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Who faces hunger in Arizona?

STORY

Safford has been my home for all of my 75 years, except for the few months back in 2000 when my daughter wanted me to move with her to Phoenix. Yes, it was nice, but my daughter worked all day and I had no friends, so I moved back to Safford.

Most of my life I worked as a server at various places here in town, earning \$2.25 to \$3.25 an hour, plus a few tips here and there. After I moved back from Phoenix, I got a job at Phelps Dodge, working in maintenance. That last about 3 years before I retired.

I am on social security and receive \$72 in SNAP each month. I come to "Our Neighbors Farm and Pantry" at least once a month. Here I get lots of produce that is grown locally. Depending on the season I can get pecans, watermelon, squash, okra, tomatoes and more. I don't worry about having enough to eat, I live alone, and I can make my food last through the month.

Sometimes I share with my neighbors, who won't come to the food bank. I make fresh tortillas and a pot of soup for us to eat or when there are bananas I make several loaves to share.

I am also enrolled in the Senior Food Box program with the Community Action Program. I go there once a month and get juice and cheese.

I am blessed, I get by on what I have.



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