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CYAC Donates Turkeys for Thanksgiving to Central Arizona Food Bank

The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission (CYAC) teamed up with the Central Arizona Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving turkeys for families in the Verde Valley. Commission members delivered over 400 pounds of turkeys to the Food Bank on Monday, November 19, 2012.

The Central Arizona Food Bank is a volunteer, non-profit organization that was established in 1958. They serve the Verde Valley as an emergency food source and distribute approximately 90,000 pounds of food per month to families in need throughout the Verde Valley and surrounding areas. Their mission statement is as follows: "We recognize that suffering, destitution and hunger are not limited to one class. It is the mission of Arizona Food & Family Foundation to see all people in need as our neighbors, without regard to race, color or creed and, to the best of our ability, provide food until they once again become self-sufficient."

The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission is a subcommittee made up of youth in the Verde Valley to act as a catalyst to the Cottonwood City Council. CYAC responds to the needs of youth in the community by voicing opinions and putting things in action. The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission has monthly meetings open to the public.

For more information on how to help the Central Arizona Food Bank, contact the office at (928)634-7447. For more information on the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission, contact Britney Lawler at (928)639-3200.

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