



# Harvest Compassion Center

**IMPACT  
2024**





# Welcome to Food Banking Re-imagined at Harvest Compassion Center!

Harvest Compassion Center is a lifeline for Arizona families, offering free groceries, hygiene products, baby supplies, and clothing to those in need. Guided by a mission to provide life's essentials, HCC creates a hope-filled environment where dignity, exceptional care, and excellence are at the heart of every interaction. Discover the incredible difference HCC made for local families in 2024!

## IMPACT 2024

**19,028 Families Served**

Equates to **95,140** individuals  
of which **57,016** are children

**600,000 Pounds of Food,  
Hygiene, & Baby Items  
Distributed**

**118,106 Clothing Items  
Distributed**

**124,600 Diapers & Wipes  
Distributed**

**8,600 Bibles/Children's Bedtime Stories Distributed**

**17,496 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 proudly served the greater North Phoenix and Scottsdale communities since opening as HCC's first location in 2011. Committed to bridging the gap for families in Arizona's most underserved areas, HCC ensures local resources are within reach for those in need. While this region is often seen as free from hardship, the reality is different: 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 5 children in Arizona face hunger. These people are your neighbors—people you see every day. This HCC location has become a pillar of support, offering hope to families navigating affordable housing challenges, enduring medical hardships, and assisting senior citizens who can no longer survive on social security alone. Together, we stand in the gap, transforming lives and strengthening our communities.





— **Dona Whitney**  
North Phoenix Shift Lead

- 26,280** Individuals served
- 175,000** Pounds of Food/  
Hygiene Distributed
- 34,989** Clothing Items  
Distributed
- 32,271** Diapers/Baby Wipes  
Distributed
- 2,334** Bibles/Children's  
Bedtime Stories  
Distributed
- 7,165** Volunteer Hours Served

“ Each time I enter HCC North Phoenix, I am inspired. The hope that fills the space comes from the community's generosity in donating and serving. It also comes from the guests who lift us up with their kindness, stories, and the opportunity to see how compassion can make a difference for those in need. They leave with more than just food, hygiene, clothing, and baby items; they leave with hope and the knowledge that we see them at HCC. ”

**35,550 Individuals Served**

**235,000 Pounds of Food/  
Hygiene Distributed**

**44,432 Clothing Items  
Distributed**

**37,706 Diapers Distributed**

**3,045 Bibles/Children's  
Bedtime Stories  
Distributed**

**5,650 Volunteer Hours Served**



Harvest Compassion Center Maryvale has proudly served local families for the past seven years, becoming a beacon of hope across the West Valley. This location has grown into our busiest HCC center, and for good reason—it's a place where community and care meet. In December, Maryvale made history with a record-breaking day, serving an incredible 96 families in just one day! Every morning, no matter the season—whether it's chilly or the sweltering Arizona heat—individuals line up before dawn, waiting patiently to access essentials. Inside, they find nonperishable food, fresh produce, frozen proteins, hygiene items, and even a new outfit to brighten their day. And let's not forget "Fun Fridays," a Maryvale tradition where the joy of serving neighbors has turned into a growing phenomenon. Because at HCC Maryvale, caring for your community isn't just impactful—it's fun!

“The culture of HCC Maryvale is full of fun, gratitude, and love. It is incredible to witness the connections being built each day here. Our staff and volunteers have formed strong relationships with guests, and that is a blessing. We hear stories of hardship, but we also hear just as many stories of hope. The families we meet are so appreciative and loving. I am extremely blessed and honored to serve our community.”



— **Paul Thompson**  
HCC Manager



**31,540** Individuals served

**190,000** Pounds of Food/  
Hygiene Distributed

**38,685** Clothing Items  
Distributed

**54,623** Diapers Distributed

**3,221** Bibles/Children's  
Bedtime Stories  
Distributed

**4,681** Volunteer Hours Served

Harvest Compassion Center West Phoenix is celebrating five incredible years of service! Reflecting on our launch in 2020, right in the midst of the pandemic, we knew the road ahead would be filled with challenges. Yet, each day has proven to be an opportunity to make a difference, and we're thrilled to serve this resilient community. Whether we're welcoming a new friend from across the globe or a new volunteer eager to give back, we are continually inspired by the connections we make. From providing free groceries and clothing to sharing vital community resources, every encounter is a chance to bring hope and support to those who need it most.





