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Who faces hunger in Arizona?

STORY



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I work 30 hours a week at a convenience store, and I'm a hard worker. But I don't have enough money for food after I pay for rent and utilities.

My income is below the poverty level, and I receive \$66 a month through SNAP. Most people don't know that it is hard to apply for SNAP, there is lots of paperwork and forget about trying to verify information over the phone. I don't own a car, so when I go to DES I take the bus, which is nightmare in this heat.

I buy as many groceries as I can with my \$66, but I run short of food every month. I come to the ICM Food & Clothing Bank a couple of times a month so that I will have food to eat.

Sometimes I watch my friends and family hustle several jobs just to take care of their families, and they're still barely making ends meet. So I do my best to get along and be grateful.