



# **GIVING THANKS**



# A Word from the Founder and Executive Director

In 2017 I was quoted in a Herald Review article as saying, "People want to find a way to blame something or someone for hunger. That's not the work I'm engaged in. I found

out a child was a child was hungry and we gave them food, and that's all I need to know."

Today, 10 years since I began this crazy adventure, I can say we are still engaged in this same work. Putting it simply: We feed hungry kids.

Peach's Pantry began in 2013 serving 11 students in one school. Since then, we have grown exponentially. In school year 15-16, we distributed 3500 food bags to students across 8 schools. Last year, we distributed over 15,000 bags of food to kids, which was unimaginable.

We couldn't have grown in size and scope with out the tireless work of our volunteers, the support of our donors, and the partnership with our school and nonprofit partners. Thank you so much for being a tremendous part of this journey. Together we will continue to fight childhood hunger in our communities, one backpack at a time.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Sarah Pacheco

# **BY THE NUMBERS**



# Many Hands Make for Impressive Work

Peach's Pantry's annual distribution numbers at a glance are impressive, (if we do say so ourselves). But remember, this is just a glimpse into the tireless work of the volunteers and school partners who make it happen.



3,000+

Volunteer hours worked annually



**15,736** 

Bags of food delivered in the 2022-2023 school year



**25** 

School and non-profit partners for distribution

# THE PROCESS

#### **Define the Need**

Our School Liaison communicates with our school and community partners each week to learn how many food bags they need and any other needs they may have. We try to be responsive, for example: providing snacks for nurse's offices, microwavables only, and adjusting for food allergies.

### **Inventory and Supply**

Our Supply Specialist is continuously taking inventory of our shelves, ensuring there will be sufficient supplies in the pantry for the anticipated requests in the upcoming week. Any food not donated will have to be ordered/purchased.

### Sort and Stock

Our volunteers come in Thursday mornings and sort incoming food donations, checking all for expiration dates or damaged cans. They then stock the shelves with new supply orders recieved and incoming food donations.



### **Sharing the Impact**

"Your food bags were there right when I needed them for families I serve in Family Connections. I was working with a family with four children under 6 years old who couldn't makefunds last through the bills and groceries. There is a stigma to getting help with food where it is being offered by donation that is a barrier for families recieving help. Having the food bag delivered to our offices, allowing me to deliver the food to families in my care during their visit made it less difficult for this family to recieve help."

> Christine Spina Community Partners

#### Pack Pack Pack!

Our packing volunteers follow the week's formula to get food bags filled and ready to go!

### Load up and Drive Out

Our volunteer drivers are loaded with that week's number for their assigned drop off locations and they drive the food bags out across the region, leaving them with the point of contact at each partner site.

# Partner POCs Take it from There

Our point of contact at each drop off site ensures that the food bags are sent home with the children experiencing food insecurity at home.

### **Behind the Scenes**

This doesn't include the work of our Volunteer Coordinator, who contacts volunteers, or the work of our corresponding secretary who sends thank you letters to our many donors, or the work of our board of directors, or the work of our Executive Director on communications, fundraising, grant writing, and administration.

It really does take a team!!





"My daughter has to eat a gluten free diet. Thanks to Peach's Pantry for all your help, you are and have been a true blessing to both my daughter and myself. You have made it easier to make ends meet each month. God Bless you."

## **GREAT PARTNERS**

# Essential Partners Make for Success

We are a food bank that distributes primarily on referrals from schools and other community partners.

We could not do the work we do without our partners who are attuned to the needs of the children and families we serve. Whether that is a child with a severe food allergy, a family in a situation that calls for microwavable or ready-to-eat food only, or hygiene items in addition to food.

We are grateful for our partners and the work they do to make us aware of needs, and coordinate getting the food home to the families we serve.

While most of our schools refer for weekly deliveries, some non-profit partners only call on us for emergency food bags as needed.



Sierra Vista USD (8) Palominas ESD (3) **Huachuca City School Berean Academy** Lemen Academy of Excellence Center for Academic Success (3) PPFP Tec Colin Powell Learning Center (2) Mary's Mission **Community Partners** S.K.I.L.L.S. Academy Additional non-profit partners in our community







### **Sharing the Impact**

"I would like to let you know how much our school appreciates your organization and the folks who work with you. We have on average 20 families that very much need the food you bring us. These families have on average 3-6 kids in each. Some have grandparents living with them as well.

Hearing the students after picking up their bags, going down our hallway saying things like "Oh boy Romen Noodles!" Providing snacks for other students who forget their lunch or come too late for breakfast is also much appreciated. And of course, your group providing the Turkey Boxes is huge for so many of our students and their families.

Thank you so much for all you do."

Anne Martin, Huachuca City School

### INTRODUCING

### The Peach's Pantry Pit Crew

The center of a peach is the pit, it is the seed from which the tree grows, and the center that you find when you eat a peach down to its core.

Our "pit crew" is so named because this pantry has run for the past 10 years due to the dedication of several individuals and organizations who donate funds, time, and partnership to our pantry. This growing list of individuals, corporations, and organizations are at the center of how we can accomplish our mission and are the core of our continued existence.

Options for showing your Pit Crew Pride coming soon!



