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"CELEBRATING 10 YEARS TOGETHER!"

The Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

- The Neighbor to Neighbor Drive is celebrating its **10th year** of raising food and money for The Food Depot. This drive is held every year, the third Saturday during September which is National Hunger Action month, when neighborhoods and communities across the United States are encouraged to take action against hunger and make a difference in their communities.
- In 2011, a community volunteer created the N to N Food Drive to help with the demand and ever growing problem of food insecurity in the Santa Fe area. The vision was that neighborhoods would stand together across the city and collect food donations to show their neighbors that they cared and were taking action against hunger. There were 14 neighborhoods, the first year, that joined the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive. A little over \$5,000 was raised.
- The Neighbor to Neighbor Food/Fund Drive is now **THE** largest food drive in Northern New Mexico benefiting The Food Depot, providing food to 145 agencies in 9 northern counties: Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Taos, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding and San Miguel.
- Last year during the challenging time of Covid, for public safety, the drive asked for monetary donations only by check or credit card. There were 128 neighborhoods and businesses that collected a Grand Total of over \$171,000 which equaled 855,000 lbs. of food. It is **THE** highest amount ever donated. And, as in every drive, 100% went to The Food Depot.
- Continuing to put public health and safety first, this year's event will again be a **Fund Drive** only. Donating by check or credit card allows The Food Depot to purchase more in bulk, since \$1.00 equals 5lbs of food.
- The Neighbor to Neighbor Drive has expanded each year to include more and more neighborhoods, businesses, communities and organizations, as well as having recognition and support from the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County.
- This year the N to N Team is moving north from Santa Fe County, reaching out to Los Alamos County for communities and businesses to join in this battle against hunger by supporting and participating with donations in the 2021 Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive.

- In every county there are “food deserts” which have great need, especially in the many rural areas. It is a challenge to reach all those who are food insecure. The Food Depot continues to expand its coverage in an attempt to reach these areas with their mobile food pantries.
- Within this county there are many who are able to help with a donation to the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive to support all the amazing work The Food Depot does. The N to N Team is asking for your help.
- No matter what size neighborhood or business, everyone can make a difference! No donation is too small. Each \$1.00 donated can buy 5 pounds of food and provide 4 meals. A check for \$10 equals 50 pounds of food which will provide 41 meals!
- To check for more information and to register the neighborhood or business for this year’s drive, go to: www.thefooddepot.org/n2n
- Or to learn more about this vital fund drive contact:
Linda Wilder Flatt, Coordinator: 505-474-8028 or lwf64n2n@comcast.net
Jane Freeman, Organizer: 505-310-7431 or jane12n2n@gmail.com
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- **Once Registered MAIL CHECKS TO:** The Food Depot / N to N, 1222-A Siler Road, Santa Fe NM 87507
CREDIT CARD DONATIONS: on line at www.thefooddepot.org/n2n
****NOTE:** Must put your neighborhood or business on the memo line or the on line site to make sure your community gets credit.
- **ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 18TH.**