



# news LETTER

Fall 2024

## A Message From Dana Johnson

Dear friends,  
I hope this message finds you well as we welcome the cooler days of fall. While the season changes, so too do the challenges faced by our community—but with your unwavering support, we've met these challenges head-on, creating lasting impacts every single day.

## Food Now Named Nonprofit of the Year!

We are thrilled to announce that Food Now has been recognized as the Nonprofit of the Year for Desert Hot Springs by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented during the Mayor's State of the City address and awards ceremony on October 3, 2024. As Executive Director, I witness firsthand the incredible work being done by so many worthy nonprofits, which makes this recognition even more meaningful. This award belongs to all the amazing Food Now volunteers who give their time, talents, and resources to improve our community. Congratulations to everyone involved!

## Your Impact at a Glance

July 1 – September 30, 2024

Your generosity continues to make a significant difference. Here's what we've achieved together in the past three months:

- 229,975 pounds of food distributed, providing nearly 300,000 meals.
- 374 households received food each week, benefiting over 1,000 family members.
- 872 unique households were served this quarter, including 906 adults, 780 seniors, and 807 children.
- 4,881 total household visits, representing 13,668 individual requests for food assistance (including repeat visits).

\$400,155 was saved in food costs, allowing families the opportunity cover other essential needs like housing, healthcare, education, and transportation. Every meal you help provide does more than nourish—it transforms lives. By distributing nearly 230,000 pounds of food, you've enabled families to save over \$400,000, providing much-needed relief and an economic boost for our community. Thank you for your continued support.

## The Art of Giving – Gallery Night Fundraiser

I am delighted to personally invite you to a special event that celebrates art, community, and the power of giving back. Thanks to the generosity of Melissa Morgan, we are hosting an unforgettable evening at her stunning gallery, Melissa Morgan Fine Art, on El Paseo in Palm Desert.



### Event Details:

Title: The Art of Giving – A Gallery Night Fundraiser

Date: Friday, November 15, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Venue: Melissa Morgan Fine Art Gallery, 73-660 El Paseo, Palm Desert, CA 92260

This event will feature a dynamic collection of art donated by 20 diverse and respected artists. The artists will be present, and their works will be available through an exciting art auction. Complemented by an elegant cocktail party, this evening promises to be a celebration where creativity meets philanthropy.

Please join us in supporting our mission to provide food and vital services to those in need, including vulnerable families, children, seniors, veterans, and the homeless.

Tickets are available now at [www.foodnowdhs.org/events](http://www.foodnowdhs.org/events).

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