



Harvest Compassion Center

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What is 'Food Banking Re-imagined'?

Serving each individual and family with dignity, respect, and love. Making sure each individual who walks into an HCC is truly seen, cared for, and prayed over. Gifting each individual with a shopping experience that includes choice, quality, and a lot of fun!

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13,411 Families served

Equates to 67,055 Individuals —
with 36,000 being kids

**562,248 Pounds of Food, Hygiene,
and Baby Items distributed**

79,840 Clothing Items distributed

100,785 Diapers distributed

**5,694 Bibles/Children's Bedtime
Stories distributed**

11,449 Total Volunteer Hours served



'Food Banking Re-imagined'

is strengthening and bringing communities together

ONE family at a time!

Harvest Compassion Center North Phoenix has served the North Phoenix/Scottsdale communities for 14 years now! What an incredible blessing it has been to walk through life with our neighbors. Together, we watch their babies grow into teenagers, see their kids being accepted into college, and, as families get back on their feet, seeing them return as volunteers. Sadly, this top-underserved area of the Valley continues to have few social service options available which has continued the need for HCC's presence in this community.



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— Lori Schweighardt
Manager HCC North Phoenix

21,250 Individuals served

210,250 Pounds of Food,
Hygiene, and
Baby Items distributed

24,408 Clothing Items
distributed

26,400 Diapers distributed

1,566 Bibles / Children's
Bedtime Stories
distributed

4,694 Volunteer Hours served

“HCC is a welcoming place where people are met with friendliness, dignity, and love.

Guests shop for the food, hygiene, and clothing items they and their families need. Kids can make choices, too. They can pick a toy and book from our kids play corner to take home. It's meaningful to offer choices amid challenging times. While these items are important, it is often the kindness and respect our families comment on the most.

HCC volunteers are exceptional at this. We all simply love people and live compassion!”

28,150 Individuals served

**281,500 Pounds of Food,
Hygiene, and
Baby Items distributed**

**34,377 Clothing Items
distributed**

31,475 Diapers distributed

**1,724 Bibles/Children's
Bedtime Stories
distributed**

3,789 Volunteer Hours served

Harvest Compassion Center Maryvale has been serving the West Valley for five years and continues to greet 'old friends' as well as brand-new families every day they are open. As the housing crisis continues to force more families to combine households or relocate, the services that HCC Maryvale provides allows thousands to keep a roof over their head.

Paul Thompson, HCC center manager for five years, shared "This past year has been filled with lots of ups and downs. We've had many new local partners step up to host extra food drives to help fill our shelves, we've had volunteers drive an extra half hour to make sure we have enough help for our daily shifts, and we've seen previous clients come back as full-time volunteers, excited to pay it forward!"



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— Paul Thompson
Manager HCC Maryvale

“This year we've met, on average, ten brand-new families every day we've been open, who never had to Google 'food bank' before. We continue to hug and cry during every shift as parents, spouses and even children have passed away, and we still hear daily requests for additional help with employment. No matter what the world may throw at us, everyone who walks into HCC knows we truly care and will always be there for them! If I can help relieve someone's stress for even 15 minutes or make a kid smile and forget about their situation while at HCC, it's a very good day!”



17,880 Individuals served

**178,800 Pounds of Food,
Hygiene, and
Baby Items distributed**

**21,055 Pieces of Clothing
distributed**

42,910 Diapers distributed

**2,404 Bibles/Children's
Bedtime Stories
distributed**

2,966 Volunteer Hours served

Harvest Compassion Center West Phoenix has been open for three years and continues to be our fastest growing location. Families from all over the world tend to visit this location. We have clients who have migrated from Burma, the Middle East, Ukraine, Central America, and South Africa, each coming with their unique languages, cultural traditions, and ways of life. We have also seen a huge increase in violence, homelessness, substance abuse, and mental illness in this particular community, increasing the need of our work. Join us in prayer as we continue to work with various community partners, local government, and law enforcement to continue to make a positive impact among brokenness.



