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In these uncertain times, our mission remains steady. Thank you for standing with us to help our neighbors in need.



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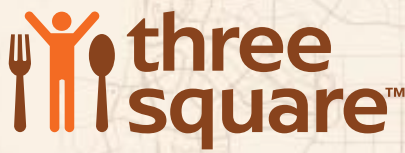


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OUR MISSION

The mission of Three Square Food Bank is to provide wholesome food to hungry people, while passionately pursuing a hunger-free community. Our vision is simple: no one in our community should be hungry. By bringing together the resources, experience, and passion of the people and businesses of Southern Nevada, we can make sure no one has to. Together, we can feed everyone.

Three Square Food Bank is registered with the Secretary of State and qualified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, and a member of Feeding America. Established in 2007, Three Square is Southern Nevada's only food bank and the area's largest hunger-relief organization. Your charitable contribution to Three Square is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Thanks to you, our neighbor and her children have a little less to worry about!



Food for Thought

Every day at Three Square Food Bank, we chase a bold vision: a community free from hunger. While this pursuit is not without challenges, we know it's a mission worth achieving as it can transform lives and foster a more equitable community.

Thankfully, friends like you stand with us — giving your time, resources, and compassion to ensure that families in Southern Nevada have access to nourishing food. Your generosity means so much, and it's never mattered more than it does right now.

Due to recent cuts to federal funding, we're facing a critical shortfall. To fill this gap, we estimate needing to raise funds to replace as much as 5 million pounds of food that we anticipate losing later this year. This isn't just about our food bank — the ripple effects are felt by local farmers, grocery stores, and businesses who stand with our mission. Between federal changes and rising grocery prices, we know that more neighbors will soon need our help.

While we may have some hurdles ahead, I've seen what this community can do when we come together.

I believe in what's possible with your help. Together, we can ensure that Southern Nevadans have access to the food they need to thrive.

With heartfelt thanks,

Beth Martino

Beth Martino, President & CEO

"Times are hard," yet you're helping this family persevere

Chaquantae and her boyfriend are doing their best to live frugally and spend responsibly. Even so, it's not always easy to make ends meet. While he works full-time and she works service jobs when possible, they're also raising two young children. Some months, their combined income simply doesn't stretch far enough.

"Times are hard," she admits. "Our rent just went up by \$135 a month."

Increased costs of living are affecting people throughout Southern Nevada. If not for friends like you, this young mom

and dad might be sacrificing their own meals just to ensure that their little ones have enough to eat. Thanks to your kindness, that hasn't been the case for Chaquantae, and she is deeply grateful for the food they've received. She especially appreciates healthy fruits for her growing children: "They like oranges, carrots, watermelon, cantaloupe," she smiles. "It means a lot."

Thank you for generously supporting Three Square Food Bank and ensuring that our neighbors have the nutritious food they need!

Removing barriers for students

Ivana is dedicated to helping children and ensuring that they have the bright future they deserve. Of course, education plays a significant role in that.

Learning is much more difficult if a student is consistently hungry. As a senior program director with Communities in Schools (CIS), Ivana is focused on preventing childhood hunger. CIS is a nationwide organization whose mission is to help students thrive. The Nevada chapter of CIS works with more than 100,000 students in 118 schools that have been identified as having higher needs. Many of the schools have a high percentage of kids from families facing poverty and food insecurity.

"We want to remove any barriers for students, so they can focus on their education," Ivana says. One substantial barrier is hunger, which is why Ivana is grateful for the fruitful partnership between CIS and Three Square — a partnership made stronger because of your generous support.

"Many of our schools are in a food desert," Ivana says, meaning there aren't adequate grocery stores within the surrounding



community. *"Three Square really helps kids and their families."*

Through a monthly distribution that takes place at each school, Ivana and Three Square make sure the students and their families get plenty of fresh and healthy food — particularly protein, fruits, and vegetables. This nourishment helps them thrive in school and in life, bringing them steps closer to a bright future.

"We have a huge turnout of families at the distributions," Ivana says. *"We're just so thankful to have a partnership with Three Square. It truly means everything."*



"Three Square really helps kids and their families, so they don't have to worry about their next meal."

— Ivana



DASH-ing food to front doors

Even though Three Square has partners and pantries throughout Southern Nevada, there are still many of our senior neighbors who are unable to get to them. They may not have a car or the ability to drive. Additionally, public transportation may not be available for them, or health issues might limit mobility.

We recognized that if they can't get to the food they need, we need to get that food to them.

To do that, we turned to the experts of delivering food to front porches across America: DoorDash.

Our partnership with DoorDash initially targeted homebound seniors, providing more than 1,000 neighbors with monthly deliveries of 25 pounds of groceries.

Daniel Castaneda, Three Square's Partner Services Manager, is pleased with the program's success. He notes that some seniors are reluctant to ask for help because they value their independence, and they don't like the stigma of receiving a "handout."

"But we let them know that this isn't something to be ashamed of," Daniel says. "This is designed for them because they've earned it in their later years." More recently, we've expanded the program to include families and children who face food insecurity and transportation issues. We're partnering with Communities in Schools (CIS) and DoorDash to get food to their doorsteps, including 50-pound boxes of healthy food delivered every two weeks this summer.

Words can't describe our immense gratitude for DoorDash. Their efforts to uplift our neighbors bring us closer to a community where no one goes hungry.

Together, we're ensuring that our neighbors in need throughout Southern Nevada have access to healthy food. DoorDash, thank you for helping to make this possible!



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since 2019

grocery prices up 29%

electricity costs up 25%

housing costs up 29%

In Nevada, working families are paying significantly more for food and utilities, and it's become more difficult to buy or rent homes.



Three Square's new Food Finder Map is designed to help community members locate food assistance easily. Visitors can narrow their search by the distribution model, program type, operating hours, and proximity to a specific zip code.



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To access our Food Finder Map and learn about other resources, visit threesquare.org/help.

