

# **Social Safety Net Coalition**

**September 21, 2020**



United Way  
of Northern Arizona



# Coalition's Purpose

- Fortify existing service providers to meet rapidly expanding demands for housing, food, and emergency cash assistance;
- Attract and align resources to maximize impact through a coordinated and collaborative effort;
- Communicate information to promote open, inclusive, timely sharing; and,
- Mobilize the delivery of emergency resources through a strategic framework that identifies service gaps and emerging issues.



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# Guiding



The current conditions we face are unprecedented. No single organization knows how to meet the urgent needs of our County residents. We do know that constructive dialogue, the exchange of transparent information and trusting relationships will help us tap our collective wisdom and find solutions. The COVID-19 Social Safety-Net Services Coalition is the credible source providing the forum through which this takes place.



# SOCIAL SAFETY-NET SERVICES COALITION

INFORMATION CHART

**Co-Chair**  
Carol Dykes

**Coalition Sponsor**  
BOS Chair, Elizabeth Archuleta

**Co-Chair**  
Michele Axlund

**Administrative Team**  
Michele Axlund  
Lucinda Andreani  
Carol Dykes

**Fundraising Team**  
Michele Axlund  
Lucinda Andreani  
Patrice Horstman  
Elizabeth Archuleta

**Key Focus Areas & Committees**  
Communications  
Fundraising  
Youth  
Resource Guide

**Leadership Council**

<i>Coalition Sponsor</i>	Sybil Smith	Greg Martinez
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	Ceara Chirovsky	Chris Fetzer
<i>Administrative Team</i>	Devonna Mc Laughlin	Sarah Darr
<i>Fundraising Team</i>	Brittany Baker	Sandi Flores
Juliette Roddy	Pats Shriver	Ross Altenbaugh
Peter Van Wyck	Jeff Axtell	Deanna Neswood-Gishey
Federico Murillo Fallas	Lucinda Yazzie	Lauren Lauder
Jeremy Baker		

**Sector Leads**  
Sandi Flores (Housing Sector)  
Peter Van Wyck (Emergency Cash Sector)  
Monica Foss and Ceara Chirovsky (Food Sector)



**Housing Sector**

**Food Sector**

**Emergency Cash Assistance**

**Full Coalition**

*Leadership Council +*

Lori Barlow	Dylan Lenzen	Sean Michael Ryan	Nora Timmerman
Kathie Knapp	Sandy Berry	Amanda Guay	Erik Johnson
Shaleen Seward	Cathy Knapp	Kelly Mortensen	Camie Rasband
Mike O'Donnell	Elizabeth Savage	Justin Harris	Carrie Dallas
Cory Runge	Michael David Payne	Kailey Jensen	Daniel Williamson
Eric Wolverton	Rebecca Cirzan	Roxana De Niz	Surya Hall
Richard Bush	Mike Scott	Mary Lawson	

**Meeting Schedule**

**Leadership Council**  
*Monthly*  
2:00-3:30pm

**Full Coalition**  
*Monthly*  
Open to the Community

**Sector Leads**  
*Every other Tuesday*  
11:30am-12:30pm

**Housing Sector**  
*Every other Tuesday*  
from 10:00-11:00am

**Food Sector**  
Fridays at 1:00pm

**Emergency Cash Assistance Sector**  
As Needed

**Committees**  
As Needed



# Strengths

- Expansion of services into Page (Collaboration with City of Page)
- Coordination for childcare for first responders
- Free masks for organizations - VOAD
- Cleaning supplies for childcare facilities
- Volunteers coming together to assist when the National Guard was pulling out
- Fixing a forklift for the food bank
- Housing providers pulling together to house the housing insecure during the peak of the pandemic
- Expansion of food distribution sites
  - Map of food availability throughout Navajo Nation
  - Chapter Houses as food distribution sites – (Tuba City -served 2,000 families a month)
  - Established Food Distribution sites in Flagstaff for undocumented families
  - Established multiple access points for food including home delivery



# Strengths

- Developing a guide of resources and guidance for landlords
- Identifying funding to assist agencies in the community to meet the surging demand for services
  - Arizona Community Foundation
  - CDBG – City of Flagstaff
  - United Way – COVID 19 Fund



# Results are in the Numbers

- **Food Provided**

- Flagstaff Family Food Center: Serving 2,000 people per day  
with approximate 20,000 poundage per day
- St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance provides 24,500 pounds per day equaling  
20,000 meals per day

- **Sheltered in Motels for Housing Insecure –**

including wraparound services (Meals, Behavioral and Medical Services)

- Flagstaff Shelter Services: 200+ a week
- Coconino County: COVID positive sheltering

- **Rental & Utility Assistance:**

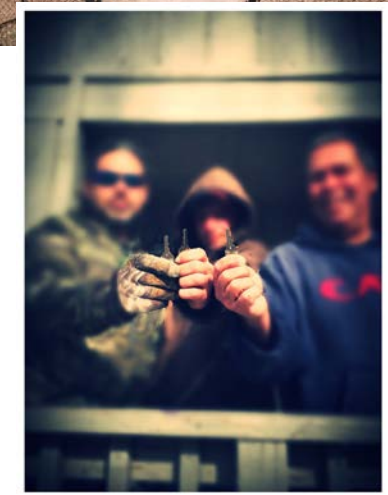
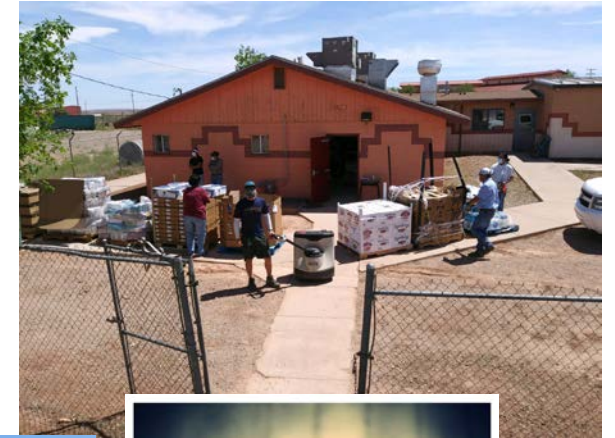
- Over 954 families served since April

- **PPE**

- Passed out 4,000 masks and over \$10,000 distributed to childcare centers serving essential staff

- **Backpacks**

- 15 distributed to families each week through First Things First and 200 per week through FUSD



# Future- Focus

- The sectors are focusing on the future and what we can do together:
  - Mobile food bus
  - Centralized resource center for community resources and services
    - education, warm hand offs, and linkages
  - Establish more resources to help community members move from crisis shelter to stability



# THANK YOU to Northern Arizona's Safety Net Food, Shelter, Support

Community members need help now more than ever and the staff and volunteers providing **Safety Net Services** are there to help people make it through this crisis every day.



[nazunitedway.org/get-help](https://nazunitedway.org/get-help)

[www.coconino.az.gov/SocialServicesResourceGuide](https://www.coconino.az.gov/SocialServicesResourceGuide)