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“Meeting and loving people from a vast range of cultures is a joy. HCC volunteers are the best at welcoming guests and helping them feel comfortable. Smiles quickly replace apprehension. Kindness, love, and compassion are a universal language!”

– **Lori Schweighardt**
Co-Manager HCC West Phoenix

“No matter what kind of day someone is having, HCC creates a space where we can all forget about our troubles at least for a few moments. We get to meet new friends, encourage, love and pray with them; which allows us to strengthen authentic relationships, building trust to help better their situation.”

– **Paul Thompson**
Co-Manager HCC West Phoenix





BACK-2-SCHOOL SPECIAL OUTREACH



Harvest Compassion Center's Seventh Annual Back-2-School Backpack and School Supply Drive is a special event kicked off every June. Twice a year HCC holds specific outreach events to ensure local kids are set up for success! This year HCC was thrilled to announce that 1,200 kids shopped at our centers for brand-new backpacks and school supplies before their first day of school!

A volunteer told us, "100% of these items are donated from the community, mostly from individual families who have kids themselves. What an awesome way to teach and show the next generation how and why we should all give back. My favorite moment was when, during a busy shift, twin 10-year-old boys dropped off five backpacks they had specifically picked out for boys their age!" The new

backpacks were stocked immediately and, about 30 minutes later, as the twins and their mom drove away, they noticed a boy exiting HCC with his dad, holding one of the backpacks they just donated!

"I know that moment was forever cemented into the hearts of those twins, and they will continue to grow up knowing how special it is to give back!"



OVER 1,200 KIDS RECEIVED BRAND NEW BACKPACKS!





CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE SPECIAL OUTREACH



For nine continuous years HCC has asked the community, near and far, to provide brand-new Christmas toys for local kids who never get to experience the magic of Christmas. This year was no different as the outpouring of support from over 70 local donors provided toys for over 2,600 kids!

Thousands of toys were donated once again and every year we're encouraged as, minutes before we open for the morning shift, a truck or new donor pulls up with more toys, allowing us to not run out! This allowed a mom who visited HCC on December 23 to provide Christmas for her kids.



She arrived frazzled and told our team that she knew she was really late, and Christmas was only two days away. But she still asked if there was any chance we had anything left for her to give her kids on Christmas morning. Our volunteer, with a huge smile on her face, replied "Yes, we'll be able to take care of your kids!" The mom's shoulders relaxed as tears filled her eyes and all she could say was, "Thank you! I don't even care what it is, just thank you!"

It's moments like these that continue to drive us all during our busiest month of the entire year!



2,600 LOCAL KIDS RECEIVED CHRISTMAS TOYS!



MEET TEAM HCC



– Mindy Lockwood
Center Assistant

“We are so much more than a food pantry! It’s a place where people experience compassion and love no matter who they are. It’s a place people turn to for a warm smile, kind word or a hug.”



– Adrie Olson
Volunteer Coordinator

“At HCC we get to share the love and compassion of Jesus with the community.”



– Lori Schweighardt
Manager HCC North
& West Phoenix

– Lauren Sullivan
Communication Manager

“I am so thankful to work with the best volunteers in the Valley! I love hearing their positive volunteer feedback about the importance of caring for people in their own community!”

