

Council Announcements:

Council Member Connell:

Payson Area Residents:

The Payson Area Food Bank again needs your help this year. Increase in family needs for food have almost doubled over the past year.

We are kicking off this year's food drive on Turkey Tuesday. Please drop off or purchase your Turkeys at Basha's on Tues the 23rd of November.

St Vincent's food bank volunteers will be there to take your turkeys. The Payson Area Food Drive (PAFD) will go from 11/23 until early February of 2011, ending on "Super Bowl" Sunday.

*Goals for this year are 55,000# of food, and \$25,000 (up from 2009 goal of 50,000# and \$20,000 of last year).

* Food and money will help St Vincent and Community Presbyterian food banks, and will also support Tonto Basin and the Pine Strawberry banks as requested.

* The surge in food has been caused by more people out of work and/or working fewer hours.

* Almost 18% of Americans have struggled to afford enough food to feed themselves and families at times over the last 12 months.

* In Arizona 41% of food recipients are children and senior citizens. 15% of families reported their children skipped meals because there was not enough money for food. 28% of all Arizonians with the past year had to choose between buying food and paying for medical care.

* Payson needs are trending upward at all area food banks. The needs are great, especially with our children. If a child does not get the nutrition they need to grow up healthy and strong, they will be set up for a lifetime of struggle in school. They are our future; we must feed their tummies, as well as their minds.

Please "Show you care....share"

Look for Woody's picture on PAFD donation boxes at all our major grocery stores, many businesses, government offices and multiple places throughout town.

Monetary donations are especially helpful, as then the food banks can purchase exactly what food is needed. Mail your check or donation to PAFD,

PO box 703 Payson Az 85541.