# Organizations & Corporations

- 飾 Seed of Abraham Christian International
- Thunder Mountain Church
- Diamond Oak Brewing Cooperative
- Sierra Vista Elks Lodge
- Sulpher Springs Valley Electric Coop
- Ace Hardware
- **b** Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona
- Guild Mortgage
- Canyon Vista Medical Center
- Rainey Pain and Performance

### **Individuals**

- Marian Fletcher
- Carolyn Alexander
- Mary PerezCal & Mary Downey
- Joyce Carpenter
- LaRue Troyer
- Anita Brt
- Chloe Struse
- Bill Akins
- Lolene Pacholke

- Laura Miller
- Pam Dacus
- 饰 Angela Hopp
- Lorenza WysongRobyn Galbraith
- Christine Cater
- June Nye
- ) Jenifer & John
- Wisniewski & Family
- Debra Perkinson

### **Organizations & Corporations**

- Sierra Vista Servants of Christ.
- Sierra Vista Farmer's Market
- Watson Homes
- Sierra Vista Unified School District
- Sierra Evangelical Lutheran
- Sierra Vista Parents Coalition
- Briseño Insurance
- Mule Mountain Pest Control
- First Christian Church
- Vista Auto Care
- Armed Forces Bank
- General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Black Crown Entertainment
- Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce
- Northrop Grumman
- Celtic Shield LLC
- Sierra Vista Community Theater
- Faith Presbyterian Church
- 🐌 Claudia Schmidt, Tierra Antigua Realty
- Shiloh Christian Ministries
- Tombstone Community Congregational
- Reign Photography
- American Leadership Academy
- Sierra Vista United Methodist
- American Leadership Academy
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
- Williams Melo PLC
- ) Herald Review Media
- AMVETS Chapter 89
- Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team
- St. Andrews the Apostle Roman Catholic
- Copper Queen Community Hospital
- Sierra Vista Community United Church
- Culvers of Sierra Vista
- Arizona Eastern Star Foundation
- Bone Dry Tap House
- ) Golden Dragon Restaurant
- Sunshine Coffee Club
- UPS Store Sierra Vista
- Andrew Rosen Orthodontics
- Trinity Orthodox Lutheran
- Village Meadows Baptist Church

#### **Individuals**

**Edward Graveline** Matthew Long **Jennifer Wood** Ruth Voetberg Ella Melito Stephen Hester Rebecca Pacev Barbara Smith Lisa Mara

Bill Bruno Steven Haight Calvin & Paula Phillips

Sandra Dow Jonathan Sleger

Gary Spessard Barbara & Don Williams Larry & Sheryl Mink

Mary Derosier D. Lassich Leslie McCauley

Rebecca Randall Stephanie Croft

Maria Church Lisa Graeme

Diane Puff

leffery Massey Ronald Saeger Bruce & Carol Dockter

David Wheeler Lois Bravo

Lee Anne Wilfert Charlotte Keaton

Tina Morton Thomas Reardon

Iill Faust Albert Puff

- KE&G
- Jacobs CoBank
- Pioneer Title
- Edward Jones
- VFW Sky Riders

lake & Sarah Pacheco

and Family

Kay & Bruce Madden Reachel Friend

Ray Acosta

Winnie Struse Susan Clancy

Jim & Yang Bideaux Brenda & Larry Behle

Anna Budny

Annie Mae Jaynes Claudia & Gary Schmidt

Tressa Wooden Melanie Moves Pamela Lettrich

Shila Moreau Iwona Snyder Shannon Wise

**Brandon Sharp** Michele McCollum

Iana Hales Stephanie Thomas

leff Davenport John & Patricia Wettack Candy & David Pardee

Andres Salazar Patricia Holbrook **Fthel Walker** 

Karen Christina Dallen & Claire Haws

Robert Potts

Lois Bravo David Ramirez Kathleen Stanberry Nancy Hixson David Wheeler

🐚 I's Kitchen

- CoolFM
- ) IITC
- Ocotillo Hall
- 饰 Manda Le
- Indochine

# 22-23 Highlights



Peach's Pantry was named the Best Charity in Sierra Vista for the 5th year in a row!



We distributed 234 Thanksgiving Bags with frozen Turkeys to our families. Thanks to the Elks Lodge for the fixings!



We were awarded \$10,000 from the Cochise County Sheriff's Charity Ride



We won Non Profit Business of the Year at the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce





We had Carvin Jones "King of Strings" in Sierra Vista for a Rockabilly New Year's Eve!



### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

The Peach's Pantry fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30. We are entirely run by volunteers with no paid staff. Peach's Pantry is an entirely community supported organization, every donation given helps us to get food to children in need in southeastern Arizona.

Corporation/Organization Donations	\$39,835.31
Individual Donations	\$17,691.55
Fundraiser Income	\$16,925.11
TOTAL REVENUE	\$74,451.97

Food Purchases	\$ 70,543.47
Communications	\$371.79
Fundraising Costs	\$9,399.33
Professional Services	\$1,000.00
Insurance, Fees, Administra- tive Expenses	\$6,002.92
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$87.317.51

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2023	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$65,292.02
Net Revenue	-\$12,865.54
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$52,426.48



+44%

In 21-22, we distributed 10,949 food bags, in 22-23 it increased to



We had 144 Individual Donors in 22-23



The Average Individual Donation was \$122



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