

## Expanding Support for Our Children

We're excited to announce the expansion of our Children's Weekend Meals for Kids program! We now serve 240 children across seven elementary schools and one middle school, ensuring they receive nutritious meals over the weekend when school meals are unavailable. This growth reflects the pressing need in our community, and it's only possible because of your continued support. Thank you for making this life-changing program a reality.

## Supporting Our Senior Volunteers

Thanks to our partnership with the Riverside County Office on Aging and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), 21 Samsung tablets have been provided to our senior volunteers. Esmeralda Martinez from RSVP shared, "We want our seniors to stay connected through technology. Studies show that when seniors are connected, their quality of life improves." These tablets are empowering our senior volunteers to stay connected, ensuring they can continue making meaningful contributions to our community.



Samsung tablet

## "Fill the Bus" Food Drive

Mark Your Calendars, Food Now has been selected as the western Coachella Valley recipient for Sunline Transit's annual Fill the Bus Food Drive. This vital event will take place on Thursday, November 21, at Ralphs in Smoketree Village (1733E Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs) from 7 AM to 7 PM. As we prepare for the holiday season, this one-day food drive is critical to stocking our shelves.



We invite you to stop by, say hello, and help us fill the bus with essential food items. We look forward to seeing you there

## Reaching Our Most Vulnerable Neighbors

Our outreach to housebound individuals has grown tremendously. Thanks to improved communication and our dedicated volunteers, we delivered food to 872 households - representing 17% of those we served this quarter. This remarkable achievement is a testament to your kindness and to the commitment of our volunteers. Together, we are ensuring that no one is left behind.

## A Grateful Heart

None of these achievements would be possible without your incredible support. Your generosity fuels our mission, allowing us to provide critical services to families when they need it most. Thank you for standing with us in this life-changing work. Together, we are creating a healthier, more resilient community—one meal, one family, and one life at a time

With sincere gratitude,

Dana C. Johnson  
Executive Director  
Food Now



## P.S. In Loving Memory

We are deeply saddened by the loss of two cherished members of the Food Now family this October, whose dedication continues to inspire us daily.

### Marjorie Ann Dennis

November 30, 1936 – October 8, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Marjorie Ann Dennis. Marge was 87 when she passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family and friends. As our Program Director for over a decade, Marge's legacy of service will always be remembered.

### Anthony Miller

We are also heartbroken to share the passing of our dedicated truck driver, Tony Miller, on October 13, just days after his retirement. Tony had been with Food Now since 2010 and was loved by all. He will be deeply missed.