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**Martha's Village & Kitchen Emergency Food Pantry at a Critical Low**

Indio, California---Martha's Village & Kitchen is asking for the public's help in filling their Emergency Food Pantry to provide supplemental meals to the local community.

There is no single face of food insecurity, hunger, and the need for help. The working poor, the elderly on fixed incomes, college students, the impoverished, the disabled, children, families and individuals benefit from this program provided by Martha's Village & Kitchen. It is their goal to help with food security and reduce hunger in the Coachella Valley.



**(Heather receiving food for her family of 5 from an MVK Staff Member)**

Each day Martha's Village & Kitchen offers their Emergency Food Pantry Services to families and individuals, serving more than 800 people each month. With this critical shortage of food donations, Martha's is having to turn people away.

"There is a great need for food items and other support this time of the year in the Coachella Valley. Families, senior citizens and those living on fixed incomes are struggling and Martha's, as

well as many other local non-profits, are feeling the impact.” said Linda Barrack, President and CEO of Martha’s Village & Kitchen. “It takes a village and we are so grateful to everyone who continues to support our mission.”

Martha’s Village & Kitchen is looking for canned food and non-perishable food items to fill the shelves of their Emergency Food Pantry. For a list of items and more information, please visit their website online at [www.marthasvillage.org](http://www.marthasvillage.org) or contact Idalia Uribe, Fundraising Assistant at 760-347-4741 ext. 120.

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### **About Martha’s Village and Kitchen**

Martha’s Village and Kitchen is one of the largest providers of homeless services in the Coachella Valley and Riverside County. The founders began serving meals to their homeless neighbors in 1990. Martha’s Village and Kitchen offers programs based on the nationally recognized “continuum of care model”. Their programs include Emergency Housing, Food Services, Children’s Services, Career and Education, Case Management and Emergency Assistance. The organization prides itself on serving their neighbors by responding to their needs with food, clothing, shelter and an opportunity to become self-sufficient by affirming their dignity with respect, support and compassion.

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