

ANNUAL

REPORT

PLUS! A THREE-YEAR CDP PROGRAM COMPARISON

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

SHAWN LAWNASEE

Keshshi, hom a:ho'i.

Ho' Shawn Lonasee le'shina. Ko' don dewa-nan a:deyaye? Ho' k'yak'yali:kwe deyan ya-dokkya:kwe a:wan cha'le. Ho' Shiwi deyan da: K'yana Łana:kwe. Ho' do'n a:wan ido yakk'ya nawan a:wan mossiye. (formal greeting in the Zuni language)

Hello, my people! My name is Shawn Lonasee. Hope you are all doing well. I am born into the Eagle Clan and the child of the Sun Clan. I am from the pueblos of Zuni and Laguna. I am the current Board Chair for this AWESOME organization.

When asked to lead this non-profit, I did not hesitate. With the experience of coaching team sports for our youth in this community for 15 years, I recognized an excellent team of staff and board of directors. We are a diverse team with a wide range of expertise. This team works aggressively to support our vision and the mission. Every team has a support group to make things happen, ours are our volunteers, sponsors, donors, partners, and the people who direct our clients to us.

Another year of breaking records! Last year's numbers were out of this world. This year, through teamwork, we have cruised past previous numbers. This year over 7 million pounds of food was distributed to families. USDA standards equates this to just over 6 million meals and over \$16 million in value. Roadrunner Food Bank alone provided over 3 million pounds of food. The Food Rescue program brought in 1.7 million pounds from our



area partners. Each basket of food distributed averaged 138 pounds.

Nearly 22,000 hours were contributed by our dedicated volunteers. Every hour is essential to preparing the baskets, re-packaging food, coordinating traffic, and mentoring new volunteers. Their dedication has helped to make a difference and the numbers show.

As the cost of food continues to rise and our clients face the day-to-day challenges of making a living, our generous sponsors and donors have stepped up. We have seen an increase in matching donations being put forth by our donors. Our national, state, and local leaders have recognized these tough times and have continued to make an impact.

All elements are working exquisitely. This coach has no doubt that our upcoming team-mate pantries in Sunland Park and Chaparral will be as strong as Headquarters and the Hatch Pantry. Being a part of an organization that strives to alleviate hunger and to make a huge impact to southern New Mexico is the best thing ever. Come join the team!

Elahkwa (Thank You),
Shawn Lonasee, Board Chair

MISSION

Alleviate hunger in Doña Ana County one person at a time, by compassionately serving those in need through the efforts of our partners, donors, staff, and volunteers.

VISION

Casa de Peregrinos' vision is to create a hunger-free community. We will create a sustainable system of food distribution throughout the region of Southern NM, collaborating with volunteers, donors, staff, other non-profits, government agencies, and private partners to responsibly empower individuals, families, and communities through the delivery of innovative nutritional food programs.

MOTTO

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VALUES

We will continually seek out ways to serve every family.
We will advocate against hunger on every level of government.
We will never turn clients away or have a waiting list at CdP.

STAFF

SERVING DURING
FISCAL YEAR 2024–2025

Lorenzo Alba	Chris Montez
Liana Aguirre	Audrey Moreno
Betty Alvarez	Kristen Munoz
Mario Amat	Lindsay Neal-Wallace
Adrian Cenicerros	Marco Olvera
Melissa Dupre	Art Payan
Jeffrey Engel	Cristal Portillo
Leti Garcia	Cormick Prince
Tony Gonzales	Robert Ramirez
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SERVING DURING
FISCAL YEAR 2024–2025

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IMPACT REPORT

FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

Our core program at the central pantry since 1979.

27,743 CLIENTS SERVED **39,172** BASKETS PROVIDED

CHILDREN'S RELIEF PROGRAM

Providing extra support during the times when school is not in session.

5,330 CLIENTS SERVED **1,799** BASKETS PROVIDED

UNHOUSED CLIENTS

Providing food to our neighbors without cooking facilities.

3,037 CLIENTS SERVED **4,650** BASKETS PROVIDED

SENIOR TUESDAY

A special day reserved for seniors to use the drive through.

575 CLIENTS SERVED **1,124** BASKETS PROVIDED

AGENCY DISTRIBUTION

Supporting our partners serving clients in group homes and other settings.

