

**Providing Food  
To  
America's Children**

**2008 Annual Report**

**FOOD PROVIDERS OF  
AMERICA**

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Geographically each area of our great nation is blessed with abundant varieties of surplus food crops at different times of the year. This is based on the climate growing regions, and crop types. Food Providers of America was established to provide a transportation link between National food products donors and the independently operated Food Banks across our country.

Transportations costs are the primary reason Independent Food Banks may be forced to turn down product donations of fresh produce, perishables, and other types of food. It is also one of the single biggest factors in a food banks ability to provide a nutritionally balanced variety of food types to their clients on a consistent basis all year.

Food Providers of America assisted with transportation expenses to provide fresh citrus, produce, and other food crops to member agencies in the northern states during the winter months. These member Food Banks then assisted the southern regions when their surplus crops came into season during the summer months. This networking between Independent Food Banks provided a year round nutritionally balanced food base to clients that would other wise not been available. It also helped to prevent food waste within the region.

Food Providers of America also provided assistance to food donors that were reluctant to donate. We provided transportation of donated commodities to other geographical areas of our country and prevented any regional sales losses that the donor might have experienced in their sales area.

Food Providers of America helped rescue these abundant supplies of food from being dumped into our Nations landfills, and in the process helped the Independent Food Banks across our Nation Feed Hungry people.

In a USDA Food Recovery Study it is estimated that 96 billion pounds of food goes to waste in our country, a full 27 percent of the annual US food supply. This is a totally unacceptable situation when our Nations Hunger statistics continue to rise on almost every level. Food Banks across our nation have reported that they have had to cut back on assistance to clients and in some cases have run out of some types of food.

Food Providers of America believes that a National Transportation Fund is the answer to network transportation of food from the very generous donors that are trying to help, and the Independent Food Banks that are already working very hard to meet the nutritional needs of the people within their communities.

Member Food Banks continue to resource food on a local level from all sources available, grocery stores, and local growers. Food distributions companies, and public food drives. These products remain in the local area to help meet the needs of their communities. Surplus Items that are available are redistributed with the assistance of Food Providers of America to other member Food Banks. This helps to ensure freshness of the product, prevent waste of precious resources, and helps to feed thousands of hungry people. The alternative is that this product will continue to end up in our Nations landfills.

Kerry Ketchum  
President

# **FOOD PROVIDERS OF AMERICA**

## **Feeding America's Children**

FOOD PROVIDERS OF AMERICA (FPOA), provided services to 14 member agencies in 10 States throughout America. These agencies were the recipients of 353,826 pounds of food valued at \$530,739. Providing 272,174 meals with 7,077 families as beneficiaries of our food projects.

Food Providers of America network of more than 7 regional food banks and food-rescue organizations serves 3 states by distributing food and grocery product to approximately 100 local charitable hunger-relief agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, women's shelters, Community Kitchens, and other organizations that provide emergency food assistance.

The efficiency of operation resulted in that 99% of all product and money donations received by Food Providers of America went directly towards feeding hungry people rather than administration or fundraising. Efficiency was determined by the percentage of total expenses devoted to programs rather than administration or fund-raising efforts. The value of product donation was included and conservatively valued at wholesale figure of \$1.50 per pound.

Food Providers of America solicited donated food and grocery product from the nation's food and grocery industry and distributed it to hungry People across America.

Growers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers all support Food Providers of America through their generous donations. These donations consist primarily of surplus food that might otherwise go to waste were it not for the effective distribution channel provided by the Food Providers of America agencies and associate Food Banks.

# FOOD PROVIDERS OF AMERICA

October 2007-September 2008

## Program Activity

DATE	RECIPIENT	STATE	DESCRIPTION	PEOPLE	FAMILIES	MEALS	POUNDS	VALUE
Oct	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	300	60	1997	2,996	\$4,494
Nov	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	1149	230	7656.7	11,485	\$17,228
Dec	Central AZ Food Bank	Arizona	Food	1289	258	8594	12,891	\$19,337
Dec	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	342	68	2280	3,420	\$5,130
Jan	Kingman Area Food Bank	Arizona	Food	4773	955	31817	47,725	\$71,588
Jan	Central AZ Food Bank	Arizona	Food	2030	406	13530	20,295	\$30,443
Jan	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	1440	288	9599	14,398	\$21,597
Feb	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	1442	288	9612	14,418	\$21,627
Feb	Kingman Area Food Bank	Arizona	Food	1382	276	9210	13,815	\$20,723
Feb	LA Dream Center	California	Food	3041	608	20271	30,407	\$45,611
Mar	Emergency Food Shelf	Minnesota	Food	3422	684	22815	34,222	\$51,333
Mar	Summer Haven Ranch	Arizona	Food	3543	709	23618	35,427	\$53,141
Mar	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	1204	241	8025	12,038	\$18,057
Mar	Central AZ Food Bank	Arizona	Food	1989	398	13261	19,891	\$29,837
Apr	Summer Haven Ranch	Arizona	Food	2190	438	14599	21,899	\$32,849
Apr	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	1415	283	9433	14,150	\$21,225
May	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	718	144	4785	7,177	\$10,766
Jun	Bread Of Life Mission	New Mexico	Food	1406	281	9373	14,060	\$21,090
Jul	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	980	196	6530	9,795	\$14,693
Aug	Bread Of Life Mission	New Mexico	Food	502	100	3349	5,023	\$7,535
Sep	Bread Of Life Mission	Arizona	Food	336	67	2241	3,362	\$5,043
Sep	Armful of Help	California	Food	493	99	3288	4,932	\$7,398
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>35383</b>	<b>7077</b>	<b>235884</b>	<b>353,826</b>	<b>\$530,739</b>

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