

## Council Meeting Staff Report

September 7, 2021

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| <b>Agenda No.:</b>              | C.  |
| <b>Indexes (Council Goals):</b> | * 2021 Council Goal - Enhancing Communication |
| <b>Presenters:</b>              | County Council - Regular Session              |
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### Title

Presentation about the 2021 Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive (by Linda Flatt)

### Body

The Neighbor to Neighbor Drive is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Neighbor to Neighbor 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. 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 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.

Linda Flatt, Coordinator for the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive, will in attendance to give Council information about this important effort. Attachments A - E provide information about hunger statistics and food distribution locations in Los Alamos and information about the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive.

### Attachments

- A - N to N 2021 Los Alamos Information
- B - N to N 2021 Public Food Distributions Los Alamos
- C - N to N 2021 Los Alamos Letter
- D - N 2 N Flyer 2021
- E - N to N 2021 Additional Information