

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR ALL ARIZONANS

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TONS OF FOOD FOR HUNGRY ADHS Photo Opportunity

Most of us are planning our Thanksgiving dinners this week - tables heaping with steaming turkey, dressing and delicious family favorites. But there are hundreds of thousands of people in Arizona who aren't so lucky. They depend on the food banks to feed their families and some of the food banks have less than half the food they need to make sure that those in need don't go hungry.

For the second year in a row, ADHS staff brought in canned goods to donate to <u>St.</u> <u>Mary's Food Alliance</u> here in Phoenix. Staff also made cash donations that will go to the <u>Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona</u> and the <u>Yuma Community Food Bank</u>.

Tomorrow we're pulling together boxes of canned goods from all the ADHS buildings, piling them into large containers at the State Hospital so St. Mary's can pick up the donations.

WHAT: Food Drive Finale

WHEN: Wednesday, November 21, 10 a.m. − 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Arizona State Hospital Warehouse, 2500 E. Van Buren, Phoenix

WHO: ADHS Director & staff

The timing is crucial. With all the upcoming holidays, it's important to ensure the food banks have enough food on hand to help those who are hungry. We welcome you to come by, video and photograph the piles of canned goods we collected during November. You can interview the folks who helped with the drive as well as Director Will Humble.