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Loss of City Contract Jeopardizes Hungry Families

Phoenix, Ariz. – For the last five years, ICM Food & Clothing Bank received \$67,500 from the City of Phoenix for direct food purchase from the grocery sales tax that expired recently. The money has allowed the purchase of food for a second visit for families to ICM each month - a bag of core, non-perishable foods to last a few days. For many of ICM's working poor and nonworking clients, the second visit bag of food is necessary to family survival. The contract sunsets in June 2015, with no replacement funding, so additional funders are being sought to supply the difference this year. Without this direct purchase money, nearly 30,000 families will not receive a second visit bag of food. ICM would like to continue to offer the second bag per month (\$3.00 per bag) with help from the community. For \$24, ICM can purchase the food for the second bag for 8 families, feeding them for 3-4 days. Every dollar helps families. In fact, \$.30 provides one meal.

ABOUT ICM FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK

ICM Food and Clothing Bank has been an integral part of the community since 1983, with the mission of *providing an immediate response to basic human needs* for the working poor, elderly, families, children, nearly homeless and disabled in Central Phoenix. Serving 115,000 individuals in 2014, ICM offers emergency food and clothing, case management, medical screening and resource referrals that focus on helping those in need to become self-sufficient and prevent homelessness. www.icmaz.org