

Letter of Agreement

These terms of agreement are to clarify the role and responsibility of East Mesa Baptist Church (EMBC) and the organizations that donate to the Food Bank Ministry. Thank you for your interest in helping us.

1. EMBC is a non-profit charitable Arizona Corporation. All donations are tax-deductible. Receipts are available upon request.
2. EMBC accepts the responsibility for inspection of food received to ensure fitness for consumption. A systematic check and balance plan is in place for this specific purpose. Our workers/volunteers have 20+ years' experience in handling food, both perishable and non-perishable.
3. All food donations are distributed under the guidance of the "Good Samaritan Law" (Arizona Public Health and Safety 36-916): "A Charitable or non-profit organization... that in good faith receives and distributes, without charge...a donation of an apparently wholesome food item or an apparently fit non-food grocery product is not liable for damages in any civil action for any injury or death due to the condition of the apparently wholesome food item..." (For the entire statute, please refer to Arizona 36-916.)
4. Food donated to the Food Bank cannot be offered for sale, sold, bartered or exchanged. Some food items may be purchased for distribution.
5. The East Mesa Food Bank is licensed by the Maricopa County Health Department and carries a legal permit to operate under the oversight and authority of the EMBC.
6. The East Mesa Food Bank is an inseparable part of the ministry of the East Mesa Baptist Church. Henceforth, it is accountable and responsible to the church for its policies, procedures, and Scriptural mandate to exist and function. (See Matthew 25:35)
7. East Mesa Baptist Church reserves the right to provide spiritual guidance in the process of helping people with physical needs.

TIME OF DISTRIBUTION:

Every Sunday @ 4:45 p.m.

Child care provided/All are welcome

Many other Food Banks and food program distribution centers are helped as the Lord provides the resources.

(480) 986-9827— Information line

Introducing the

East Mesa Food Bank

SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO:

Handicapped, Senior Citizens,
Low-Income Families,
Single Parents with Children,
The Helpless, Homeless, and Hopeless



Celebrating 30 years
serving the East Valley
1986-2016

A Ministry of the

East Mesa Baptist Church
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Senior Pastor Dr. F.M. Hughes,
Food Bank Director

Food Bank Ministry

Food boxes for the hungry every week

Clothing Bank

An assortment of clothing for all ages

Shoe Box Ministry

Providing items of personal items

What Are the Needs in the Community?

- Over 250,000 Maricopa County residents live in poverty and risk chronic hunger. Many are children/teens.
- Government programs reach only half the people who need them. Many have been “cut-off” recently.
- One in four local children live in poverty without enough to eat. Some are homeless or living in motels.
- A significant percentage of those served by the East Mesa Food Bank are children of single parents.
- Arizona ranks 14th in number of children living in poverty. Because of the mild climate, there is a large homeless population, and because of low wages they are poor.

Where Does East Mesa Food Bank Obtain Donations and Its Funding?

The Food Bank is supported by contributions from the membership to the outreach program of East Mesa Baptist Church, from individuals and groups, and from businesses and corporations who are sympathetic to the Biblical program of helping feed the poor and hungry of this world. The Food Bank does not receive funding or donations from any governmental programs or state agencies.

East Mesa Food Bank

Emergency Food Boxes are for emergency or crisis situations only and not as an ongoing form of supplemental assistance. Each food box contains a variety of food, varying to the size of the family and what type of donations may be received that particular week.

Who qualifies? Families or individuals may fall into one of these common categories of need:

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| ⇒ Limited income | ⇒ Elderly |
| ⇒ Benefits pending | ⇒ No benefits |
| ⇒ Benefits stopped | ⇒ Robbed |
| ⇒ Illness | ⇒ Disabled |
| ⇒ House fire | ⇒ Moved |
| ⇒ Homeless | ⇒ Death in family |
| ⇒ Food stamps stolen | ⇒ Delivering aid to others |
| ⇒ Desertion by wage earner | ⇒ Other Crisis situations |

Each Food Box May Contain the following:



Meat products
Fruits and vegetables
Food Staples
Specialty Items
Other items as available



Also available—Ready-to-eat meals:
Various sandwiches, chips, desserts, & drinks

How Can I Help the East Mesa Food Bank Assist Those Needing Food?

Please call the Food Bank at 480-986-9827. If you are interested in making a cash donation or a donation of food, clothing or other household items to one of our programs. Thank you for your interest in helping us help others in need.