3,037 CLIENTS SERVED **1,567** BASKETS PROVIDED

RURAL PANTRIES

Mobile pantries serving the colonias of rural Doña Ana County.

3,520 CLIENTS SERVED **6,022** BASKETS PROVIDED

HATCH SATELLITE PANTRY

Partnership with the Hatch School District serving rural northern Doña Ana County.

3,225 CLIENTS SERVED **5,736** BASKETS PROVIDED

STUDENT PANTRIES

Mobile Pantries at NMSU and DACC providing low-income students the food they need to succeed academically.

2,016 BASKETS PROVIDED

THANKSGIVING

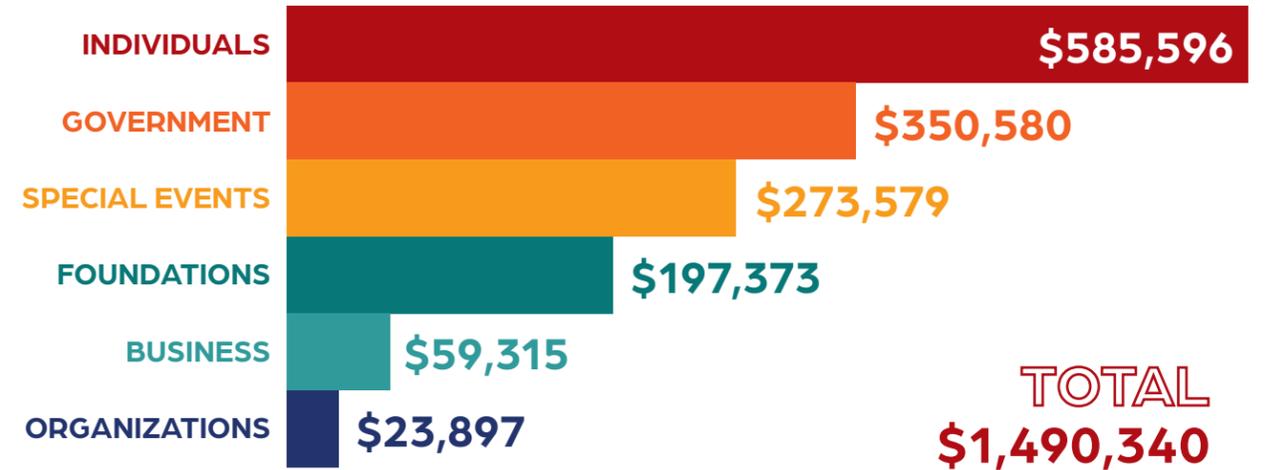
Hope for the Holidays distribution of turkey and all the sides for a great feast at home.

