

The Open Door Weekend Family Food Project



COALITION FOR COMPASSION AND JUSTICE



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

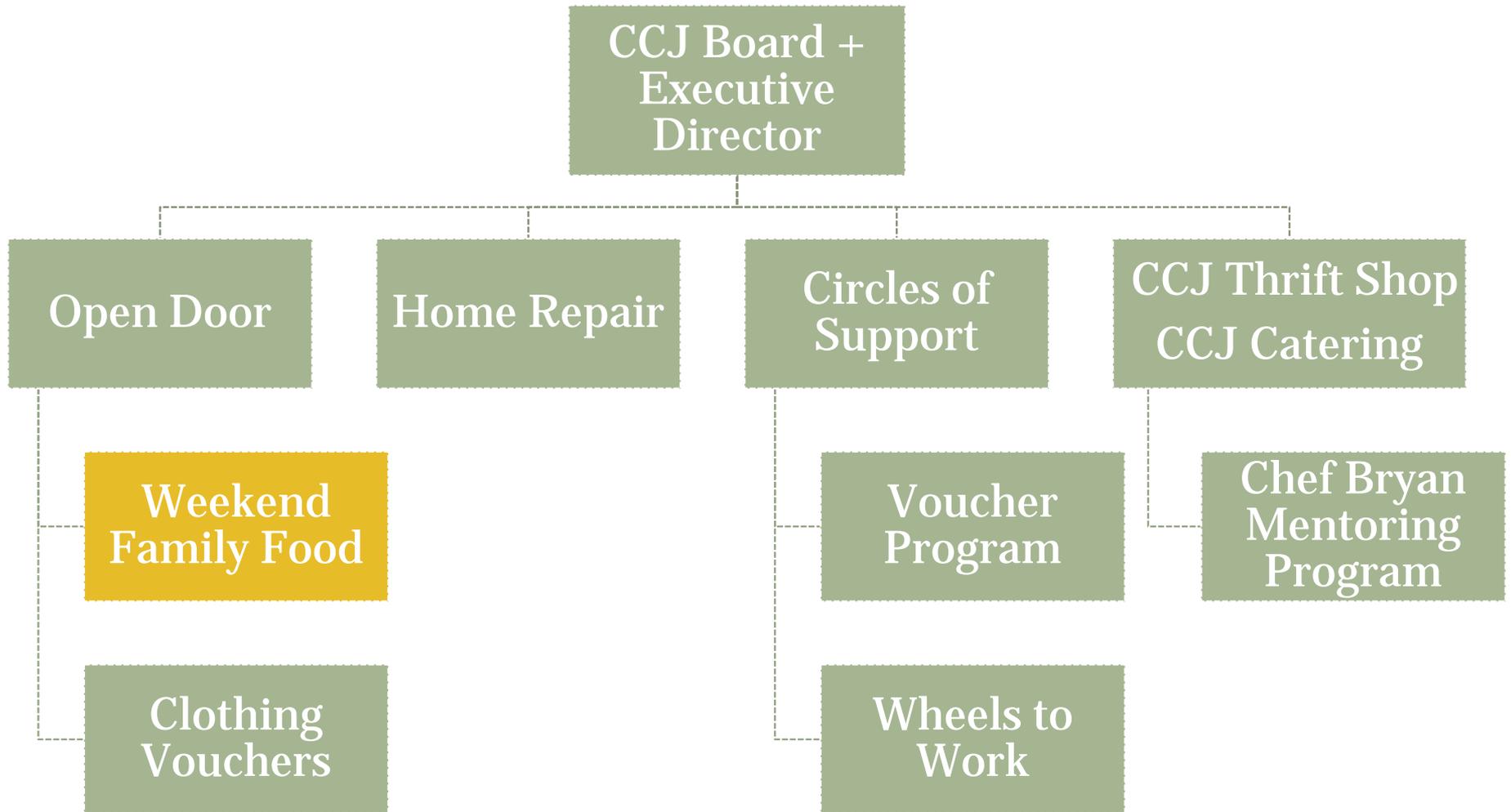
CCJ's Mission



- To address the issues of poverty through its programs and collaborative efforts in the greater Prescott community by:
 - Supporting the community infrastructure of peer service providers.
 - Advocating for systemic changes that lead to a fair and just community.
 - Encouraging and facilitating self-sufficiency.
 - Providing critical services for those struggling with poverty.

