

Fighting Hunger in Imperial County Since 1991

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Dear Friends:

Each month, thousands of local residents with limited income are faced with a difficult decision: to pay bills or put food on their tables. In many cases, these residents feel compelled to choose the shelter and security of their homes or the necessity of their utilities or medical treatment as their top priority, and fill their stomachs - and those of their family - with whatever money is left.

Your generosity is helping make the burden of these individuals a bit lighter. This past year, we've seen a marked increase in those requesting our assistance. But with the help of its many supporters, in 2008, Imperial Valley Food Bank:

- Distributed over 1.3 million pounds of nutritious food to over 10,000 qualified residents
- Doubled the amount of local fresh produce distributed to hungry residents
- Educated nearly 7500 valley residents about Food Stamps (now called SNAP)
- Distributed tens of thousands of pieces of literature on healthy eating and nutrition
- Provided 90 elementary school students from low-income families with weekly backpacks of food
- Partnered with four new distribution sites in Imperial County
- Commenced new perishable donation programs with local grocery retailers, acquiring 15,000 lbs of food for local shelters and congregate feeding sites in the last quarter of 2008 alone.

None of this is possible without the generosity of our dedicated donors. I thank you for joining us in the fight against hunger in the Imperial Valley. It is my personal goal to ensure that your dollars are stretched as far as possible in providing nutritious food to those most in need. Our books and doors are always open. We invite you to stop by, say hello, and see how your kindness is helping change lives.

Best Regards,

Trish Ribail

Executive Director

IMPERIAL VALLEY FOOD BANK - DONOR RECEIPT

Name: Imperial Valley College Customer Service Committee

Date: 10/31/2008 Amount: \$187.00

YOUR DONATION IS ACCEPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING GUARANTEES:

3. All funds and goods will be used to aid agencies feeding the hungry

4. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation. Imperial Valley Food Bank is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization qualified to receive donations and distribute food to qualified organization engaged in feeding those in need.