



valley view community foodbank FACTSHEET

Valley View Community Food Bank (VVCFB) was founded in 2007 by Jesse Ramirez and his family to serve residents of the West Valley. It has grown into a thriving non-profit serving more than 1,000 individuals each day. The central pantry is located in Sun City, there is a satellite pantry in Sun City West and a mobile pantry serves outlying communities. The main warehouse is in El Mirage which is also the location of the weekly Farmer's Market serving those who give a minimal donation, if possible, and are able to select fresh produce and protein products to meet their needs. Three thrift stores help to fund the pantries. What sets VVCFB apart is that we never say, "no" to a person in need regardless of the location of their residence. Food boxes are made to meet a client's health needs, family size, and food preferences. The Ramirez family is still the backbone of the VVCFB management. The CEO, Jesse



Ramirez, who receives no compensation for all his work, oversees the entire operation and with the volunteer Board of Directors, creates the vision for the organization. Three of Jesse's sons help with the management of the various parts of the operation for minimal compensation. Through our Feeding Arizona program, we are able to share food with foster group homes, shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic violence. VVCFB partners with Benevella to provide food to homebound seniors. Food is also delivered to more than 200 homebound seniors when requested by a phone call to the pantry. In 2021, 712,663 clients from all communities in the West Valley were served through the distribution of more than 1 million tons of food. There were 413,631 clients under the age of 55 years and 299,557 clients over 55 years old. The food distribution included special food boxes for holiday events:

Easter 2021

14,631 individuals served,

in addition to food boxes, Easter baskets for the children were given out.

Thanksgiving 2021

23,429 individuals

received a turkey and all the trimmings for their holiday meal. This totaled 508,000 food boxes distributed.

Christmas 2021

18,007 individuals

received a ham and food box to make their holiday brighter. Age-appropriate toys were distributed to all the families for Santa to leave under their trees.

VVCFB is supported by financial donations from the community, including individuals, service clubs, faith communities, foundations, and many others. Volunteers give of their time and talents working in the pantry and the thrift shops, organizing food drives and special events, and assisting with myriad other projects.

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