— **Stephanie Cap**  
West Phoenix Shift Lead

“HCC West is truly a source of hope in the community, and it's incredible to see the impact it makes every day. The volunteers at HCC West are absolutely amazing, giving their time, energy, and heart to help others. Their dedication and kindness make all the difference, and it's inspiring to see how they work together to serve and uplift those in need.”



# VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



“I love working in the Back of House at HCC! Processing all the awesome donations that come in is so rewarding! Receiving pounds of food from so many incredible donors is truly a blessing.

We can give our guests the clothing and food they need for their families, which fills my heart with joy!””



— **Mary Savoca**  
Processing Manager

Did you know that 100% of Harvest Compassion Center's clothing and shoe donations come directly from generous community members like you? That's right—HCC doesn't use its budget to purchase these items. We rely on YOUR SUPPORT to serve your neighbors. By donating gently used clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, and maternity wear, you can make a tangible difference in someone's life.

From professional attire to casual wear for newborns, seniors, and everyone in between, we carry and distribute it all! Our most requested items? Shoes and jeans—especially for men. Once you drop off your donations, our dedicated team of volunteers carefully sorts, launders, irons, and tags each item to make it look brand new. Why? Because our guests at HCC deserve nothing less than the best!

Beyond clothing, our hardworking volunteers also process daily donations of food,

hygiene products, and diapers. They weigh, date-check, and sort every item to ensure our mini-marts are fully restocked and ready to serve those in need.

If you're interested in hosting a food, hygiene, diaper, or even a shoe drive, we'd love to hear from you! Visit our website to get involved.

A heartfelt thank-you to all our volunteers and team leads—your dedication ensures our centers remain full and welcoming for every guest who walks through our doors.



“ I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve my Lord at HCC. I am asked why I iron clothes for HCC...it's for all the families who have fallen on hard times and perhaps feel their dignity has been taken from them. They deserve nothing but the best and with freshly washed and ironed clothing they can feel their dignity restored! ”





As the holidays approach each year,  
our team at Harvest Compassion Center  
eagerly anticipates the launch of our  
annual Christmas Toy Drive —  
a tradition that has grown stronger  
with every passing year.

# CHRISTMAS FOR



Harvest  
Compassion  
Center

For the past 11 years, HCC has collected over 10,000 toys each holiday season, bringing joy to local children during the month of December. This year, we had the privilege of spreading Christmas cheer to 3,007 kids!

Thanks to the generosity of over 100 local donors, who filled cars, trucks, and vans with toys, bikes, and gift cards, children ranging from infants to teens were able to receive a special gift.

December 2024 saw a remarkable increase, serving 450 more families than the year before. A heartfelt

## THANK YOU

goes out to all the volunteers, donors, and partners who helped make this holiday season truly unforgettable.



## 3,007 LOCAL KIDS RECEIVED CHRISTMAS TOYS!





## MEET TEAM HCC

“At HCC, we cherish our genuine connections with people in the community, partners who support our mission, the families we serve, and our volunteers. We are blessed beyond measure.”



**– Adrie Olson**  
Volunteer Coordinator

“We often hear folks say that the need is too great, and our answer is always, “1 donated item helps 1 person in need.””



**– Juan Alvarez**  
Lead Driver

**– Lauren Sullivan**  
Communications

“HCC allows me to connect with so many awesome people. It is a true blessing to be part of this community.”

“Begin each day with a grateful heart. Growing up, I was one of those kids needing help. Knowing what I do is a huge help for families... I feel good every day knowing I’m able to give back and help families and kids.”

“I love using the gifts God has given me in my work at HCC. I’m so thankful for the way we get to serve. I’m thankful for our amazing staff, who makes every guest and volunteer feel special and loved and a vital part of Team HCC!”



**– Lori Schweighardt**  
Community Resource Coordinator



**– Keri Wilson**  
Center Assistant

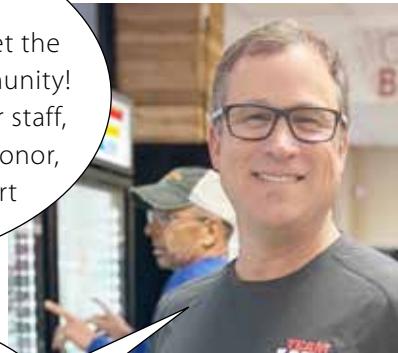
# IMPACT REPORT

## 2024



**- Jenni Torres**  
Development  
Coordinator

“I love seeing how the Lord guides and sustains HCC’s mission to meet the immediate needs of our community! Building relationships with our staff, volunteers, and guests is an honor, and I truly love being a part of Team HCC!”



