

Spring/Summer 2017

Thoughts From Our Board President On: Second Annual Volunteer/Donor Thank You Event

Had it been a year already? It seemed like just a few months ago we were celebrating the people that make Bienvenidos Outreach work: the tireless volunteers and the generous donors. And yet another year had indeed flown right by.

This year, over 60 people gathered together at The Inn at Santa Fe in their outside tented pavilion on Monday evening, April 24th. The unpredictable Spring weather cooperated and some of the guests were able to enjoy themselves at tables outside. There was a bit of a delay getting the background music started but by the time it began we could barely hear the music above the laughter and animated conversations. (Unless, of course, you were at the table right next to the music!) Chatting, sipping, and eating with people we see during our regular volunteer shifts as well as those we don't get to see very often seemed to both relax and invigorate everyone.

A well-deserved "Thank You" was given to our fearless leader, Executive Director Susan Tarver, the one who makes Bienvenidos tick. We all had a chance to thank and say our farewells to Mary Lee Bulatewicz who is leaving us and New Mexico to begin a new chapter in her life.

We enthusiastically welcomed Erion Simpson, our new Assistant Director, as well as two new Board Members: Seth Graves and Robin Quintana.

Bienvenidos Outreach is blessed to have such wonderful volunteers and donors who do so much to help so many of the struggling individuals, families, children, and seniors in and around Santa Fe. As a volunteer or donor, it's easy to take the work of Bienvenidos Outreach for granted. All one has to do though, is step back and look at all the donated and purchased food that comes pouring through our doors, watch it skillfully repurposed and reconfigured, and then see it cheerfully distributed to the numerous individuals and families four days a week. If that isn't something to be thankful for and to celebrate, I don't know what is! The Board of Directors is more than happy to underwrite this event for those of you who make Bienvenidos Outreach possible. We look forward to celebrating another successful year in April 2018!

- Suzi Owens, Board President

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

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Photo above: Volunteers and donors mingling while enjoying the great food and beverages at The Inn at Santa Fe.

Psst: Looking for something to do for a couple of hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons? Early riser at least one Sunday a month looking for something to do? Have an hour or two on Friday or Saturday?

We have an urgent need for food box and lunch counter helpers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and food donation pickups on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (weekend help can be once a month only).

Why not consider volunteering at our food pantry. Call us at 986-0583 to find out more!

In Memory of:

- *Casey Clendenin*
- *Faye Brown*

(Donations were given to Bienvenidos Outreach to honor these fine people)



FY2016-2017 Totals: (as of 3/31/17)

<i>New applications</i>	384
<i>Boxes given out</i>	10,014
<i>Lunches handed out</i>	9,598
<i>Visits to clothing room</i>	4,270
<i>Volunteer hours donated</i>	10,414
<i>Number of seniors served</i>	563
<i>Number of children served</i>	1,317

Be on the lookout in the next few weeks! Bienvenidos Outreach is redesigning our website! The new website will have:



—>Easier access to information on Bienvenidos Outreach including Volunteer Application Forms, newsletters and donor links.

—>*New, easy and safer ways to make your donations.*

—>*Visitor feedback section and more!*

So don't forget to bookmark and visit www.bienvenidosfoodpantry.org and let us know what you think!

(website will be fully functional by July 1, 2017)

Eldorado Farmers' Market 2017 Season To Begin June 2, 2017

It's hard to believe that Season 9 of the Eldorado Farmers' Market is just weeks away and guessing from the number of emails and phone calls we are getting about the return of the market, we will be treated to another great year at this friendly Friday afternoon market.

The market is located at La Tienda at Eldorado (7 Caliente Road) and boasts plenty of parking and a weekly raffle that provides winners with a wonderful assortment of fresh foods and crafts courtesy of our vendors.

This year we will have a great assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, ciders, dairy, meats, eggs, bakery goods, nursery goods, knife sharpening services and a wonderful group of artists with amazing items for sale.

The market is a fundraiser for Bienvenidos Outreach through collection



of stall fees, sales of hot dogs and sausages, and selected arts and crafts donated by generous locals. Funds received from the market go towards buying healthy food for our clients, with a heavy emphasis on nutritious breakfast food and snacks for children.

The market also serves as a drop off spot for donations of food, clothing,

personal care items and of course, monetary donations are gladly accepted, too.

We'd love to have you join us at the market and please, make sure and stop by the Bienvenidos Outreach table to find out more about our various programs.

The market will be open from 3:30pm-6:30pm every Friday, June 2-October 13, 2017.

See you at the market!

(photo: Eldorado Farmers' Market—vendor Augustin Orozco with his delicious varieties of tomatoes. Augustin also provides our customers with a number of other vegetables throughout the market season.

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

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