

CDBG Success Story

Harmony Kitchen City of Blythe

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Problem or need addressed:

Blythe Harmony Kitchen was founded in 1982 to provide a public service for those in need throughout the City of Blythe. Over the past several years, the Palo Verde Senior Citizens Corp. has pushed to provide more meals, more often, to those who struggle with hunger in Blythe and its neighboring communities.

Solution:

Using CDBG funding, donations and other revenue sources, Harmony Kitchen is operational through its dedicated volunteers working diligently to ensure that everyone who struggles with hunger has a place to get a fresh meal five days a week. Whether that be a home cooked meal or sack lunch, meals are available to anyone in need. During the holiday season, patrons are offered bags of can goods and other items to help alleviate the added stress of finding their next meal when other services may be closed. The Palo Verde Senior Citizens Corp comprised of devoted volunteers are looking to expand to more days and provide more services such as hygiene packs to all visitors in need.

Results:

Harmony Kitchen has become a public service staple in the City of Blythe, helping individuals in need by providing meals five days a week. They anticipate serving nearly 150 individuals this year. With the help of more volunteers, Harmony Kitchen hopes to expand its availability and provide more meals a day, every day of the week to combat hunger in their community.



