

## BIENVENIDOS OUTREACH WELCOMES DONORS, CLIENTS AND COLLEAGUES TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW SPACE

A wonderful time was had by all at Bienvenidos Outreach when the board, staff and volunteers welcomed guests to our pantry on May 10th for an evening of celebration and camaraderie. While we still have a little more work to do on offices, we were ready to show the newest space where we have our Gardens-For-All Program. Many of the people who have received gardens from us were there to celebrate and meet other indoor gardeners to swap tips and ideas with each other. Also on hand were many of our donors who stopped in to see what we have done with our space and find out more information on all programs that we offer. Some even put in orders for indoor garden units with us, which made us very happy. We want everyone to participate in this marvelous program.

Besides giving everyone a tour of our facilities, a wonderful array of food was available including amazing cuisine prepared by Chef Fernando Ruiz from the restaurant Escondido. Chef Ruiz is a king of Southwestern and Mexican Cuisine, holding the distinction of being a three-time Food Network Champion. He won Guy's Grocery Games, Chopped and most recently, holds the prestigious title of having "beaten Bobby Flay", a recognition he earned on the renowned Food Network show *Beat Bobby Flay*. Chef prepared an array of his famous tacos (chicken, vegetarian, and carnitas) that were enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors for making this evening memorable.

Sponsors included Anchorum Health Foundation, Escondido Restaurant, Albertsons, Sam's Club, FS2 Supply Co., Plaza Café Southside, and two other sponsors who wish to remain anonymous. Congratulations also to all the raffle winners that evening.

Pictures of the event can be found on the following page.

### YOUR DONATIONS COUNT!!

With the cost of everything continuing to rise, your donations have kept us serving our community without cutting back on any of our services. This is especially important as the number of people who need help also continues to rise. The hardest hit clients are of course, our seniors and children, whose health and nutritional needs are a major concern to their well-being. At Bienvenidos Outreach, we make it an important part of our day to reach out and speak to our customers to see how they are doing and to see where we can improve our current services or, in some cases, add new programs to our menu of services. Your donations make a difference to many people in our community (and yes, their pets, too!). From our clients, volunteers, staff and board, thank you for helping us with our mission. **You make Santa Fe great!**

### Quotes That Inspire Us

**"The only time we are allowed to look down upon others is when we are offering to help them up."**  
-Pope Francis

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### Hours of Operation:

**Monday-Thursday**

**8:00am-1:00pm**

**Closed Friday-Sunday**



**Bienvenidos Outreach, Inc.**  
**Caring for the Community**

### FY2024-2025 Totals: (as of 4/30/25)-revised

<i>New applications</i>	475
<i>Boxes given out</i>	11,586
<i>Lunches handed out</i>	11,785
<i>Visits to clothing room</i>	6,386
<i>Volunteer hours donated</i>	10,166
<i>Number of seniors served</i>	745
<i>Number of children served</i>	1297

### In Loving Memory

**Lala Martinez**  
**Bill Buchanan**

Donations were given to our organization  
to honor these beloved people.



**Bill Buchanan**  
Past President of the Board of  
Directors for Bienvenidos Outreach. Our  
condolences to Bill's family from all of us at  
the pantry. Bill, you made it possible for us  
to advance our mission to help all.

# Bienvenidos Outreach In Action

Spring/Summer 2025



Guests Enjoying Chef's Cuisine



Susan With Chef Fernando Ruiz



Susan, Alice, & Michele Greeting Guests



Volunteer Appreciation Month Party



Staff at United Way Community Showcase



Clarissa & Elizabeth at the SF County Wellness Fair



Michele & Daryl at the Santa Fe Indigenous Center Earth Day Event



Alice, Susan, and Diane Kinderwater at the taping of Channel 11's Issues & Answers



Lula Yount at the Eldorado Food Distribution Center

## NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR BIENVENIDOS OUTREACH

On March 13, 2025, Bienvenidos Outreach, in collaboration with Santa Fe County, opened our first off-site food distribution center at the Ken & Patty Adam Senior Center in Eldorado. This new venture allows us to reach out to those in Santa Fe County who cannot get to our main pantry in the city.

For more information on this service, please call Alice or Michele at 505-986-0583 during normal business hours.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Our Volunteer Appreciation gathering was enjoyed by many of our dedicated friends who help us. We'd like to thank La Plancha Restaurant for the great meal, the Olive Garden (Guillermo Negrete) for the gift cards and Nothing Bundt Cakes (Suzanne Hart) for the Bundt cakes given out to volunteers. Your sponsorship to this event meant the world to everyone.

Don't forget to visit us at the Eldorado Farmers' Market. We are open on Fridays from 3pm-6pm through October 3, 2025.

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