

MARANA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK NOURISHING NEWS

The Newsletter of the **Marana Community Food Bank**

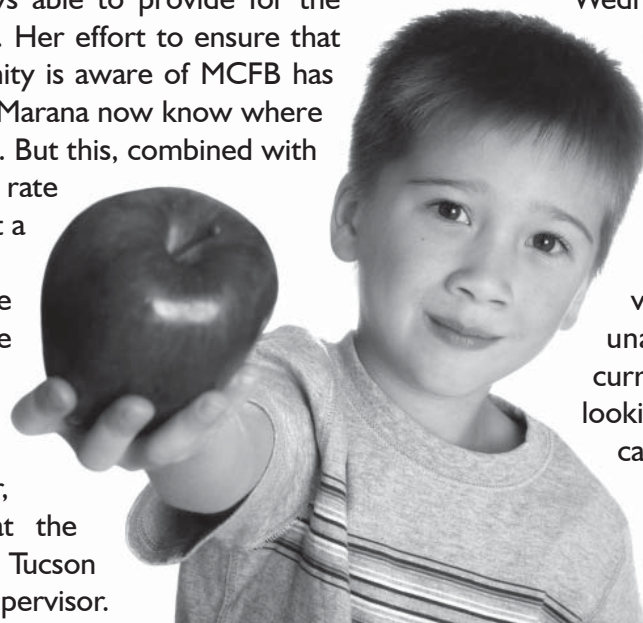
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More and More Residents Seek Assistance

It was a record-breaking December for the Marana Community Food Bank. About 650 clients—almost triple the norm—walked through its doors in need of help. According to Branch Manager Cecilia Muñoz, these clients are mostly unemployed or underemployed people, seniors and young families.

Since last summer the need for food, money, volunteers and hours has increased. “I want to make sure we are always able to provide for the community,” says Cecilia. Her effort to ensure that everyone in the community is aware of MCFB has worked. More people in Marana now know where to get the help they need. But this, combined with a higher unemployment rate than in years past, has put a strain on the food bank.

“It’s an increase in people’s needs; we see people are struggling more and more and needing food more and more.” says Joy Tucker, senior vice president at the Community Food Bank in Tucson and Marana branch supervisor.



“Food banks nationwide have seen an increase,” in some cases by more than 25 percent.

When requesting an emergency food box, a client must show a picture ID. Each client or family is eligible for two boxes per month.

In order to accommodate the growing need, MCFB is expanding its hours and has added a new staff member. The new hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The food bank also needs to increase its volunteer workforce to help with the growing workload. Without help from the donors and volunteers, MCFB would be unable to offer services at its current level. Any person or group looking to do community service can work any number of shifts throughout the week. Donations of food and cash are accepted and appreciated. To volunteer or donate, call 682-3001.

Our Mission: Through education, advocacy and the acquisition, storage and distribution of food, we will anticipate and meet the food needs of the hungry in the community of Marana.

From the Manager



Thank you to all the people who helped Marana this past holiday season. Your support allows the food bank to meet the growing needs of our community. As families and seniors feel the effects of the economy, we look forward to your continued support. The staff and volunteers invite you to stop in any time to experience the happy, caring atmosphere and the sparkling clean

Marana Community Food Bank that your donations make possible!

I am pleased to announce a new member of my staff, James Whiteside. He is a part-time driver/warehouse supervisor, working 20 hours a week. James brings a variety of skills to the MCFB. He is full of enthusiasm, works well with all the volunteers, and is eager to learn the ins and outs of warehouse supervising. His easy-going manner and ready smile have already made a positive impact on many of our food donors!

I relocated from Tucson to old Marana in January. I am enjoying the rural life that one experiences in this wonderful community. The lack of traffic is one of the advantages of moving. I also love the cows that show up to graze in my front yard, something I never experienced living in Tucson. However, the best part is the chance to get to know the needs of the community as an insider and learn how MCFB can best address those needs.

March 15 is Founder's Day! We are participating in the Founder's Day Parade and events at Ora Mae Harn Park. We invite you to come out to the park and support the MCFB.

Respectfully,

Cecilia Muñoz

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The Marana Community Food Bank is one of four branch banks of the Community Food Bank based in Tucson. The Community Food Bank's other Branches are in Ajo, Amado and Green Valley. To learn more, visit: www.communityfoodbank.org.

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Special Thanks

Thanks to those who made gifts of food or money to the Marana Community Food Bank this past fall and holiday season. Your gifts, large or small, show how much you care about our neighbors in Marana. We wish we had space to thank each of you!

Donors of \$100 and More August 31–December 31, 2007

\$1,000 & More

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Charlyne & Wheeler Abbett
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Luanne & David Leslie
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Marana Community Correction Facility
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MCFB Golf Tournament

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts August 31–December 31, 2007

Gifts in Memory of

Olive Anderson
Eric Burns
Mr. F.W. Clarenbach
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Diana Grossman
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MCFB WISH LIST

- Diapers, child & adult, all sizes
 - Diabetic foods
- Personal Care Items (ie. deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, etc...)
- Grocery carts in working condition
- Heavy-duty office paper shredder in good condition

We do accept donations of non-perishable food items, bread, produce, fresh eggs. All items must be in their original package and unopened.

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HOURS

Marana Community Food Bank
Food donation and distribution hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday:
10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

Free Informational Session on Health Plans for People with Limited Incomes

March 12th, 10:00a.m.–12:00p.m.
Marana Community Food Bank

Annual Founder's Day Parade

March 15th, 9:00a.m.–5:00p.m.
Ora Mae Park

For details call (520) 682-3001
or visit our website
www.communityfoodbank.org
and click on *Events*.

