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E-Newsletter from Sedona Community Food Bank

A Season To Remember Our Community's Generosity & Kindness!

At Sedona Community Food Bank, the holiday season is always the busiest time of year, and this year was no exception! We have so many people, organizations, businesses and partners to thank for all their incredible work in the past months:

The Coffeepot Restaurant hosted their annual Free Day-Before Thanksgiving Feast, with donations going to SCFB. **Azadi Fine Rugs** donated gifts through their Azadi Angel Program, along with grocery gift cards, **Tlaquepaque** tenants, two private donors, and **Rotary Club of Sedona** adopted some of our families in need and ensured that they had gifts for everyone, and one very sweet volunteer, Ann, knitted 50 Christmas stockings fills them up with stuffed animals and gifts for our kiddos.

In partnership with **Sedona Lodging Council, Knights of Columbus, Sedona Housing Coalition**, and the Board of Directors of **Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona**, we built 34 bed frames, 32 table sets, and prepared units for future residents at Oak Wash Homes—a former motel in Cottonwood we're converting into permanent, affordable housing for households experiencing homelessness. **L'Auberge de Sedona** delivered 2473 lbs of food! 266 coats were donated for our Big Give Monday night suppers by **Twice Nice, Sedona Women, Sedona Shadows, Christ Lutheran Church** and individuals, and the



Jewish Community of Sedona and the Verde Valley helped distribute all the coats that were left after the Big Give events. **RunSedona** has continued to astound us with their participant's generosity that now totals nearly \$7000 in donations in 2023 and 2024! **Blackmarr's Furniture** donated to SCFB with every purchase made through Jan 20th. Our See's Candy Wagon raised thousands, and **Juniper Bar and Grill** hosted a food drive. Our volunteers helped fill and deliver over 50 senior gift bags. Along with all of the special events and contributions, our tireless volunteers continued to keep SCFB chugging along with our regular schedule of distributions and work throughout the season. SCFB received so many generous financial gifts this season, too, with December 3rd's Giving Tuesday kicking off a very successful end of year giving season. Our community has truly blown us away with their generous spirits this winter. Thank you one and all for your kind hearts and helping hands!





Waste Not Want Not... Pass It Along!

Did you know that we have been awarded the Silver Certified Sustainable Award by Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (vvreo.com)? The award recognizes Sedona Community Food Bank for our sustainable practices and for “creating positive impacts beyond the basics.” Our organization constantly

strives to reduce food and other waste. We rescue fresh produce that the grocery stores can't or won't sell. A little magic performed by our crack kitchen crew turns these sad vegetables and fruit into gorgeous market produce for our clients! Baked goods and other foods the stores won't sell also come to us rather than going into a dumpster. Anything that cannot be saved goes into a bin which is picked up by our friends at Little Orphan Animals (littleorphananimals.org). At that very special animal rescue, the collected food waste feeds animals of all descriptions from geese to zebras! If Little Orphan Animals can't use some of the food, they pass it along to Snouts of Sedona (snoutsofsedona.org), where the population of rescued pot-bellied pigs will feast upon it. In addition to using and sharing every bit of food possible, Sedona Community Food Bank also recycles paper, cardboard, plastic and anything else that can be recycled. We believe in being a sustainable, waste-free organization in order to be a responsible member of our community and world. Please join us in living sustainably and (virtually) waste-free!



Mark Your Calendar for 2025 Green Bag Saturdays

*Green Bag donations will be collected on
the second Saturday of every other month in 2025:*

**February 8th, April 12th, June 14th, August 9th,
October 11th, and December 13th.**

For more info, visit www.verdevalleyfoodproject.org



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*Thank you to all our supporters!
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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
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Sedona Community Food Bank's board is a working board - we couldn't accomplish everything we do without the amazing contributions & dedication of this fantastic team.

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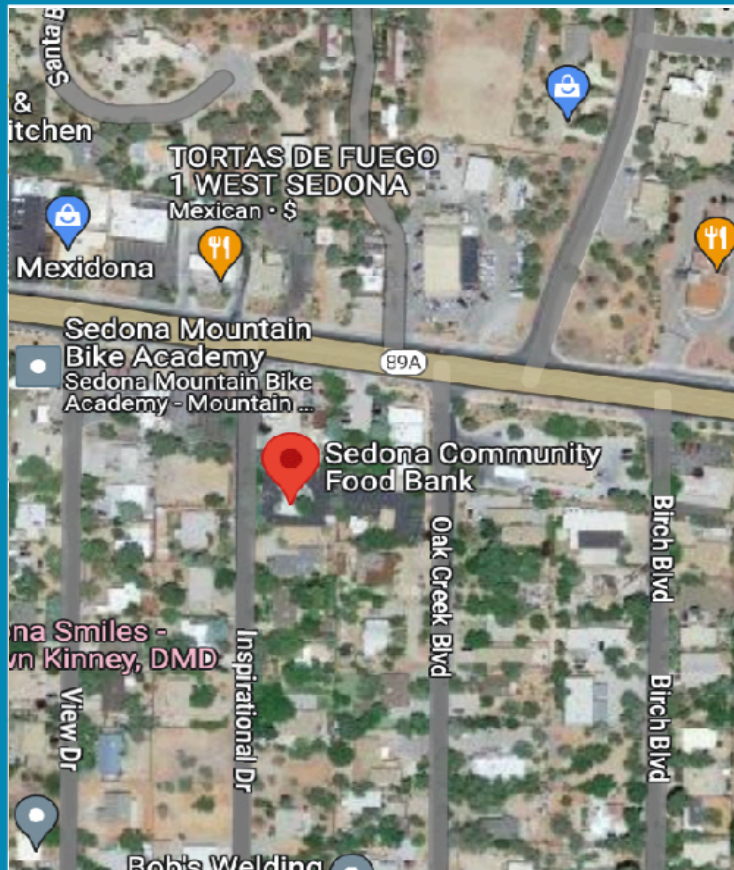
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