

FIGHTING HUNGER

**BRINGING HEALTH
& HOPE**

TO THE IMPERIAL VALLEY



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

LETTER FROM THE IMPERIAL VALLEY FOOD BANK'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Imperial Valley Food Bank,

In 2023, we officially emerged from the era of COVID-19 and witnessed the fruition of our hard work from 2020 to 2022, with fewer people in the community needing food assistance. We were glad to see our positive impact and shrunken numbers. Although the numbers steadily increased due to high inflation at the beginning of February 2023, we were prepared to aid our community. Despite adversity, we stayed true to our mission.

We successfully established two new distributions—one in Palo Verde in June 2023 and another in Slab City in September 2023. These two new distributions help an additional 524 people per month. Our board worked hard to improve people's access to distribution, particularly those with transportation issues and those in more secluded areas.

In addition to furthering our reach to the corners of Imperial County, we express our gratitude to our volunteers who took the initiative to pack the food and distribute it to their neighbors. Every helping hand we receive multiplies our efforts. In this upcoming year of volunteering, we hope to ignite the inner hero of everyone in our community. And inspire them to volunteer.

Thank you to our partner agencies and donors who passionately advocate for and support our mission. Your generosity keeps us going. We will continue fighting hunger and, in the process, provide health and hope to our neighbors in need.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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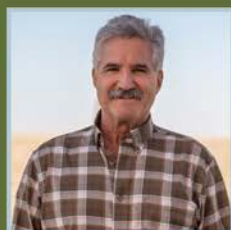
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MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS & **PROGRAMS**

We distributed over
6.3 million pounds of food
to 26,000 people each
month
at **34 locations across**
Imperial County through
partner agencies, including
15 mobile food pantries run by the
IV Food Bank.



These distributions are comprised of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (federal commodities), donated local produce, and food purchased by IVFB.



SENIOR FOOD PROGRAM

23% of seniors in Imperial County live below the poverty line. Through this USDA program, 720 low-income seniors aged 60+ are receiving 35 pounds of nutritious food each month.



WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

1 in 3 children are food insecure in Imperial County. This program works with educators to discreetly provide 1,020 students backpacks of food each Friday so they can stay fed all weekend long.



CALFRESH OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our bilingual team helps over 1,000 people each year navigate the application process for CalFresh (SNAP) food benefits. This helps individuals and families purchase nutritious food from local grocery stores each month.

IV FOOD BANK STAFF



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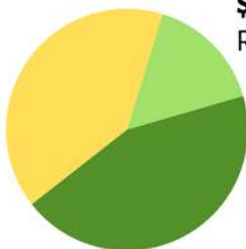
JANUARY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

6,356,522 POUNDS OF
FOOD VALUED AT
\$11,024,499

DISTRIBUTED IN 2023

TO ACHIEVE THIS, IVFB RAISED:

\$1,174,870
GOVERNMENT
AWARDS



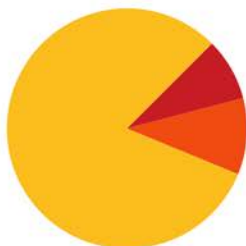
\$228,215
REVENUE

\$1,246,860
CONTRIBUTIONS
& GRANTS

TOTAL INCOME: \$2,649,945

TO DISTRIBUTE THIS FOOD, IVFB SPENT:

\$2,126,383
PROGRAMS &
FOOD PURCHASES



\$161,260
ADMINISTRATION

\$68,891
DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,356,534

THANK YOU DONORS & VOLUNTEERS



**OVER 300
VOLUNTEERS
GAVE 22,800
HOURS**

OF THEIR TIME TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE



TOGETHER, 566 DONORS GAVE MORE THAN \$1.3 MILLION

IN 2023

\$50,000 - \$95,000

Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties
Price Philanthropies Foundation

\$25,000 - \$40,000

Sandberg Goldberg Bernthal
Family Charitable Foundation
Socalgas/A Sempra Energy
Utility

Share Our Strength
FNL Foundation
Warne Family Charitable
Foundation

\$10,000 - \$20,000

The California Wellness Foundation
Justin Lofton Foundation
Ormat Nevada Inc.
Intersect Power, LLC
Pattern Energy
Bank of America
Susan Sharin & Laurina Young

Rest Haven Children's Health Fund
Jose Antonio Grifols Lucas
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Communities
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Mechanics Bank
Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation

\$5,000

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Equinox Gold
Mesquite Cattle Feeders Inc.
Imperial Premix
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Imperial Valley Community
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Mechanics Bank
Community Valley Bank
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Desert Sky Farms
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Equinox Gold
El Centro Motors
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SAVE THE DATE 2024 EVENTS

5TH ANNIVERSARY IVFB RABOBANK CENTER



IVFB RABOBANK CENTER'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY:
13TH & 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

HARVEST BOWL



**HARVEST BOWL:
12TH OCTOBER
2024**

P3 PALATE. PALETTE & PALLET

People's Choice Mixed Media



Yellow Flowers in the Breeze, Mixed Media

People's Choice Overall



Embrace, Oil

Artist: Nicolas Martinez

People's Choice Fabrics & Sculptures



Basket of Color, Quilt

Designed & sewed: Van Fried | Quilted: Jennifer Nunes

People's Choice Photography



Lightning Nights Luster Print

Artist: Sergio Bastidas | Facebook: @smbphoto

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**P3:
1ST NOVEMBER
2024**

A pair of hands is shown holding a variety of fresh vegetables. In the foreground, a large, dark purple eggplant is held prominently. Behind it, there are several bright red tomatoes and a bunch of fresh green basil leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting like a garden or farm. The overall image conveys a sense of freshness and health.

OUR VISION IS
TO ENSURE ALL
RESIDENTS
HAVE ACCESS
TO NUTRITIONAL
FOOD

SINCE 1991