



Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

Grant Award

A Great BIG THANK YOU to the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona for the award of a grant to Our Neighbor's Farm & Pantry!! We don't often have an opportunity to apply for grants for general operating expenses, without which, we wouldn't have an opportunity to do all of the great things we accomplish every day! Thank you, Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, for supporting us and the Gila Valley – your support means the world to us!



Garage Sale Benefiting ONF&P

“What goes around — comes around,” is a saying Irene Schmolter has kept close to her heart these past 42 years as founder and owner of Cotton Clouds, Inc, a local online source of quality cotton yarns. Now that she has sold her business and is clearing out her 1100 square foot building to convert into her art studio (as IreneSophia), she finds that 40 plus years of accumulated yarns, patterns, tools and a wide variety of craft supplies (beads, children’s craft kits, fabrics, etc) she used to design children’s craft kits for a leading mail order catalog, is much more than she needs.

A huge Craft Supply Yard Sale will take place May 14-15 & May 21-22 from 6 am to noon outside the former Cotton Clouds building at 5176 S.14th Avenue. Masks and social distancing please.

All proceeds will be donated to Our Neighbor’s Farm & Pantry in Safford, Arizona.

“This community has provided me with so much these past 40 years. From all the UPS drivers who made sure we had reliable pick-up and delivery service, to the many dedicated USPS staff who went out of their way to provide us with everything we needed for a successful mail-order business. Everyone at CMI copy shop made it so easy to get what we needed from color copies to UPS drop-off service. The Bank of Arizona that went from Stockman’s Bank through several name changes, always employed bank personnel who took the needs of our business to heart. Many more community members, especially EAC’s Small Business Development Center Directors —going all the way back to the 1980’s with Frank Granberg, then on to Mike Fox to the present director, Kevin Peck and his dedicated staff. They really cared about the success of my business and provided excellent business workshops . Even huge Valley operations like the local cotton gins took my requests for a 200 pound (remnant) bale seriously! (I have one that I am donating to the yard sale. Free for the removal).

Now it's time for me to give back to the good people of this Gila Valley community.

I no longer need the abundance of these craft supplies, it is time to give back to my community. Prices on these quality supplies are low to give everyone an opportunity to shop and to be creative with these craft supplies. Giving back to my community also means putting food on its table.

My husband and I have been blessed with healthy food on our table without having to worry about where it was to come from. I want to give back to those that are not as fortunate by donating the sale of these craft supplies to our local food pantry", says Ms. Schmoller.

For further information, text Irene Schmoller 928-965-3266



Farmers Feeding Families Food Boxes Galore

We have wonderful Farmers Feeding Families boxes for everyone! For the past few weeks, we have received 4 shipments of Farmers Feeding Families food boxes from Shamrock Foods. Two weeks ago on Friday we received 1/2 truckload of boxes with the other half going to Duncan Food Pantry. Then we received another 1/2 truckload the following Wednesday and another this Wednesday. As a matter of fact, we will receive these food boxes each Wednesday through May. We thought the whole program was over but they extended it which is a great relief for Graham and Greenlee Counties.

Each box contains produce, dairy, and meat that are valued at over \$30 each. Our Community has come together to get these boxes to everyone who could benefit from them. We would like to reach as many people as possible throughout the month of May. Stacey and Janine took 80 boxes to the San Carlos Reservation, along with additional food. Kai took 26 boxes to the Ft. Thomas Elementary School for those hard-working teachers and staff. Dana has been making phone calls and coordinating deliveries to get boxes to those who are homebound or can't make it during dispersing times. Pick up a box for yourself, for your neighbor, for your friend and let's get the most benefit from this program while it's available.



Volunteer of the Month

Our Volunteer of the month is Leishae Bruckner. Leishae has been a garden volunteer for 2.5 years. She started as a parent volunteer and assisted with the education program for her daughter's 3rd grade class - Mrs. Martin at Dorothy Stinson. Even after her daughter moved on to the next grade, she continued to assist with the education program. She tries to help in the garden when she can, as her children have moved to distance learning. She has taken on the commodities task each month for other volunteers and staff, to assist Janine's workload. Leishae also assists with delivering Farmers Feeding Families (FFF) food boxes to those who were homebound or could not make it on distribution dates/times. Whatever help she is providing, she also keeps her family involved too, even her 3-year old assists her in her tasks. This is a family that enjoys volunteering together.



Donor Gratitude Basket

Deanna and Ryan, from Thatcher, have been chosen as the recipient of the Donor Gratitude Basket for the month of May. Deanna was randomly chosen for this great honor from ONFP. The Donor Gratitude Basket is filled with tasty, nutrient dense vegetables grown in our garden. Deanna and Ryan have spent many years volunteering in our pantry and we are so happy to have your continued support. Janine and Stacey brought the gratitude basket and were treated to a tour of their wonderful backyard garden. Thank you and congratulations Deanna & Ryan!



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