

# MY

*Who faces hunger in Arizona?*

# STORY

I'm 70 years old. After a lifetime of hard work, caring for a disabled son and losing my wife, I found myself going to court after a terrible accident. I was sentenced to 15 months in prison.



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I'd never been in trouble before, and I served my sentence in Yuma. While I was in prison, my house burned to the ground. I'd spent 38 years in that house; it was paid in full. When I was released, I had nowhere to go, so I moved in with my brother and his wife. They were kind to take me in, but I needed to find a place of my own.

I heard about the Hotel Reardon, where I can pay for a room at a weekly rate. It's good for now. I've had two strokes since leaving prison, so, gracias a Dios, I have a place to live. I'm supposed to start receiving my Social Security again, and that will help pay for my room, which is \$177 a week.

I buy my own food, and my room has a small fridge and microwave. so I buy things to make a sandwich and fresh fruit. I also go to the senior center every day—they have a really good breakfast. Next month, I'll start getting \$50 a month in SNAP, which will help a lot.

Right now, my friends are helping me out. There's only one grocery store, and I don't have a car, so they take me to buy groceries.

Only the good lord knows what the future holds.