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CCJ Programs and Projects

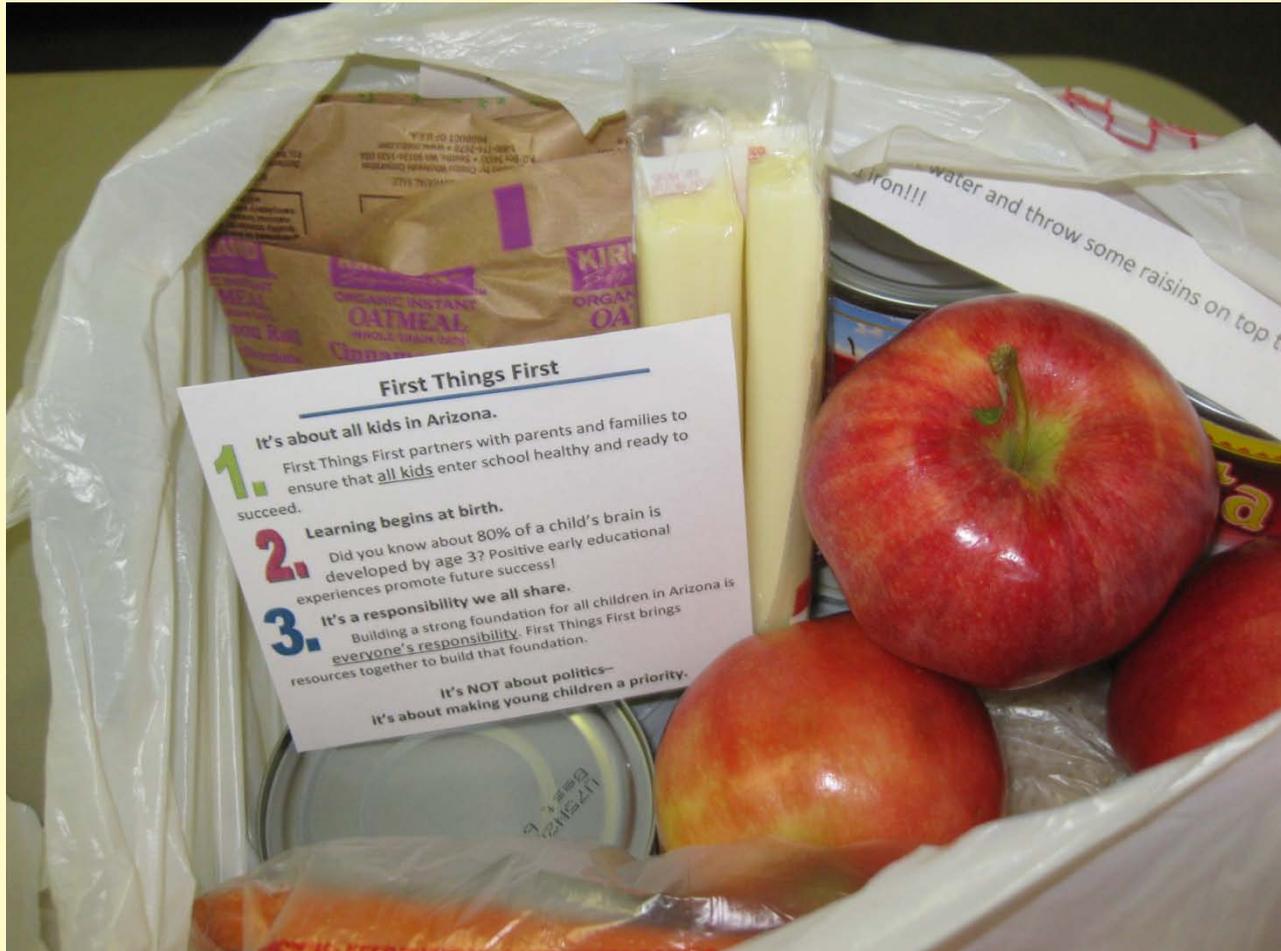


Weekend Family Food - Bridging the Gap



- 144% of students in the Quad-City Area eligible for **free** school breakfast and lunch.
- Head Start Programs are enrolled to capacity.
- ²Low or very low food security →
 - Impaired brain and cognitive development.
 - Impaired physical, mental and psychosocial development, health and growth.
 - Decreased readiness to learn.
 - Possible association of early childhood food insecurity with obesity.

Typical Weekend Family Food Bag



Dedicated Community Volunteers



Cub Scouts Assembling Food Bags



Weekend Family Food Stats



- **Between 9/1/10 and 3/11/11:**
 - 9770 food bags assembled and delivered
 - ~\$5 per bag
 - 545 volunteer hours
 - 450 fewer kids suffering from weekend food insecurity



Response from Participants



- “ It is just enough to keep the cupboards full through the month.”
- “It’s good nutritious food.”
- “We look forward to Thursdays and getting our bag as we do make use of everything provided. Thank you – we love it.”
- “We always use what they give me. Do not stop this program. Thank you.”