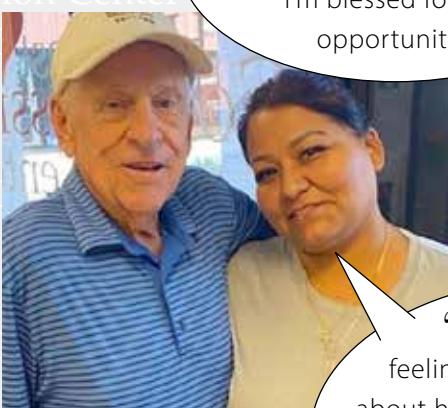
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– Jenni Torres
Administrative Assistant

“I have the privilege of seeing the Lord sustain HCC through the generosity of others! Each guest who walks through the doors of HCC is met with love, dignity, and a sense of community”



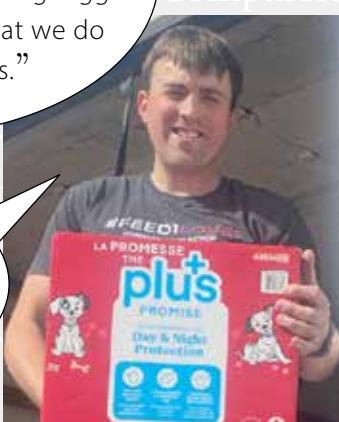
– Gabby Vazquez
Center Assistant

“The impact we keep making at HCC is life-changing and a calling. I'm blessed for this opportunity!”



– Paul Thompson
Manager HCC Maryvale & West Phoenix

“The most rewarding feeling is when a family shares about how HCC changed their lives. I love being a part of something bigger than me and knowing what we do at HCC truly matters.”



– Jordan Rose
Center Driver

“HCC emphasizes team and compassion to every individual that walks in our doors. Every volunteer helps to change a client's life.”

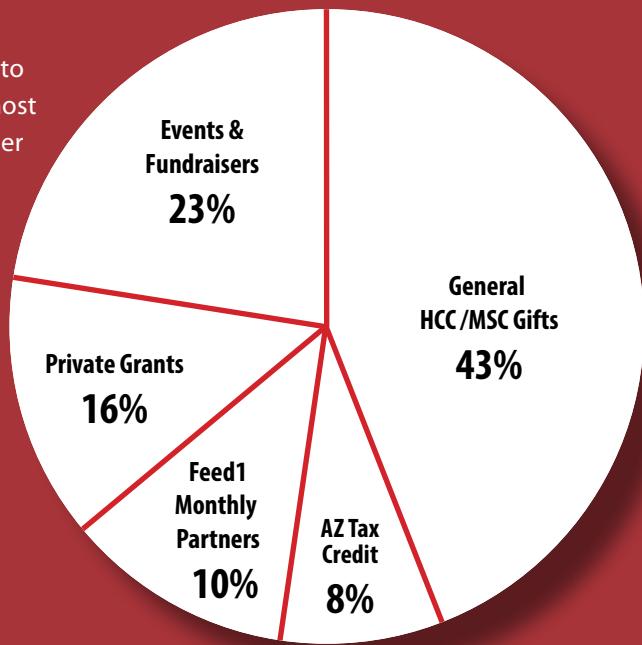
Harvest Compassion Centers accept no government funding and/or food product to serve our local neighbors. We partner with local churches, schools, businesses, and families to feed, clothe and serve one family at a time!



How Harvest Compassion Centers are funded

“We know there is work to be done to ensure the security of food for our most vulnerable and are honored to partner with Harvest Compassion Center,” said Michael Golding, President of Thunderbirds Charities. “HCC’s ‘Food Banking Reimagined’ model is truly making a difference for these families.”

— Dr. Michael Golding
President



“When hunger pervades children’s lives, they can focus on little else. It’s been a privilege for Season for Sharing to support Harvest Compassion Center’s efforts in the Valley, where a little lift can make a huge impact in the life of a child and their family.”

— Stacy Sullivan, Community Relations and Events Director



“Bombas is a comfort-focused, digitally native brand that provides elevated basics and helps those in need. For every item purchased, a specially-designed item is donated to the homeless community and organizations just like Harvest Compassion Center! To date, Bombas has donated more than 75 million items to those at-risk, in need, and experiencing homelessness.”

