

Three Square Food Bank: Fighting Hunger

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I'm proud to serve on the Board of Directors for Three Square Food Bank, and I'd like to express my thanks to the leadership of this great organization for all they do to help hungry people in Southern Nevada. Each year, Three Square provides more than 37 million meals – about 45 million pounds of food and grocery products – through its network of 1,600 community partners.

When I joined the board in 2015, I wasn't fully aware of how many people in Southern Nevada are food-insecure, but working with Three Square has shown me the extent of the problem. More than 100,000 men, women, children and seniors receive food assistance from Three Square and its community partners every month.

Forty percent of those needing help are children. Nothing is as painful to me as seeing a hungry child, and I've learned that more than 103,000 local children go hungry on a regular basis. More than 62 percent of children in Clark County schools are enrolled in free or reduced-price meal programs because of their family's income level. For some children, most of their weekly food comes from the meals they get at school. Three Square provides backpacks full of nutritious food for them each Friday, so they have enough to eat over the weekend. That's just one of the many programs Three Square supports.

As a board member, I am impressed by Three Square's laser focus on its mission of providing food to hungry people. In any large organization, it's easy to get bogged down by administrative concerns and day-to-day details. However, Brian Burton and his team keep on task and on mission, with the focus on feeding people and nothing else. Brian's passion for Three Square's mission shows in everything he does. He's done an outstanding job since joining Three Square as President and CEO in 2011, and he should be commended.

At this time of year, as most of us look forward to holiday feasts and family gatherings, it's appropriate to think of those who are less fortunate. If you're considering making a donation to a charitable organization this year, please consider Three Square. You can find out more about them at www.threesquare.org.

Best Regards,

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