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St. Mary's Food Bank, the nation's very first food bank, received help this week from six Southwest Leadership Academy students in Phoenix. For most of these students, this was their first experience volunteering and they found it both fun and personally meaningful. All of them said that they would like to do more volunteering in the community and the staff organizer, Priscilla Ayala Pacheco, SLA's school social worker, said that there are plans to ultimately have each and every student experience one of the many volunteer opportunities that exist in Phoenix such as St. Vincent DePaul Society, feed my Starving Children and they will revisit St. Mary's Food Bank. Other volunteer opportunities are being researched.

Ms. Ayala Pacheco who started at SLA in August has been meeting with students and parents despite the Covid 19 restrictions as SLA did reopen for in-person instruction on September 8th. Students have been able to remain home and receive remote instruction but approximately 1/3 of the usual enrollment are on campus with no difficulties.
