



## Valley View Community Food Bank

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**To Whom it may Concern:**

**This is a letter of support and recommendation for the West Valley Pops Band, Inc. They have raised over 5,000 pounds of food for our Food bank in the past year, helping us to perform our task of feeding the 300,000 people who sought our assistance. They have done this through free concerts at the Performing Arts Center in Surprise, Arizona; at various other venues in the West Valley: Happy Trails Resort, Sunflower RV park, Sun City West Recreation department at their Palm Ridge venue, Pueblo El Mirage RV Park, Westbrook Village recreation center, and other venues and retirement centers. Many of these people are not able to travel to the Performing Arts Center, so the Pops band goes to them.**

**All their concerts are free admission. They ask that the audience bring non-perishable food. They have asked for free will donations at the end of the concerts which pays for their normal everyday expenses that a large 100 piece band requires. The band is an Arizona non-profit corporation with a 501 (c) (3) designation. Some of the normal expenses incurred by the band are replacement and purchase of music to play at these concerts, hall rental at the Performing Arts Center, printing, advertisement, and the normal costs of any other business such as insurance, membership fees, dues, etc.**

**The band not only is a great thing for our Food Bank, but it brings the musical arts to people less fortunate than others who would normally not be able to afford quality music like they play. These are musicians that have played in symphonies, armed service bands, been music teachers, and played**