**- Jeff Runyan**  
Inventory and  
Logistics Coordinator

“As part of the HCC team, I have the amazing opportunity to serve others and further God’s Kingdom through this work. Providing food and clothing to those in need is a way for me to show God’s love and compassion to others.”



**- Esmerelda Jimenez**  
Center Assistant



**- Alijah Thompson**  
Stocking Assistant

“I love seeing the positive impact that HCC has on our community and how lives are being transformed!”

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!

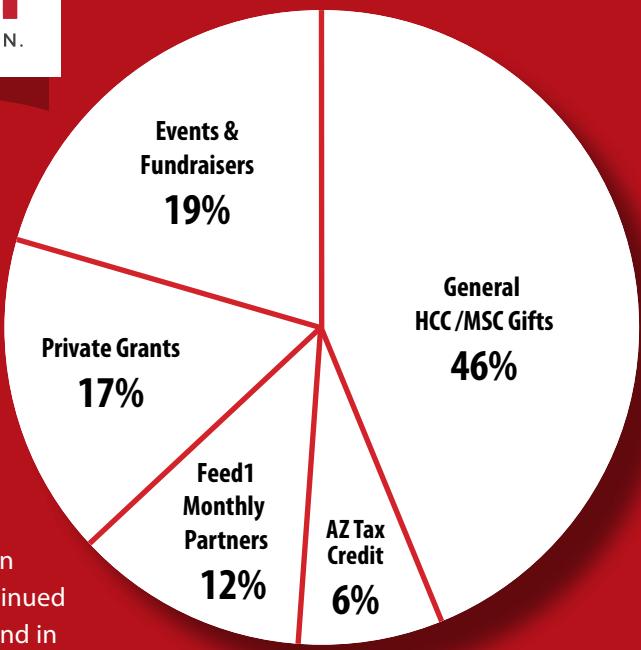


"Executive Council Charities is proud to support the amazing work of Harvest Compassion Center. Whether it be through our grant cycle or our partnership on the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit we love the work HCC is doing in our communities. Their mission aligns perfectly with ours in that food, clothing and the resources they provide have a tremendous impact on the families and children in Arizona. We look forward to our continued collaboration and partnership now and in the years to come. HCC has an incredible team and we appreciate their drive to serve those in need."

— **Matt Davis**, Executive Director  
**Executive Council Charities**

**Total Raised  
in 2024:  
\$1,596,815.00**

## How Harvest Compassion Centers are funded





"Providing basic essentials like food and clothing to our neighbors in need is more than an act of kindness—it's a step toward breaking socioeconomic barriers and lifting our community together. The Lerner & Rowe Gives Back Foundation is proud to support Harvest Compassion Center in our shared commitment to providing hope for a brighter future for all Arizonans. Our collaboration with HCC fosters an environment of impactful change that uplifts lives and strengthens our community. We look forward to what is to come of our partnership in the coming year!"

**-Jordan Moreno**



"TraVek Remodeling and Roofing has been honored to support Harvest Compassion Center through various initiatives that align with our commitment to serving the community. Together, we've been able to provide essential resources to families in need, fostering hope and creating a lasting positive impact on lives throughout the Valley."

**- Bjorn Johnson**  
General Manager



"We have been partnered with Harvest Compassion Center for over 5 years. In that time, we have donated over 100,000 pairs of socks which HCC has distributed throughout the greater Phoenix area. It's an honor to unite for a common cause, providing hope & dignity through clothing and crucial resources."

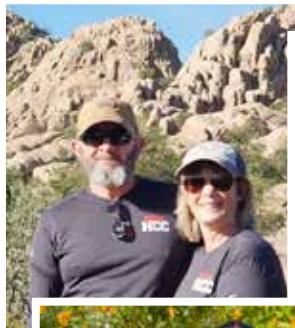
**- Melina Morris**  
Giving Team  
Senior Impact Manager



## 2024 EVENTS



For the fifth consecutive year, HCC proudly partnered with Arizona Gives Day, bringing together donors and matching gift sponsors from across the state to make a significant impact during Arizona's 24 hours of giving! A heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors and partners who helped HCC raise \$101,002.08 in just one day. Your support has made a powerful difference in our mission!