10,490 CLIENTS SERVED **6,037** BASKETS PROVIDED



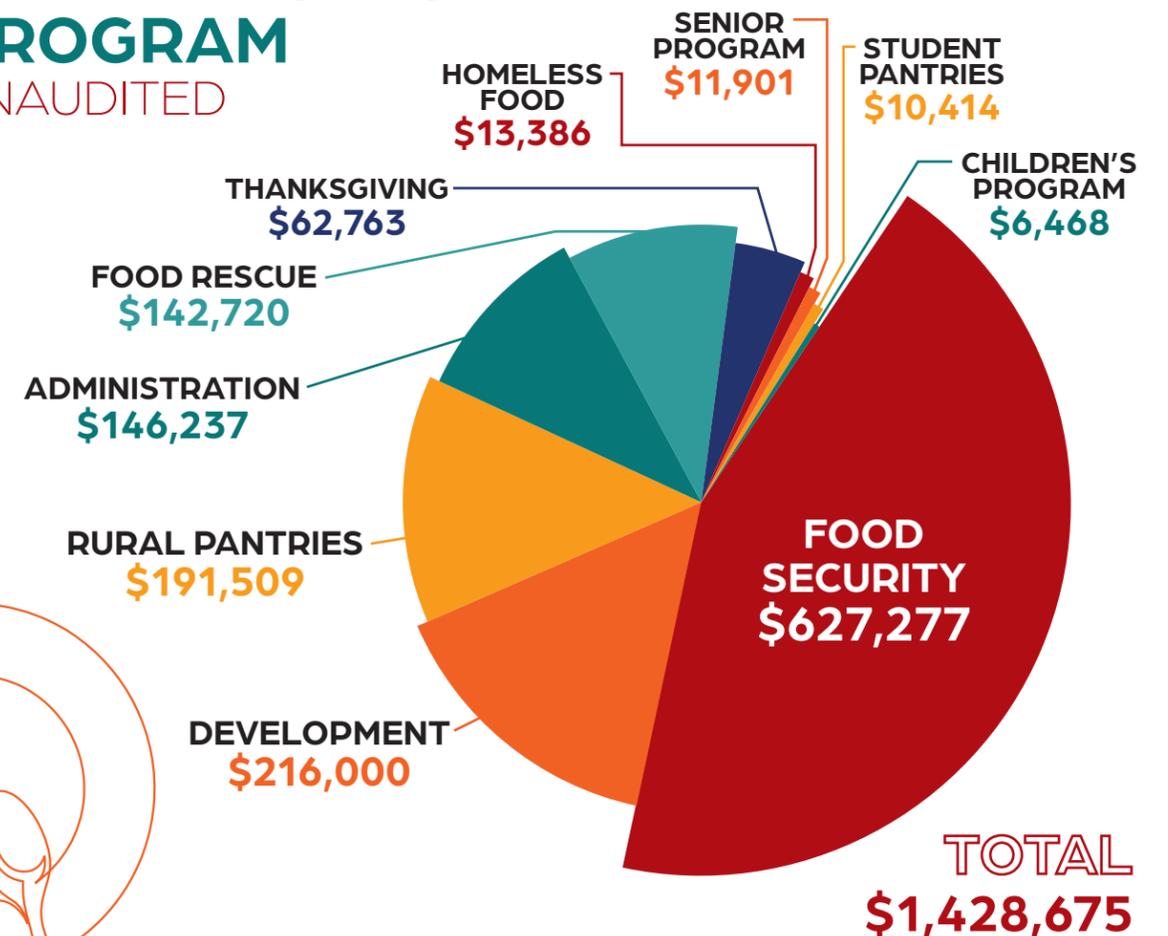
FINANCIALS & EXPENSES

REVENUE BY SOURCE



EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

UNAUDITED





THREE-YEAR CDP PROGRAM COMPARISON

This year, we want to give you a different perspective on CdP by also showing statistics from three fiscal years; 2023, 2024 and 2025, including the last year CdP was in its old building, and the first two years in the new building. The graphs provide more detail, but in short, over the three years, we have experienced exponential increases in every area of service.

- Clients served increased by **23%**. We now serve over 18% of the individuals in Doña Ana County, one of every six people.
- Food baskets went up by **44%**. We provided **76,937** baskets of food, nearly **20,000 more than FY 2023**.
- CdP provided more food to each family this year than ever before, an average of **138** pounds, up from **127** in FY 24.
- The Food Rescue Program almost doubled the amount of food it brought in: **1.75 million pounds**, up from **884,907** in FY 2023.
- The total amount of food distributed increased from **4.15 million pounds** to over **7.4 million pounds**.

- We don't know all the reasons, but some are:**
- **Infrastructure.** Our old building was designed to

distribute only 500,000 pounds per year, limiting our storage and restricting our ability to accept large donations. We can now distribute over 10 million. When we have more food on hand, we can provide larger baskets of food, increase the total distributed, and allow Food Rescue to take on new vendors.

- **We made services more accessible.** The drive-through reduces waiting times and allows access for people who may have previously been unable to come to the pantry. Senior Tuesday allows those over 60 a designated day for services. Agencies now help distribute food to clients who are homebound. All these programs are bringing in new clients.
- **Infrastructure in rural areas.** The convenience of a new satellite pantry in Hatch has tripled the number of families getting food in that region. As we open others in Chaparral and Sunland Park, this will bring in even more.
- **Inflation, which was 22% from Jan 2021 to Oct 2024.** The average New Mexico household spent an additional \$1,035 per month in October 2024, just to maintain the same standard of living as in January 2021.

- **The cost of rent and food.** Rent in Las Cruces increased 51% between 2020 and 2023, compared to 27% nationwide. New Mexico ranked sixth highest in a nationwide study of states weekly grocery bills. Rent and food price increases hit low-income families hardest, and food programs provide some of the only relief available in the face of inflation.