— Bombas Giving Team



“The Arizona Coyotes are proud to partner with Harvest Compassion Center to provide children and their families with food, clothing, hygiene, and baby supplies at no cost. We are honored to support HCC in providing these essential items as they play a critical role in strengthening a family’s financial stability, advancing their education, improving health outcomes and so many additional benefits for individuals throughout our community.”

— Nadia Rivera
Chief Impact Officer



2022 EVENTS



For the third straight year HCC partnered with Arizona Gives Day, rallying donors and partners from all over the state to create a larger impact during 24 hours of giving! With matching gift sponsors pledging \$50,000, AZ Gives Day 2022 brought in our largest one-day total, raising over \$115,000!



This year's race was held virtually to allow friends and supporters from all over the U.S. to feed families along with us! We were thrilled to have 70 teams from six different states participate, together raising over \$206,000 to feed, clothe and love families!





For eighteen years Mitchell Swaback Charities, Inc. (501 (c)(3) public charity) has been serving the underserved in various capacities in the memory of my brother, Mitch, who tragically lost his life in a drowning accident.

By the end of the 2007 recession, which created enormous needs for households across Arizona, Harvest Compassion Center was created and became MSC's only ongoing outreach program. I still remember our very first year, creating our 'Food Banking Re-imagined' model that we knew had to stand out in the best ways possible. We wanted those who visited HCC to feel loved immediately! We wanted everyone, no matter their income level, zip code, race, religion, or situation to feel welcomed! We wanted our mini-marts and boutiques to feel like normal stores, just elevated with personal shoppers and, of course, no check-out counter as you exit. We wanted to create a safe space where community would happen, kids would laugh, play, and want to visit, and a place where true hope would be shared.

Now as we enter our fourteenth year, operating three HCC locations serving families six days a week, I am humbled by the opportunity our team gets every day we are open. 2022 was not an easy year, and I predict in 2023 we'll continue to face some uphill challenges with inflation and supply chain issues; but none of that compares to what the families we serve are facing. The last six months of 2022 brought in record-breaking client numbers. First, we had our busiest July since opening, then our busiest August, and so on. The negative fall-out from the pandemic is still making its mark, which leaves a record-breaking number of families seeking assistance.



We all know any type of recovery is a marathon and, as we continue to pray and prepare for the year ahead, we must also be so thankful for the year of impact that was made! I am so grateful we were able to renovate our North Phoenix location after a two year COVID delay, for our new box truck that now allows us to pick up additional fresh food daily, for new team members who joined our staff, for each donor who dropped off their gently-used clothing or made financial gifts, and for the hundreds of returning and new volunteers who choose to work with HCC every single week, allowing communities to be changed!

I encourage you to flip through this Impact Guide once again, this time taking long looks at each smile you see. Each person pictured is why HCC exists; a stranger who became a friend, who trusts our team to walk alongside them during some of their darkest days. How beautiful is that!

Grateful for every opportunity,

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Nicolee Thompson

Executive Director





WE NEED YOU!

Will you become our newest VOLUNTEER or FEED1 partner?

HCC is in need of volunteers at all three locations six days a week! Volunteers work in our mini-marts, clothing boutiques and back-of-the-house processing areas. No special talents needed, just comfortable shoes and a smile, families welcome! Sign up today at www.havestcompassioncenter.org and click on the VOLUNTEER button. And don't forget, we are always in need of your gently used clothing donations at all HCC locations!

We invite you to FEED1 family with us today!



Can you imagine having to tell your child that there isn't anything to eat?

One out of six kids in Arizona don't have reliable access to the healthy food they need to grow, learn and thrive. When families do not know when or where they will eat their next meal, they often make difficult choices in order to meet their basic needs, sacrificing things like medical care, utilities and/or transportation.

Harvest Compassion Center's goal is to bring community members together to feed, clothe and love every single family we meet!

Your monthly gift of just \$28 will completely fill one recyclable grocery bag with food and hygiene items — enough to **FEED 1 Family!**

To join, visit our website —

harvestcompassioncenter.org

and click on our Donate tab.







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