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<b>Project Description</b>						
The Rio Vista Center purchased, assembled, and distributed Snack Packs. The snacks were packaged in one-week packs (one snack per day and healthy drink). The Snack Packs provided nutritious snacks to children (infancy through sixth grade).						
<b>Amount Received</b>						
\$1000.00 plus donation of 20 additional snack packs from another organization, which allowed 20 more children to receive snack packs.						
<b>How did this project make a difference in reducing childhood hunger in Arizona</b>						
This project helped reduce childhood hunger through providing snacks to fill in the gap of meals for children who would normally not have these snacks. Children of all ages need those gaps filled with nutritious food and this program allowed families to have access to more food.						
<b>Number of children served</b>						
120						
<b>Number of meals served</b>						
<b>Number of snacks served</b>						
295						
<b>Description of meals/snack served</b>						
Each week the children were given a sack of food that contained 7-8 snack items, 2-3 100% Juice Boxes, and 1-2 chocolate milks. The snack items included nutria-grain bars, pudding cups, cheese sticks, oranges or apples, granola bars, fruit snacks, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, and pretzels. We tried to vary the items each week for variety.						
<b>Description of most popular meal/snack served</b>						
The most popular snack served was a toss up between the cheese sticks and the chocolate milk.						
<b>What improvement/impact was made</b>						
The impact that was made was helping the children of the families we serve feel important and thought of. Our food box program has helped most of the families throughout the year, but for the children to receive something that was their own provided a connection. We saw a change in some children's attitude once they received the snack pack. Many children could not wait to get the snacks and spoke of how much they helped during the week.						
<b>How did you measure the success of the project</b>						
The success of the program was measured by the fact that we were not only able to secure nutritious snacks for the children, but we were also able to see the smiles on their faces when they received food that was just for them. The other measure of success was to hear them talk about how much they loved eating the snacks. We had many children who were coming early just to make sure they received a bag. At Rio Vista Center, we have provided emergency food boxes to families for 35 years and this was the first time that I know of that we provided the children food of their own. Beyond that, we have seen many of these children eat very unhealthy and to know that we were able to secure healthy snacks for them speaks to the success of this program.						
<b>Will the program continue</b>						
We are hoping to be able to secure the funding in our budget to do this again next summer.						
<b>Additional Information</b>						