The value of CdP services:

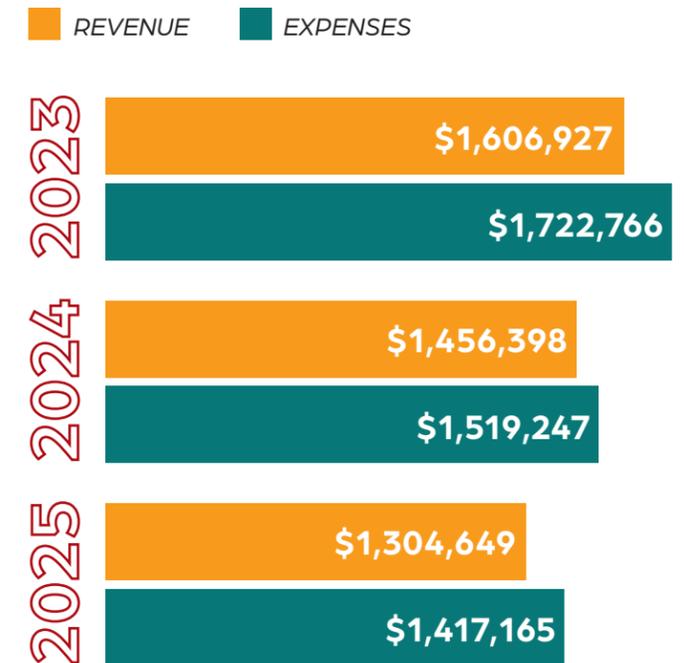
It costs CdP **\$20** to purchase, assemble, and distribute a basket of food. This includes the cost of food, staffing, transportation, supplies and overhead like utilities, and insurance. The value of each basket is **more than \$240**. (The USDA values a pound of food at \$1.72.) This is a return on investment of at least **\$12 for every \$1 invested**. More important, though, is the **human** return on investment. Consistent, reliable access to supplemental nutritious groceries provides financial stability, health benefits and peace of mind to families. A recent client survey showed that by receiving a cart of food from CdP each month:

- Families have more financial security and more freedom to purchase other necessities.
- They can pay other bills and even save money.
- They miss fewer meals.
- They have more peace of mind. Over 99% of our clients said they worry about food, but 89% said a cart of food from CdP each month means they worry less.

Looking towards the future:

All of this is stretching CdP's resources thin. Even though CdP does not receive direct federal funding, we are seriously impacted by cuts to SNAP and Medicaid, as they decrease families' available income, making them even more vulnerable to painful financial choices. **We could see an increase of hundreds of families each week.** Government funding during the most recent fiscal year amounted to **\$350,580**. This is funding that CdP needs and relies on. But, the remainder (**\$969,887**) must be generated through private foundations, corporate grants, special events, and individual contributions. We are working hard to increase funding from those sources and submitting applications daily to acquire new funders, but the competition is fierce, and the needs are great throughout the community.

