

Food Bank

Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank

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WE WANT YOU



There is still time to make a reservation to attend the 2nd Annual World Famous Paradise Valley Realty Executives Charity Golf Tournament and Dinner/Auction. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 11th, 2009 at McCormick Ranch. The golf tournament begins on the Palm Course with registration at 12 noon and a Shotgun

Scramble Start at 12:45PM. The dinner and silent auction will begin at 5:30PM.

All proceeds from this event will be used to offset the cost of our signature "Backpack" program. We will be providing 150 backpacks each week to three elementary schools: Larkspur, Arrowhead, and Echo Mountain. The total cost of the program will be in excess of \$20,000. Without the generosity of our friends at Realty Executives there would



be little chance that we could sustain this valuable program that contributes to the health and well-being of the children in the Paradise Valley School District. Registration forms are available if you are interested in attending. Let's make this event a great success and have a great time to boot.



ONCE AGAIN WE COUNT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS TO LEND A HAND

We will need people to deliver our filled "backpacks" to our participating schools. Larkspur Elementary School, 2430 E. Larkspur Dr., will receive 60 backpacks. Arrowhead Elementary School, 3820 E. Nisbet Rd., will receive 50 backpacks. Deliveries are made each Friday at about 10AM. The program will begin on September 18th and continue throughout the school year. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office. Please help us with this great program.

THE STORY OF THE NUMBERS

As we find the need for our services increasing every week, we can project our client numbers for the year. It appears that a record number, 11,000 people, will receive food in 2009. We will also be spending a record amount on food and non-food purchases which may total by year end between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Coupled with our fixed expenses of \$38,000 for rent, \$7,000 for utilities, \$20,000 for the backpack program and other miscellaneous costs, We are now charged with raising more than \$90,000 each year to cover these costs. Fundraising has never been an easy job and it is ever more difficult in a very competitive arena. Remember there are some easy ways to assist in this vital effort. Tribute cards are available to honor or remember family and friends. The Arizona State tax credit for organizations that assist the working poor is again in effect in the amount of \$200 for individuals and \$400 for joint filers. If your budget permits, please consider these contributions to the Food Bank.

TO HONOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

In order to acknowledge the difficult time so many people face this year and the ever increasing client numbers we service, we will not be sponsoring a "thank you" luncheon for our wonderful volunteers. We will however seek to honor you by celebrating your contributions with a dessert social. The event will be held on Saturday, November 7th (subject to confirmation) at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Entertainment will be provided. More information will be available at a later date.

BASHAS' AGAIN PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THE FOOD BANK

As in previous years, Bashas' Supermarkets will offer a way to raise funds for the Food Bank at no cost to you. Previously titled the "Thanks a Million" program, the new name is "Shop & Give." By linking your Thank You card to our group ID number, 28501, a portion of your purchase total will be donated to the Food Bank. You only need to link your card once. The program began on September 1st, 2009, and continues through April 30th, 2010. Every purchase, no matter how small, will benefit the Food Bank by producing funds for our ordinary expenses. Give us a boost by mentioning this program to friends, relatives, business contacts, church contacts, etc. Let's try for a record money total this year.