

March 10, 2023

San Luis City Council
City of San Luis
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, Arizona 85349

Mayor Riedel and City of San Luis Council Members,

The Yuma Community Food Bank has been adapting to the needs of the residents of San Luis during the inflationary period that is still impacting our communities. Those on fixed incomes visit the Food Bank and we fear it will be with us for some time. Those inflationary costs have changed our YCFB's overall operations, as we all are in this together. Our management of distributions continues but we are still looking to better serve communities. As the City of San Luis continues to expand and with growth comes additional needs for residents, which includes those that are living under the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

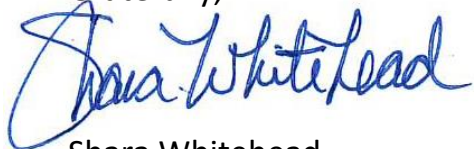
We continue to use Link 2 Feed software to help us better understand our clients and what is needed to help change their lives for the better by asking what brings them to the Food Bank. Is it work related, health issues, family related? Whether it is job training, health issues and referrals, rent or utility assistance, the Yuma Community Food Bank wants to make a difference and help change outcomes for all residents of Yuma and La Paz Counties. Our mission is to relieve hunger and educate for better health outcomes.

Our joint focus for the past seven years has been to find a location to provide services within San Luis and reduce the number of clients driving to Yuma for services. At this time we are hopeful that the Senior Center will become our Partner Agency and we can provide a food storage unit for distribution. If this is not possible we will look to find a suitable location for a YCFB branch.

YCFB respectfully requests support in the amount of \$30,000 for fiscal year 2024. We are committed to partnering with the City of San Luis and providing resources to the residents.

If you need any additional information or if we may make a presentation to your council, please contact me: (928) 259-2203 or swhitehead@yumafoodbank.org

Gratefully,



Shara Whitehead
President/CEO