

With great data, we can do great things. Our new Impact Update will help you stay informed and agile in the fight against hunger, whether you're an AzFBN partner, advocate, or supporter. Together, we will end hunger for our neighbors across Arizona!

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INNOVATION

In 2023, AzFBN supported **58 schools with child nutrition programming**, including (but not limited to) connecting a school to a contracted caterer, providing ongoing support for a unique improvement, helping with child nutrition programming and grant applications, and everything in between.

This important work impacts approximately **25,576 students across 40 districts in 8 counties** across Arizona.



Child Nutrition 101 Toolkit: Debuted at the School Nutrition Association of AZ conference, this AzFBN-developed document helps charter and public school administrators take care of their students' nutrition.



Learn about the "can of beans" that started it all...



Food Distributions for Indigenous, Spanish-speaking migrant farmworkers: In collaboration with St. Mary's Food Bank and TONATIERRA, these special distributions are called Miltecayotl and occur on a monthly basis with 100-150 food boxes distributed each time.



Check out our conversation with local anti-hunger and farmworker advocate Chef Silvana Esparza!

ADVOCACY



Thanks in part to AzFBN's Advocacy, **\$6.75 million was invested in healthy school meals at the state level to make an estimated 12 million school meals more accessible** to kids from low-income households, as well as reducing unpaid school meal debt in districts across the state.



AzFBN supported DES in establishing a new program to restore SNAP and TANF benefits stolen through EBT card skimming, cloning, or phishing. To date, it has **returned over \$1 million in stolen benefits to low-income Arizona families**.



We advocated for **veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and former foster youth** to be exempt from heightened SNAP work requirements and led outreach when changes went into effect in October.



The 2024 Anti-Hunger Playbook is ready for the legislative session! This information can be handy for ALL voters, especially in a presidential election year.

FOOD BANKING

In 2023, AzFBN supported **95 growers and producers across Arizona** to supply food banks with **\$1,727,332 worth of nutritious, local food** through the Friends of the Farm program.

The No Borders No Limits produce program provided and distributed **875,136 produce boxes to 5 regional Arizona food banks**.

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Overall, through collaboration across the sector, AzFBN facilitated the distribution of **47,179,250 pounds of food to 39 food banks** between January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.



AzFBN's Rio Rico leadership sees "Food as Love..." and it shows.



Produce distributed to AZ food banks:
24,244,954 pounds



Produce distributed to Southwest Produce Cooperative (SPC) food banks:
20,827,239 pounds



Produce distributed to Feeding America food banks outside of Arizona and the SPC (as far as Indiana!):
2,107,250 pounds

The solutions to hunger are only accessible through collaboration and a system-wide approach. In 2023, food banks across Arizona **served 550,000 individuals on average each month!** That's up from about 450,000 before the COVID-19 pandemic. It is an honor for AzFBN to support the food banks and pantries which, in turn, serve our neighbors every day.

