

Fall/Winter 2017

Children's Holiday Gift Program Underway At Bienvenidos Outreach

**Bienvenidos Outreach, Inc.
A Food Pantry**

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Applications for our Children's Holiday Gift Program have been coming in by the dozens since early October when we started the process for families to participate in one of the most popular programs hosted by our organization.

Each year, an average of 350 children receive two gifts from their generous benefactors. One gift is clothing and the other is a toy. Families can sign up their children ages 12 and under to participate in the program.

Church groups, Social Clubs, local companies, employees of various state and city agencies and private citizens come together and fulfill the wishes of each child on their list. For many children, these will be the only gifts they receive. (Continued next column)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Won't you
please consider
volunteering 2
or 3 hours a
week with us?**

**Call 505-986-0583
for more info.**



Once again, thank you to the Santa Fe Fire Department and all the wonderful firefighters who provide Santa with a ride to our pantry each and every year. The children love speaking with Santa, receiving their gifts, checking out the fire engine and enjoying a cup of cider and some cookies with Santa and his helpers.

We'd like to thank Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Los Alamos), the 7th Day Adventist Church, St. Anne's Church, The Mommy Meetup Group, The Sathya Sai Baba Center, The Sufi Service Committee, The Rio Grande School, Kathy & Tony Burris and Marcella Tafoya for sponsoring children this year.



Photo above: Enjoying some "Santa Time" with their friends and neighbors is always the highlight of the Children's Holiday Gift Program as can be seen by the smiles of everyone in this picture.

Photo below: Firemen (aka Santa's Elves) getting Christmas gifts ready to be handed out to the children.



FY2016-2017 Totals: (Complete)

New applications	482
Boxes given out	12,967
Lunches handed out	13,152
Visits to clothing room	5,845
Volunteer hours donated	13,302
Number of seniors served	635
Number of children served	1,525

HELP BIENVENIDOS OUTREACH BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR SMITHS REWARD CARD AND AMAZON SMILE

Don't forget, if you shop at Smiths or Amazon make sure you sign up your accounts to help Bienvenidos Outreach earn cash for each of your purchases. Smiths shoppers: even if you already signed up, make sure your card is up to date with our information. In recent month's Smiths has been asking people to re-enroll their cards with their favorite charity's name.

Have questions regarding these programs? Call us at 505-986-0583 for more information. Information can also be found in the Fall/Winter 2016 newsletters archived on our website.



DIABETES FOOD BOX PROGRAM STARTING IN JANUARY 2018

We are pleased to announce that starting in January 2018 Bienvenidos Outreach will offer special food boxes to clients who suffer from Diabetes. Each box will contain foods that can be eaten by our clients and will help our clients deal with their medical problems related to this horrible disease. A test program is already underway with favorable reviews from test clients and their medical advisers.

If you would like your donation to go to this program, please write "Diabetes Program" on your check or donation envelope.

Programs like this are only possible with the generous donations (both in-kind and monetary) that we receive from our amazing donors. Thank you all for helping us succeed yet another year in our goals to end hunger and poverty in our community.



HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL IN YOUR LIFE WITH A DONATION TO BIENVENIDOS OUTREACH IN THEIR NAME:

This is a great gift for the person who has everything or for someone who loves to give back to their community. We will send out a lovely card to your honoree (all cards are made by local artists) and send you a notification when it goes out. Send us your information on the honoree (name and address) along with your check or give us a call to use a credit card.

NEW WEBSITE UPDATE:

While we are still working on adding more content to our site, our website is available to sign up for volunteering, donate, view archived newsletters, correspond with us and get general information. Please visit us at www.bienvenidosfoodpantry.org and let us know what you think! We are also open to suggestions from you, too!

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