This year's virtual Feed1 Walk/Run event brought together over 50 teams from across the U.S. to raise funds and awareness for HCC. Each team had dedicated participants who shared their individual 'sponsor me' pages with friends, family, and more, helping HCC raise a total of \$203,910.00!



Ever since we were kids, my brother Mitch had the biggest personality, boundless energy, and a magnetic presence that made him so much fun to be around. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to light up a room with laughter and connect with everyone he met. Even those who tried not to like him couldn't resist his charm—Mitch had a way of making every person in the room feel like his best friend.



When Mitch was suddenly taken from us at just 23 years old in an accident, it felt as though the laughter and joy in our lives had been stolen. He was the catalyst for so many of those moments. I wondered if we would ever truly smile or laugh again. Yet, we realized that the best way to honor Mitch's life was to take our cues from him—to live fully, love deeply, and show up when it matters most.

In 2004, we dove headfirst into creating an outreach that Mitch would be proud of—and, even more, one he'd be first in line to support! Today, Mitch's inspiration continues to guide us, motivating our work at Harvest Compassion Centers as we carry forward his spirit of generosity, joy, and kindness.

Fifteen years later, our doors remain open, even during the toughest times, including a pandemic. To date, we have served 108,647 families. Every day, our lobbies are filled with smiles and laughter as we work tirelessly to give each guest a dignified, fun shopping experience that shows how much we care.

Last year brought another season of remarkable growth. Over 2,000 additional families came through our doors seeking assistance compared to the previous year—families in need of food, hygiene items, baby supplies, and clothing. Some visited simply because they needed a hug, a listening ear, or a prayer to remind them that everything will be okay.

HCC is honored to operate three locations in Arizona's most underserved communities. Our work is supported by countless volunteers who serve six days a week, thousands of in-kind and financial donors who believe in our mission, and a dedicated team of 15 staff members united by a shared purpose.

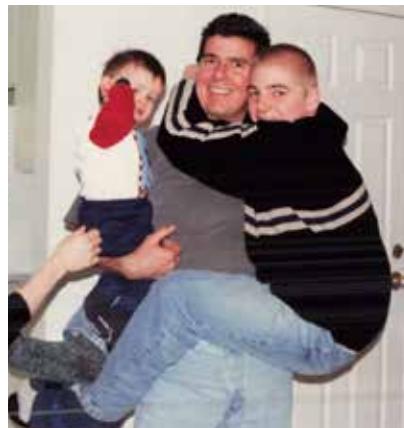
That purpose is simple yet profound: to show the love of Jesus to everyone we meet. We strive to be His hands and feet, offering first-class hospitality, going the extra mile to meet needs, and building relationships that strengthen and uplift our communities.

It's incredible to think that because of one extraordinary kid named Mitch, a safe and welcoming space exists today—a place where we know your name, where your past does not define you, and where every new day brings hope and possibility.

Thank you for showing up with us. Thank you for believing in this mission. And thank you for helping us continue Mitch's legacy of love, laughter, and kindness.

Grateful for every opportunity,

*Nicolee*  
**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, and families are welcome to serve together. Sign up today at [www.harvestcompassioncenter.org](http://www.harvestcompassioncenter.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 in five children in Arizona lacks reliable access to the healthy food they need to grow, learn, and thrive.

Harvest Compassion Center's goal is to bring community members together to feed, clothe, and love every single family we meet. Will you join us in this mission and become a FEED1 Partner today?

Your monthly gift of just \$28 provides one family with food, hygiene, baby and clothing items!



Join the **FEED1 Team** at  
**[harvestcompassioncenter.org](http://harvestcompassioncenter.org)**  
and click on our Donate tab.



# HCC MAKES IT EASY!

Our flexible volunteer options make it easy for individuals and businesses to support our mission, ensuring that everyone can find a way to help. Whether you're donating food and clothing or lending your time, HCC welcomes and appreciates every contribution.

We make it easy for people to get involved and make a meaningful impact in their community.

We invite you to scan the QR code to visit our website and see how you can support the mission of Harvest Compassion Center.



**[harvestcompassioncenter.org](http://harvestcompassioncenter.org)**

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