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hand-pack life-saving meals for starving children around the world. It needs up to 140 people per packing session. The group is holding a marathon food-packing event Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Phoenix Convention center. See website for details.

GILBERT POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE

85 E. Civic Center Drive, Gilbert.
Contact: GilbertAZ.gov or 480-503-6300

What they do: Supports Gilbert families in need through a partnership with Gilbert Public Schools with a gift and toy distribution to Gilbert children at Christmas. It takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 8 at Walmart, 2501 S. Market St. Event includes free fire truck rides and pictures with Santa with a recommended donation of a toy, gift card or clothes.

Needs: New unwrapped toys, new clothing and shoes and gift cards. Drop-off sites include all Gilbert Fire Stations and Gilbert Town Hall. Full list at town website.

HOUSE OF REFUGE

6935 E. Williams Field Road, Mesa.
Contact: HouseOfRefuge.org, 480-988-9242 or Lia Rivera at lisar@houseofrefuge.org.

What they do: Assists homeless families in crisis by providing transitional housing and supportive services that assist participants as they strive towards self-sufficiency and seek to obtain permanent housing.
Needs: New pot-and-pan sets, new cutlery sets and new dish sets for its "welcome home baskets" that families receive when they move in.

ICAN, POSITIVE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

650 E. Morelos St., Chandler.
Contact: ICANaz.org, Raven Jordan at Raven@icanaz.org or 480-874-7580, or Katie Stringham at 480-241-7128.
What they do: The organization serves at-



The Face in the Mirror Foundation helps cancer victims, often providing victims with gift bags filled with soothing and beautifying products.

risk youth. Thanksgiving dinner is available for all Chandler families. Event will include live music by Rhythm of the Sun band, dinner, raffles and dessert.

Needs: Help with making gingerbread houses and ornament building. Supplies needed by Dec. 12th.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES (JFCS)

1255 W. Baseline Road, Mesa.
Contact: kathy.rood@jfcsaz.org or 602-452-4627.

What they do: JFCS is an organization dedicated to strengthening the community through quality behavioral health social services, and primary medical care to children, families and adults.

Needs: Adopt a family, i.e. purchase items on the family's holiday's wish list.

MATTHEW'S CROSSING FOOD BANK

1368 N. Arizona Ave. Ste. 112, Chandler.
Contact: MatthewsCrossing.org or Jenn Lowry at 480-766-2625.

What they do: Holiday food boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Group provides assistance for individuals and families in need in the East Valley. Each month it feeds more than 5,500 people. It will be distributing 500 Thanksgiving dinners to existing clients.

Needs: Toys at Christmas. Food items most needed include canned chicken, ramen noodles, mac and cheese cups, oatmeal packets, granola bars and canned pasta.

NATIVE HEALTH MESA

777 W. Southern Ave. Suite 301, Mesa.
Contact: NativeHealthPhoenix.org or 480-550-4048.

What they do: Group is hosting its 19th Annual Native American Children Toy Drive and Concert on Nov. 23. It'll be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Arizona Science Center.
Needs: A new, unwrapped toy or children's clothing for ages up to 17 years old. To volunteer, call 602-279-5262.

A NEW LEAF

868 E. University Dr., Mesa.
Contact: TurnANewLeaf.org or Bridget Talty at 480-464-4648.

What they do: Provides a broad spectrum of support services to help individuals and families in crisis. The organization operates more than 30 programs with 600 staff members and 4,000 volunteers throughout the Valley.

Needs: Gift cards to grocery stores, Walmart, Target, gas stations, fast food and Harkins. Passes to zoo, museums, cultural events, sporting events. Public Transit bus/light rail passes. New coffee pots, pots/pans, silverware, toasters, crock pots, hand

mixers, blenders, corelle or plastic dishes, twin sheets, board games, card games, Legos, Barbies, dolls, trucks and scooters.

OPEN ARMS CARE CENTER

522 N. Gilbert Road, Ste. 103, Gilbert.
Contact: OpenArmsCC.com or 480-539-0175.

What they do: Volunteer-operated organization that provides supplemental food and clothing to Gilbert residents in need. It currently serves approximately 1,500 people a month.

Needs: Volunteers capable of independently picking up food donations from local schools during the daytime hours using their personal vehicle (with an Open Arms provided trailer where needed). Also in need of the following food: tuna, rice, juice (shelf stable) and cereal.

PAZ DE CRISTO

COMMUNITY CENTER
 424 W. Broadway Road, Mesa.
Contact: pazdecristo.org or 480-464-2370.

What they do: Serves 50,000 meals to homeless people each month, including a daily dinner. Group will continue feeding the community through the holidays.

Needs: Volunteers always needed to join more than 8,000 others who give their time to the organization each year. The group's website has a volunteer calendar to sign up for the day that works best.

RESURRECTION STREET MINISTRY

1135 E. Main St., Mesa.
Contact: rmaz.org or 480-615-2799.

What they do: Group provides assistance to individuals and group home faith-based programs. Provided food to 1,000 families per week in 2017. Seniors and veterans can receive a free food box on the second Tuesday of each month (next one Dec. 11).

Needs: Organizers are looking for volunteers for the holidays. Postings for what help is needed can be found at Volunteer-Match.org.

THE SALVATION ARMY

85 E. Saragosa St., Chandler.
Contact: 480-210-9380.

What they do: Salvation Army has 29 social service agencies across Arizona. The Chandler location is hosting a community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. It's set for 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center.

Needs: Food donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving

dinner. Call 480-963-2041 to volunteer.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

230 W. Galveston St., Chandler.
 963 W. Elliot Road, Chandler.
 2352 W. Main St., Mesa.

Contact: StVincentDePaul.net/volunteer, stvincentdepaulsociety@stmarchandler.org or 480-814-7778.

What they do: Provides housing, clothing, food and other services to the underprivileged.

Needs: Food donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. All holiday volunteer opportunities listed online.

UNITED FOOD BANK

245 S. Nina Dr., Mesa.
 358 E. Javelina Ave, Mesa.
Contact: UnitedFoodBank.org or Jackie Shelley at jshelley@unitedfoodbank.org or 480-398-4442.

What they do: Works to end hunger in the East Valley and Eastern Arizona by providing 61,000 meals every day through a network of over 200 community non-profit partners.

Needs: Monetary donations to support operations of distributing food. Volunteers to sort and pack food. HOAs, corporations, faith communities and others who are willing to host fund drives, food drives or community fundraising activities benefiting UFB, such as walk-a-thons, or other holiday activities. An additional \$350,000 raised to cover the costs of additional truck rental, drivers and fuel, as well as hire seasonal workers to get the food where it needs to go.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

4150 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Scottsdale
Contact: 480-946-0663, wounded-warriorproject.org

What they do: Provides a wide range of services to veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Needs: Monetary donation primarily, but interested persons can live-chat with a member of the organization.



The Wounded Warrior Project in Scottsdale provides a wide range of services and assistance for military personnel wounded after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in America.