

Fall/Winter 2018

Holiday Greetings From Bienvenidos Outreach

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

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As the holidays approach, the volunteers at Bienvenidos Outreach find themselves as busy as ever preparing food boxes and lunches for our clients. Our Holiday Gift Program has started taking applications for gifts for children 12 years of age and under and we continue to seek out donations of turkeys and hams to give to families who could really use them. Help with these programs is always appreciated.

At this time of year more than ever we count on your generous donations to help our fellow New Mexicans who face challenges of feeding and clothing their families. So far in 2018 we have served 12,967 food boxes and 13,152 lunches (see box to right for more statistics).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

We are thankful to all of our donors who continue to support us in our mission. We would love to hear from you with any ideas you may have on how to improve our programs, suggestions for corporate sponsorships, or ideas for fundraising activities. If you know of any groups who would like to have us speak to their members on what we are doing at Bienvenidos Outreach, we would be most happy to do so.

We are also thankful for the help of companies, civic groups and churches such as Pepsi Beverages Company, Food King, Trader Joe's, Verde, The Chocolate Maven, Starbucks, Natural Grocers, Keller Williams Realty, Air Conditioning & Heating Services, The Santa Fe Civitan Club, The Sufi Service Committee, First Presbyterian Church, The State Employees Credit Union, The Marriott Residence Inn and La Tienda Shopping Center (just to name a few!) for their continued support of our food pantry. They are tireless in their help & support to us! We encourage you to support these businesses & civic groups with your patronage and let them know you appreciate how much they give back to their community.

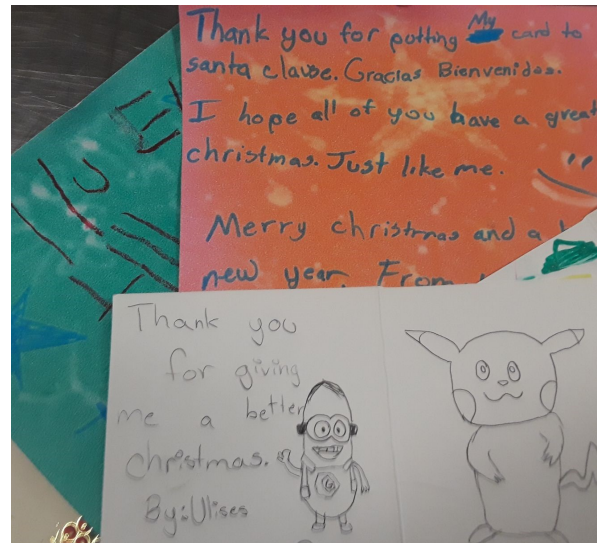


Photo above: Thank you cards from some of the children who received gifts for Christmas 2017.



From all of us at Bienvenidos Outreach, we wish you, your family and friends a wonderful and safe holiday season and thank you once again for helping us to alleviate hunger in our community.

Happy Holidays from The Board, Staff, Volunteers and Clients at Bienvenidos Outreach!

Please consider stopping by our offices to see our holiday operations!

FY2017-2018 Totals: (Complete)

<i>New applications</i>	437
<i>Boxes given out</i>	12,825
<i>Lunches handed out</i>	14,795
<i>Visits to clothing room</i>	6,313
<i>Volunteer hours donated</i>	12,895
<i>Number of seniors served</i>	630
<i>Number of children served</i>	1,261

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.

And a huge thank you to all who already participate!

New Match Challenge Started- Spread the Word!

We are pleased to announce that we have received a \$25,000.00 matching gift challenge from two very generous donors. New donors & current donors who increase their donations from last year will have their gifts doubled! Funds will support the expansion of our Smart Breakfasts=Smart Kids Program, new Healthy Living Center, & on-going improvement of general nutrition & nutritional counseling for our clients.

Please let your friends who may not be current donors know about this exciting opportunity to help out and current donors, even the smallest increase to your last year's donations will make your entire donation eligible for the match.

So far, we have raised over \$11,000.00 for the challenge. Deadline for donations to this matching gift challenge is March 31, 2019.

Call us at 505-986-0583 for further information or if you would like to make a credit card donation! Thank you for your help!



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.



Facebook and Website Updates:

Please visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BienvenidosOutreach and like us! It's a great way to keep on top of what we are doing at the pantry.

Would you prefer to get your newsletter via email? Go to our website and sign up for email delivery.

Help Urgently Needed With Cardboard Recycling

We need a few volunteers to pick up our cardboard boxes that need to be taken to the Transfer Station. Cardboard will be tied up, placed at the rear door of our building and ready to go! Your choice of pick up day(s)! Can you help us out? Please call Susan or Erion if you can help out.

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