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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

ALL TIME HIGH IN CLIENTS SERVED

Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)

(www.afac.org)

**NEW
RECORD
OF
CLIENTS
SERVED**

Last week, we hit an all time high in the number of families served - 1572 families (4006 individuals) came to our doors for help. The previous high was November 21, 2009 with 1524 families, traditionally a high turnout due to Thanksgiving distribution. Just last month, we saw the highest average number of families served - 1450 families.

The growth continues to be at our South Site distributions during the week and on Saturdays. This is the group of clients most directly affected by the recession. The numbers at the senior facilities we serve have stabilized although we will be expanding that effort to include Woodland Hills in the near future. Full expansion of our Backpack Buddies Program will occur in the first week in October, potentially adding 150 to 200 students.

Food donations are beginning to increase with the start of the school year and cash donations are on the rise. Both should continue to increase through the holidays.

ABOUT

AFAC is an independent, community-based non-profit food pantry that provides dignified access to nutritious supplemental groceries to all our Arlington neighbors in need. We serve approximately 1,400 client families on a weekly basis at twelve distribution sites throughout Arlington County.

September is Hunger Action Month. To learn more about how you can be involved in our community, please visit www.afac.org/HAM or call 703-845-8486.

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