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<b>Project Description</b>						
<p>The Civitan Foundation provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities in the forms of respite/recreational programs, habilitation, and attended care. Our longest running respite/recreational program is Camp Civitan located in Williams, AZ. We are a contributing partner with the Arizona Nutrition Network; and at Camp and in our Phoenix respite programs we provide nutrition education classes. In addition, we offer a weekly habilitation program in our Phoenix office that teaches our participants social skills, job skills, and community living skills. For this program we continued to build our partnership with the Williams community as well as raise community awareness about childhood hunger.</p> <p>The goal of this program was to create 25 food baskets to give to the Williams Food Bank. The food bank would then distribute the food baskets to 25 families in conjunction with back to school events. One of the Arizona Nutrition Network messages is to “grow a healthy child.” The Civitan Foundation and the Williams Food Bank can help promote that message by putting together a family fun dinner basket. The baskets will include healthy foods for meal preparation, cooking tips and recipes, information on how to involve children in cooking, and family board games. The baskets will not only provide the family with food but will also support family meal time.</p>						
<b>Amount Received</b>						
\$500.00						
<b>How did this project make a difference in reducing childhood hunger in Arizona</b>						
<p>A total of 27 food baskets were distributed at the Williams Food Bank on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Civitan Foundation clients were able to put together donations and purchase some items for the food baskets. The baskets included enough food for 2 complete meals, dessert, snacks, healthy recipes, back to school supplies, and games/movies. The baskets not only gave the families food but they also encouraged family meal time</p>						
<b>Number of children served</b>						
90						
<b>Number of meals served</b>						
1 box equals 3 to 4 meals						
<b>Number of snacks served</b>						
<b>Description of meals/snack served</b>						
<b>Description of most popular meal/snack served</b>						
<b>What improvement/impact was made</b>						
<p>The families received food items and were also able to receive additional items from the food bank such as fresh produce. The clients of the Civitan Foundation were able to meet the families during distribution and were able to raise awareness among their own friends and families by informing them of this project and their experience.</p>						
<b>How did you measure the success of the project</b>						
<p>We exceeded our goal of 25 baskets. We also had positive feedback from the food bank, families receiving food, and our clients who were a part of distribution and collection.</p>						

**Will the program continue**

The Civitan clients and their parents have decided that they would like to do food/gift basket donations twice a year in conjunction with the food bank. Parents would like to donate money and allow the clients to shop for the items to put in the baskets. This helps the clients develop life skills and become more involved. Their greater involvement of choosing items for the baskets helps to raise awareness as opposed to the parents simply making food donations.

**Additional Information**

How were funds spent?

\$100 was spent on food for the baskets

\$250 was spent on staffing

\$150 was spent on transporting the baskets from the Civitan offices in Phoenix to Williams