

Arizona Women's Partnership 2020 Grant Report By Emma Viera, Unlimited Potential January 28, 2021

The purpose of our 2020 grant proposal was to address the pressing social issues identified by youth and adolescents residing in south Phoenix.

As the pandemic hit the state in early 2020, we were not able to meet in person with the youths. Unintended consequences of trying to control the epidemic, small business and service industry was forced to closed their facilities.

The lack of employment resulted on a large number of families losing their income. Families saw themselves suffering from hunger, and in cases, homeless. Although there were other community centers distributing food boxes with can-goods, Unlimited Potential focused on distributing fresh organic produce.

In addition to 10 pounds of fresh produce bag, families received information about how to connect to fresh produce, one culturally appropriate recipe, one flyer for local farm, physical activity items for the children such as jump rope or Frisbee, and one flyer with health information.

By responding to the immediate need of the family, we were able to provide fresh organic locally grown produce and providing education about healthy lifestyle. We contributed to maintaining the workforce in place, reduce hunger, improved nutrition and connected families to the farmers.

With your 2020 funding, we were able to feed 300 families and provide health education to over 1,500 community residents.

Thank you for your support to the communities in south Phoenix.