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David Martinez III
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Dear Mr. Martinez:

Congratulations! St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is the recipient of the *2013 Western Region Summer Sunshine Award* for Innovative Strategies to Attract More Participants. This award recognizes St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance for successfully collaborating with the Arizona Multi-Housing Association to recruit twenty-two apartment complexes and trailer parks as locations for summer meal sites, as well as its partnership with local organizations to engage community stakeholders in discussing future initiatives to feed more children in the summer months.

The enclosed award certificate and banner is in recognition of your hard work and support. We wish you continued success with your program!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronna Bach".

Ronna Bach, MPH
Director, Special Nutrition Programs
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Enclosures

cc: Mary Szafranski, Director, Child Nutrition Services, Arizona
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