

MY

Who faces hunger in Arizona?

STORY

I have four kids—two grown and two teenagers at home. We moved to Nogales from Utah two years ago. My husband lives on the other side of the border in Nogales, Mexico. We're working on his immigration papers and living here let's us to travel across the border to visit him.

When we first moved to Nogales, I came to the Nogales Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. They not only helped me with food but they also helped me find a job at the Mariposa Health Clinic. It was great, but it was a contract position and it recently ended. I'm in the final stages of the hiring process with the Nogales Unified School District, to work in their kitchen. So, I hope to start working again soon.

I volunteer at the food bank because it let's me give back to the community. And the people who work here are awesome!

My family receives \$413 in SNAP benefits each month. I am very good at budgeting and I supplement with a food box once a month. Our district offers free meals to all students, which helps my family a lot.

I know my SNAP benefit will be reduced when I get a job, but that's a good thing because I will be working. Hopefully soon I will make enough money so that I won't need SNAP at all. But, right now, SNAP allows me to make sure I have enough money to pay rent, utilities, and other things my family needs.



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