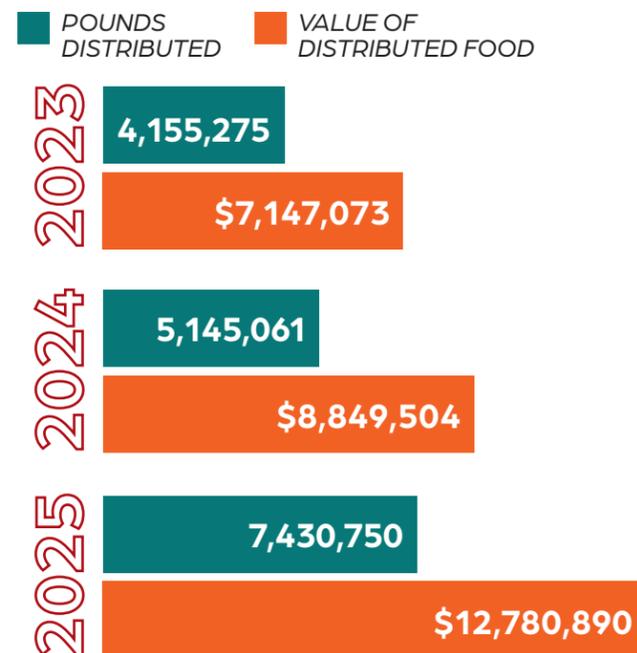
INCOME AND EXPENSES



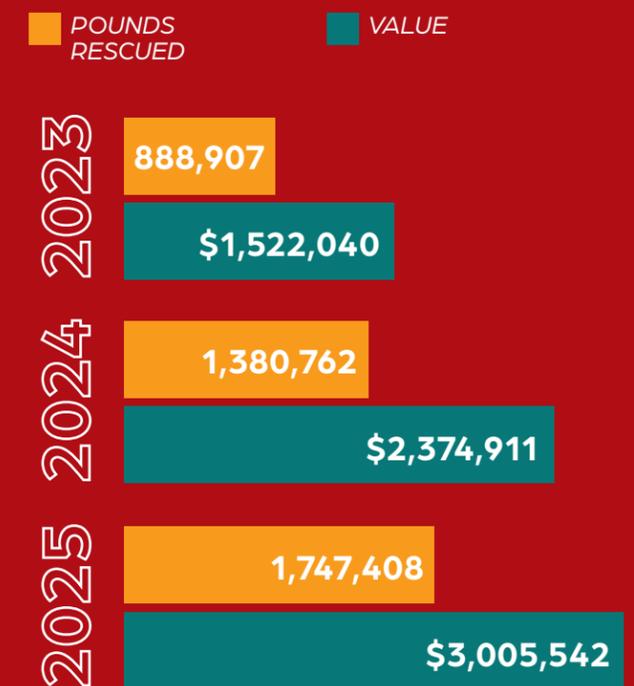
CLIENTS SERVED



POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



RESCUED FOOD



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



This year's choice for "Volunteer of the Year" was obvious. CdP has an amazing crew of volunteers, but there was one this year who really stood out: RoseAnn Montenegro. RoseAnn works in the warehouse assembling carts and has been serving CdP at least three days per week for the last three years. Over the years, she has put in thousands of hours of volunteer service.

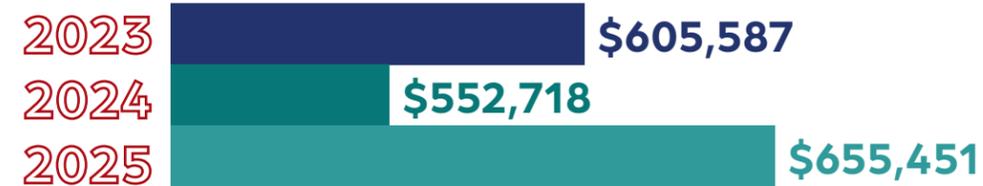
According to Melissa Dupre, CdP Volunteer Coordinator, "RoseAnn is always the first one here in the morning and always stays until the last client has been served, even when she has been facing extreme personal challenges of her own. When she is not here, she spends her time, along with other members of her church, cooking and distributing meals to people who are unhoused. RoseAnn is one of my most dedicated volunteers and really is an example to all of us of what it means to serve your community."

VOLUNTEERS

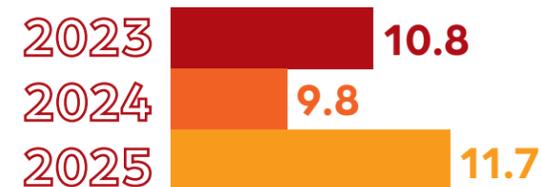
VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED



VALUE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES



EQUIVALENT FULL TIME EMPLOYEES



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Contact Melissa Dupree at melissa.d@cdp-inc.org.
WE NEED YOU!

FOOD RESCUE

1.74 MILLION POUNDS RESCUED IN FY 2025

On Saturdays, when the pantry is closed, you will still find our Food Rescue team hard at work. Every day, they go to our retail partners and retrieve the food that has passed its sell-by date, but remains perfectly good to eat so CdP can distribute it to families in need; canned goods, meat, dairy, produce and bakery items to fill our client's carts and bellies. This is food that would have been thrown into the landfill, so we have also succeeded, through the efforts of the Food Rescue team, in keeping 6.6 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions out of the environment.



TESTIMONIAL



"When we come to receive food, we take it home and we cook. I cook for my husband; what I can't do he does for me, and what he can't do, I do for him. Thank God for this program and so many programs that have helped us a lot with these blessed meals. May God bless you for being so humble and having such a good heart. For worrying about us. People are so special, so spectacular. Because it is not just me, a ton of people, hundreds of people benefit from this.

