

Spring/Summer 2021

Amazing Volunteers and Donors Help Us To Keep Our Doors Open And Add On New Services

Bienvenidos Outreach, Inc.

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It's been a tough 15 months for everyone, adjusting to a new norm and trying to stay healthy. As rules begin to relax and we begin to interact with each other more, our fervent hope is that we all do this in a wise and safe manner so that we never have to be separated from our friends and family again.

We thank all of our donors who have been helping us out with donations and for adhering to all our new safety rules when dropping off donations. Your generosity is truly appreciated by everyone. The difference you made in the lives of our clients is immeasurable. The stories from clients on how our services have helped them, the smiles on their faces when they receive farm fresh foods, their desire to also help others as they have been helped, makes us all proud of the wonderful community we live in.

We are proud and thankful to our volunteers who have been working extra hours to keep us open every week and we are welcoming back returning volunteers who could not be with us this past year. We are extremely proud of the fact that we remained open throughout these last 15 months and never had any incidences of Covid-19 among our volunteers. Everyone was impeccable in keeping things clean and running smoothly. Our volunteers are simply the best!

With the help and dedication of our donors and volunteers we were also able to expand our services to those who were unable to get to us because of illness or transportation problems. We now work with The Sage Apartments, La Familia Medical Center and the Santo Domingo Pueblo to get food boxes out to people in need. We also supply weekend food bags for the homeless, not only to all our homeless clients but to La Familia Homeless Clinic on Cerrillos Road. As regulations relax we will increase the amount of bags sent to the clinic once they start up their street outreach program. In the next newsletter we will let you know more about the progress of this program as the street outreach is important in helping us to reach more of the homeless population.

In April 2021, we began to accept once again speaking engagements at local churches and civic organizations. The first two groups were the Freedom Church (featured on page 2) and The Santa Fe Federated Republican Women. If you belong to an organization that would like to hear about our work, please call Susan Tarver at 505-986-0583 to arrange a date for us to come out and meet with you.

Happy summer, all!



Photo above: (l-r: Anna Marie, Cathy, and Valerie from Keller Williams) On May 13th, 2021, we welcomed back Keller Williams Realty on their Red Day Volunteer Event. Six wonderful people came in with lunches for the homeless and helped us prepare food boxes, worked in the clothing room and packaged dry goods. We were so happy to have them back with us and look forward to next year's Red Day event! Thank you for all the help you give us not only on Red Day, but the rest of the year, too!

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday

8:00am-1:00pm

Closed Friday-Sunday

Clothing, Household & Food Donations:

Please call us at 505-986-0593 to make an appointment to bring in your donations. Our staffing is still limited and we want to make sure we have enough volunteers on hand to process your donations.

Thank you.

In Memory of:

- *Gayle Maxon-Edgerton*
- *Clyde Tomlin*

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



FY2020-2021 Totals: (as of 3/31/21)

<i>New applications</i>	<i>295</i>
<i>Boxes given out</i>	<i>7,569</i>
<i>Lunches handed out</i>	<i>9,472</i>
<i>Visits to clothing room</i>	<i>334</i>
<i>Volunteer hours donated</i>	<i>7,661</i>
<i>Number of seniors served</i>	<i>527</i>
<i>Number of children served</i>	<i>941</i>

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On April 11, 2021, we were invited by Freedom Church to speak to their congregation about the work we do in our community. We first heard of the church back in June of 2020 when members put together a food drive for us and continued to follow up with another food drive and monthly donations to our food pantry. The president of our board, Robin Quintana and fellow board member, Roger Marroquin, joined me at their Sunday morning service and we were all so pleased at the warm welcome we received by everyone. Before and after the service, we answered questions and got to meet some of the many individuals who belong to the church. It was a powerful moment for us to see so many people who put into action their beliefs in helping out others in need. The church is located at 3732 Cerrillos Road.

To find out more about the church, visit their website at: www.freedomchurchsantafe.com.

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

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The Eldorado Farmers' Market, owned & operated by Bienvenidos Outreach, opens on May 28, 2021. This year, with rules relaxing a bit, we can now invite our arts & crafts vendors back to the market! Hours of operation will be 3:00pm-6:00pm. Early bird shopping begins at 2:30pm and is open to all. It's been a busy off season, too, with, so far, over 10 new vendors requesting to join the market this year. Opening Day looks like it is going to be one of the most exciting years ever!



Photo above: Maria, Ruben & daughter from The Big Tomato.

Our Market is located at La Tienda at Eldorado (7 Caliente Road) and boasts plenty of parking. Covid-related rules of conduct are constantly changing and we ask that both vendors and customers comply with the rules of the market which will be posted in our market newsletter and at the market. Of course, as the rules change, so will we, so please be patient and understanding with us! We will hopefully be bringing back the very popular weekly raffle by mid-summer.

The market is a fundraiser for Bienvenidos Outreach through the collection of stall fees, monetary donations, sales of hot dogs and sausages (still temporarily not available), and selected arts and crafts donated by generous locals for us to sell. Funds received from the market go towards buying healthy food for our clients, with a heavy emphasis on nutritious food for children, seniors and those who are undergoing medical challenges.

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 say hello!

The market will be open on Fridays from May 28th—until October 1st, 2021.

See you at the market!

