, I am doing the best I can for my family. I've got a good job at Denny's, it's a job better than I ever expected because I didn't graduate from high school. My wife works part-time at a gas station. With our income we are able to hold down our family and pay our bills.

We receive \$140 in SNAP each month. When my wife stayed home with the children because they were too young for school, we received \$400 each month. We are blessed with what we get. All of our SNAP goes to feeding our 3 growing children. The \$140 last about 2 weeks. Being on SNAP truly helps our family, it may be a little amount, but it is a lot to us.

When we run out of food and money, our back-up plan is to go to the food bank once a month. Also, as a family, we attend the "Most Excellent Way" free meal program, every Thursday night. It is our family night out and the food is really good.

We have dreams, most importantly, my wife hopes to go back to college and I'm going to help her accomplish her dream.