

Casa de Peregrinos Newsletter

A Bit About Us

Casa de Peregrinos (House of Pilgrims) is a non-profit (501(c)(3) tax exempt #85-0312057) emergency food program designed to provide basic, nutritional food boxes and a supportive atmosphere to individuals and families in the Dona Ana County who are unable to purchase nutritional groceries due to an emergency or unforeseen crisis. Our program is designed to meet these needs but we do not have enough funding to be an indefinite source of relief.



Casa de Peregrinos Building

Casa de Peregrinos provides many services to help our clients. They include:

- *Free food boxes
- *Clothing when available
- *Furniture when available
- *School supplies when available
- *Networking and referral
- *Helping food pantries in surrounding areas; Anthony and Sunland Park New Mexico



Summer 2010

Putting smiles on children's faces since 1985

Summer time is here!

Schools out! Time for a nice summer vacation but before you head out to those beautiful places you are going to visit; don't forget you'll be gone for sometime and lots of your foods may go to waste. Help us help others by donating those items or any other items. Come by or call us and we can gladly arrange big donation pick ups.

Past, Present and Future Stories

During the month of May we had the Annual Postal Food Drive that is hosted for us every year and in May we also celebrated a wonderful holiday Mothers Day. The staff here at CdP had a wonderful time at the food drive. Many other agencies such as El Caldito and Jardin de los Niño's received food from this food drive. This year's food drive was a success and we received double the load compared to last year, but its still not enough to help those in need. We would like to thank all the postal workers and the community that helped us out.

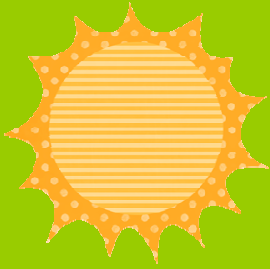
For this month of June we are entering summer and another holiday is upon

us, Fathers Day. We would like to wish you a **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** from us here at CdP.

Also soon this month we will be giving out a Summer Kids Kit to help provide an extra supplemental of nutritious food items for children 2-12 years of age. We have received some donated funds from local civic organizations to help make this possible. Thank You.



Volunteer, Irene Shultz and a Cdp client



Cdp Client and her child

No School

Now that summer is here and school is out, no more teachers, no more books but also no more school breakfasts and lunches. More children than ever are depending on the food they receive at school as their primary meals. When school is out, rather than being a carefree time, it is a time of hunger for them. During the school break we have an increase of families coming for food boxes. When school is in session, families with children are allowed to pick up food boxes from Cdp once a month. To help with the summer insecurity problems, families with children can receive a food box twice

a month during the summer break.

Due to the economical downturn we are seeing more and more families and individuals. We see many clients with different situations who are struggling to make ends meet.

For the year 2010 we have seen 15,996 individuals (January-May) when only last year we saw 12,042 (January-May) that's 3,954 individuals. That's about a 32.7% increase in 4 months. Please help us help those who need it the most by donating food or funds to help us keep the doors open for these families and individuals that are in need.

Donation Form

CHARITABLE DONATION



Casa de Peregrinos has received a tax deductible donation from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Street, City, State, and Zip)

Email: _____ (optional)

Yes!, sign me up to receive the quarterly newsletter through
 Email Home Address

Value of Donation: \$ _____ Cash Check # _____

Please make checks payable to
Casa de Peregrinos
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No goods or services were provided in return for the donation

Thank You for your donation!

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Your contributions will be
greatly appreciated!

Close to closing our Doors!

CdP is in **CRISIS!** We are struggling to get donations to help us stay open. We've had to make several changes just to try to make it through. Please help us stay open by donating food, funds or even hosting a food drive. Anything will help. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

A Poem

How can we sit here watching?
Or listening to their cries,
Seeing what hunger does to them
Watch the suffering in their eyes.

"Times are hard for us" you say
An extra buck is hard to find.
The price of a smoke or bottle of beer
Could food in ones tummy find?

Their suffering is so very great,
I think they'll surely die,
Searching for food in garbage piles
Just so they'll survive.

Little children don't you cry
We will surly find away
To help to fill those tummies
So you'll live another day.

~Chris Hannon



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