

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Desert Mission's nearly century-long legacy of caring for neighbors in the Sunnyslope area is a testament to its enduring commitment to the community. With essential services like our Lincoln Learning Center, Adult Day Health Care, Living Well's resource coaching and our Food Bank providing access and nutritional support, Desert Mission plays a vital role in addressing ongoing and evolving community needs. Our mission to **improve the health and well-being of those served** aligns seamlessly with HonorHealth's vision to transform healthcare for our communities.

As I reflect on 2023, it is apparent that our legacy continues a steadfast commitment to serve through innovative programs that address key social determinants of health. With the talents of our committed colleagues and board members, and the support of our generous and giving community, we aspire to continue to address barriers to self-sufficiency, and to promote healthy living and longevity.

I would like to express my gratitude for the many **individuals, corporations, agencies, community partners** and **volunteers** whose efforts have collectively made a profound impact on the lives of those we serve. It is through their generous contributions of time, resources and donations that Desert Mission can continue to respond to the needs of our community.



Please take a moment to review a sampling of our 2023 accomplishments. We would love for you to join us again for the inspiring and important work to be done in the upcoming year. Your ongoing support makes our work possible, and **we greatly appreciate you!**

With gratitude,

*Haeli J. Miceli*

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*Executive Director, Desert Mission and Community Services*

## VOLUNTEERS

2023 SNAPSHOT

 **13,371**

Total volunteer hours

 **2,055**

Individual and volunteer groups

 **97**

Dedicated core volunteers:

**89** at Desert Mission Food Bank

**6** at Adult Day Health Care

**2** at Lincoln Learning Center



## LINCOLN LEARNING CENTER

Lincoln Learning Center is a culturally, socio-economically diverse early care and childhood education facility accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and a five-star provider of First Thing's First Quality First program. We believe that quality early care and educational experiences should be accessible to all children, no matter their family's income status, and work with families of children needing extra support to ensure there is a successful learning plan in place. Desert Mission's multiple programs allow the ability to offer additional wrap-around support services to students' families.

## ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE

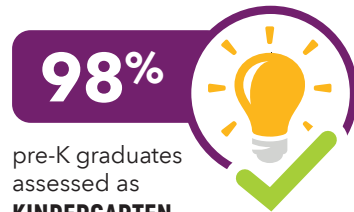
Desert Mission's Adult Day Health Care provides a safe and enriching care environment for seniors through community focused and specialized programming, which helps members maintain an active lifestyle by encouraging independence and providing dynamic social, cognitive and recreational enrichment experiences. Through respite, resource navigation and caregiver support groups, we also aid our members' care partners.



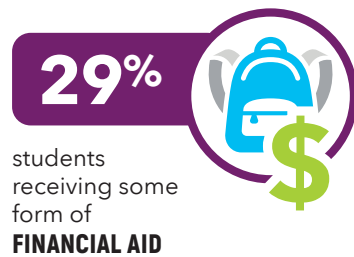
### 2023 SNAPSHOT



**CHILDREN SERVED**  
in 2023



pre-K graduates assessed as **KINDERGARTEN READY**



students receiving some form of **FINANCIAL AID**

## LIVING WELL

While our Food Bank's role is to "feed the line", Living Well's role is to "shorten the line". Our work addresses the root causes of food insecurity, providing resources based on our guest's unique needs. We provide direct connections to resources – from basic needs like public benefits, emergency rent and utility assistance to asset-building through financial coaching. We also connect HonorHealth patients to resources through our Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) initiative.

### 2023 SNAPSHOT



increase in **DAILY INTAKE ENCOUNTERS** over 2022

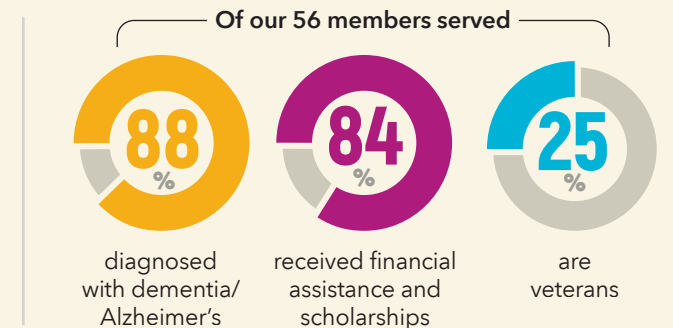


HonorHealth patients were referred to our food bank for **NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT**

### 2023 SNAPSHOT



hours of programming and services



diagnosed with dementia/Alzheimer's

received financial assistance and scholarships

are veterans



Facilitation site for the **Finding Meaning and Hope Caregiver Support Program**, in partnership with Duet: Partners in Aging.



Team member certification from the **National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners**.



## DESERT MISSION FOOD BANK

In 2023, our team members and volunteers responded to the ever-increasing needs of our community, providing nutritious foods to people of all ages by way of our programs and partnerships. We grew our programs supporting “food as medicine” initiatives, increasing food access in both the Sunnyslope community and through our expansion into the HonorHealth network. Our multitude of partnerships with area schools, housing sites, medical offices and other community resources ensure we can continue to provide essential resources directly to those who need it most.

2023 SNAPSHOT



Through our guest’s direct food bank visits and offsite distribution programs:


67,000+ 

INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED

2,449,327 

POUNDS OF FOOD WAS DISTRIBUTED

ONSITE 19,000+ individuals were served at our facilities:

  
**10,096**  
HOUSEHOLDS  
a 21% increase\*

  
**4,880**  
SENIOR FOOD BOXES  
a 48% increase\*


  
**20,168**  
EMERGENCY FOOD  
boxes distributed

OFFSITE 48,850+ individuals were served by our distribution programs:

 **11** SCHOOL PANTRIES

 **20** community FARM STANDS

 **500** food bags distributed in one hour at the **VCU FINALS WEEK** food distribution event

 **5,040** meals distributed to low-income seniors at **SUNNYSLOPE MANOR**

 **8,016** Snack Packs distributed to food insecure children at **TITLE 1 SCHOOLS**

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:



1,426 backpacks were distributed to children through our annual **BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE**



1,400+ families were served at the annual **TURKEY DISTRIBUTION EVENT**

\*\*\* Recorded 8.48 distributions/minute \*\*\*



117 donors adopted 191 families during our annual **HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY** event

\*\*\* Provided holiday gifts and food for more than 1,000 individuals \*\*\*

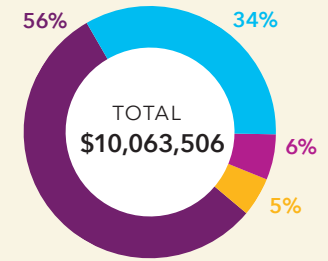


Relaunched the **HEART OF SUNNYSLOPE: CELEBRATION OF WELLNESS** community event

\*compared to 2022

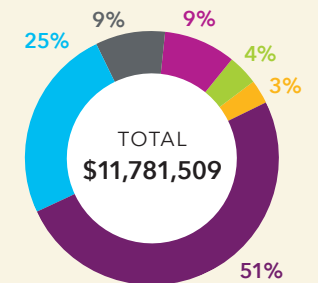
## 2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue



- Donated food & services \$5,588,375
- Fees for services \$3,396,126
- Private grants & donations \$570,385
- Government grants \$508,620

Expenses



- Food Bank \$6,017,518
- Lincoln Learning Center \$2,909,522
- Adult Day Healthcare \$1,111,033
- Administration services \$1,012,257
- Depreciation \$423,075
- Living Well \$308,105



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