

# Spring/Summer 2022

## Spring brings back the Eldorado Farmers' Market, adds a new program and welcomes back visitors and volunteers to Bienvenidos Outreach

## Bienvenidos Outreach, Inc.

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The last two years have been challenging, educational, and let's face it, at times, brutal, but as we enter into our new world, we are grateful for the wonderful people who helped us through these trying times, and know from our experiences that we as a group can handle just about anything that is thrown at us by simply caring for each other. What donors and volunteers, not only at our non-profit, but at all non-profits, have done to help out their fellow neighbors is a testament of all that is good in our world and for that, we thank all of you who have made the last two years for our clients in need a little easier to navigate. Simply put, you are the best our community has to offer!

### The Pet Pantry at Bienvenidos Outreach is now open!

In mid-March, we started a test-run of a new program, **The Pet Pantry at Bienvenidos Outreach.** Within two weeks, we knew we had a hit on our hands! For the time being, we are concentrating on dogs and cats and hope to add birds later in the year. Our clients, especially our seniors and homeless populations, have told us how much this helps them to keep their pets healthy and happy and helps them stretch their dollars. We believe that pets play a very im-

portant part in peoples' lives and their mental health. For many of our seniors, their pets are the only company they have. As one woman told me "I'd be lost without my cat." Besides food, we also have a variety of pet supplies and toys. If you would like to contribute to this program, please call us to find out what is needed.

### Assistant Director to Retire

June 30th will be a sad day for us as it will mark Erion Simpson's last day as Assistant Director at Bienvenidos Outreach. While we are happy for Erion and wish her well in her retirement, we will miss seeing her each day and hearing her cheerful voice.

Erion was a volunteer for a couple of years before coming on board as the Assistant Director in March 2017. Erion plans to enjoy her retirement by traveling and just kicking back and enjoying every day life.

Clarissa Saiz will be taking over for Erion and has been busy over the last eight months learning all that Erion does for us.

Enjoy retirement, Erion! We love you!



**Photo above:** (l-r) Clarissa Saiz & Erion Simpson working on weekend homeless lunch bags that are handed out every Thursday at our pantry and also at La Familia Homeless Clinic.

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### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday  
8:00am-1:00pm

**PLEASE COME VISIT US!!**

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### Clothing & Household Donations:

**Please call us at 505-986-0583 to make an appointment to bring in clothing & household good donations. Our staffing is limited and we want to make sure we have enough staff on hand to process your donations. If you want your donations to be reserved for fire evacuees, please let us know!**

**Thank you.**

### In Honor of:

- Rob Dean
- Meriom Kastner
- Bev Kelman
- Marty Gerber
- Terry & Wally Melendres
- Elizabeth Rice
- John W. Lawrence
- St. Joseph

Donation were made to our pantry in honor of these fine people.

### FY2021-2022 Totals: (as of 3/31/22)-year ends 6/30/22)

New applications	152
Boxes given out	5,818
Lunches handed out	7,792
Visits to clothing room	2,097
Volunteer hours donated	8,528
Number of seniors served	467
Number of children served	658

## *Institutional Donors —An Important Part of Our Operations*



# *Las Campanas Community Funds*

For the last twenty years, the Las Campanas Community Funds has provided community grants to local non-profits that provide services in health, human services and education. Bienvenidos Outreach is proud to say that we have been beneficiaries to many grants from this organization and are humbled by their generosity to us, and that they as a group believe in our programs. Their generous support has allowed us to continue purchasing locally grown foods from farmers, expand food choices to our homeless bag programs and food box programs and helped us to remain open 4 days a week to serve our clients.

Thank you to everyone at Las Campanas who donated to the community grants program and for the fine work the administrators of the fund do each and every day.

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**The Eldorado Farmers' Market**, owned & operated by Bienvenidos Outreach, opens its 2022 season on May 27th. Hours are from 3:00pm to 6:00pm with early-bird shopping starting at 2:30pm (for safety, only vendors who are completely setup to receive shoppers can participate in early-bird shopping). The Market is located at La Tienda at Eldorado (7 Caliente Road) and has plenty of parking available. Music starts at 4:30pm and will feature different musicians each week thru September. The market's last day this year is October 7th.

The market also serves as a drop off spot for donations to Bienvenidos Outreach of food, clothing, personal care items and of course, monetary donations are gladly accepted, too.

Pictured below: Shawn and Kevin Barrows, owners of La Capilla Hops Farm. Shawn and Kevin have wonderful greens, vegetables and fruit throughout the season and are one of our vendors who delivers products to the food pantry throughout the year. Thank you, Shawn and Kevin, for being great vendors and wonderful supporters of Bienvenidos Outreach!



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

**Besides our regular clients, we are also helping out evacuees from the recent fires that are devastating our state. We are in urgent need of the following items. If you can help us, it would be greatly appreciated.**

### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

**Men's clothing—jeans, jackets, socks (crew socks sizes 9—14)), shirts (large and XL sizes), underwear (new, please).**

**Teen clothing—tops, pants**

**Children's—tops, pants ages 2-12**

**Toys for children**

**Housewares—dishes, pots, pans, glassware, small kitchen appliances**

**Other Items—towels, cleaning supplies**