There are no words. There are so many instruments of God that you get this knot on your throat. Sometimes one might say, 'Why? Why, God?' But just like bad things happen, good things happen too. May God bless you and fill you with many blessings for being so humble, so noble and generous. May they continue to help people in need."

Manuela Gaytan, CdP client

INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT SERVING RURAL COMMUNITIES

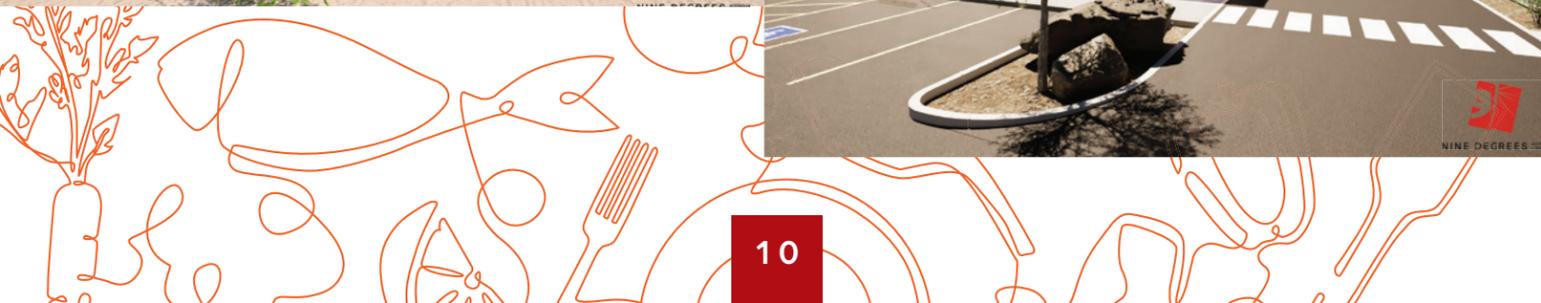
CdP has always wanted to expand its services in rural communities, as the poverty there is dire, full-service grocery stores are few and far between, and our rural pantries are only held once per month during the middle of the day, making it hard for many people to get there. Over 100,000 people live in the rural areas and 35 to 40% (over 30,000) of them are food insecure.

The mobile pantries have been able to serve only a small percentage of these, so, we embarked on a mission in 2022 to create permanent satellite pantries to provide the same level of service that we do in Las Cruces. The first satellite opened in Hatch in January of 2024. It has already expanded from serving 125 families per month to over 500, proving, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that creating infrastructure creates better service.

Through discretionary funding from legislators and the governor and grants from Doña Ana County, two new pantries in Sunland Park and Chapparal are fully funded

and scheduled to open late 2026. Having this infrastructure will allow CdP to receive donated and rescued food, make bulk purchases, buy directly with farmers, maximize the amount of food we can distribute, and allow families to get their groceries at convenient times. We know we will see the same success as we have seen in Hatch, at least tripling the number of families receiving food in this desperately needy region.

In 2026 we are returning to the legislature with a request for another capital investment project: The Kitchens at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. Located behind CdP, it will create a new home for El Caldito Soup Kitchen to serve meals to families and individuals without access to cooking facilities, and a community/innovation kitchen: a resource for food entrepreneurs, with opportunities for job training, a Regional Emergency Kitchen, and creating an independent revenue stream for the Casa de Peregrinos (CdP) Emergency Food Program. The Kitchens are a unique opportunity to improve the economics and quality of life in the City of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. Partially funded, planning and design work is well underway on the Kitchens.



SUSTAINING PARTNERS



SPONSORS

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| Advocate Health Advisors | Union Pacific Foundation | Basilica of San Albino |
| Klarich Family Foundation | Zimmer Fund | NMSU Lambda Chi Alpha |
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| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | St Paul's United Methodist Church | Azurite Professional Community Inc. |
| The Molina Health Care Charitable Foundation | Holy Cross Catholic Church | |

BLOG

ANNOUNCEMENT



"FOOD MATTERS" BLOG COMING SOON!

Lorenzo is launching a CdP blog, named "Food Matters" to keep clients, donors, volunteers, and other members of the CdP family more informed about current events, accomplishments and activities! He'll share updates about numbers, reports from the legislature, client testimonials, staff accomplishments and other news from 999 W Amador Building 1. The picture he chooses will give you a hint about what is going on that day!



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