

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Socorro Storehouse Newsletter

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Thanks to you

From January to July, with your donations, we were able to provide enough food for a minimum of 200 families each month and update our computers. THANK YOU! Thank you to Marqui Jungling for donating her time in helping us create flyers and a poster. We are also getting ready to expand our storage to make room for more food.

Fundraising

The January's 2018 Empty Bowls Soup Gala was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated in some way. We could not provide services to Socorro County residents without you.

New Program:

As of April 1, 2018, due to two monetary grants we have received to purchase food, we can now provide additional fresh fruits and vegetables to our clients each week. Thank you Methodist District Fund and Catholic Rice Bowl program.

Volunteer/Donation Opportunities: If you would like to volunteer to help at one of our events, or wish to donate food or funds please contact **Melissa Ramsey, Executive Director:**
P.O. Box 701
Socorro, NM 87801 or call 575-835-2079

If you or someone you know, needs help to supplement the food budget, please call the number above for more information.

“Thank you for helping me. I have cancer, and am staying in a motel, trying to get back on my feet. In a few months, I would like to give you a donation for all of your help.”

Anthony



UPCOMING EVENTS: Look for us at the Socorro Fest sponsoring the Chile Cook-off in October. In November, we will be at the Socorro Crane Festival. Hope to see you there. Also, look for our date announcement for the upcoming 2019 Empty Bowls Gala.

Volunteer Corner:

We would like to introduce you to our volunteer, Concha Maese. She has been with Socorro Storehouse from the very beginning. She started out helping with paperwork, then transferred to the back, preparing the boxes for opening day. Now, she is in the cold food room giving out the meats, dairy and produce.

She brings laughter and life stories to our day. If you ever decide to take a tour of Storehouse, please get to know our volunteers. Each one brings something different to our family.

Another volunteer, who has been with Storehouse for about 15 years, is Mamie Ortiz. She has helped with stocking shelves, transporting, loading and unloading food, and paperwork for clients.

She is always ready to help a client in need and sometimes gives a hug when needed.

Thank you Mamie and Concha for being here with kind hearts and a ready smile.

Board Member Corner:

Pastor Randall Westfall has been with us since the beginning. He has always had a heart for helping people in need and did what he could for them. He was the Chairman of the board and had stepped down to regular board member status, a few years ago. He is the pastor of Trinity Christian Fellowship/ Forerunners and has been very busy with church growth. He has two congregations that he oversees, one in Socorro and one in Los Lunas.

Two other people that have been with Socorro Storehouse from the very beginning, are Nick Keller and his wife Nadine Ulibarri-Keller. They were two of the board members that helped get the program off the ground. They have been very busy running their farm and volunteering with the Socorro Farmer's Market. Nick is also a Deacon at San Miguel Catholic Church. Nadine was the secretary, then Chairman after Randall stepped down. She is no longer on the Storehouse board. If you are ever at the farmer's market, look up Nick and Nadine and say hello. Thank you Randall, Nick, and Nadine for your dedication

THINGS WE NEED THIS MONTH

1. **CEREAL**
2. **MAIN DISH ITEMS-HAMBURGER HELPER, CANNED RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI, MEAT ITEMS, ETC...**
3. **PASTA NOODLES AND PASTA SAUCE**

With your help, Socorro Storehouse was able to provide groceries to supplement the food budgets for 2,569 households, for the year of 2017. Those households include 4,267 adults and 1,938 children. Thank you for your generosity.