

# April & May Newsletter

2025



CENTER FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

## Volunteer Appreciation

April is National Volunteer Month!

To all our incredible volunteers: THANK YOU for being the heart of The Commons! Whether you're packing food boxes, tending the gardens, or sharing knowledge in our community, your dedication is what makes our mission possible!

We truly couldn't do this without YOU ❤️



## Program Highlight

Youth Conservation Corps



The Commons hosts an annual summer program with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) working with young adults in our community to help them build a variety of skills and develop workplace readiness. We are excited to announce that we will be hiring 13 youth members to work with Jennifer Metzler this summer! They will be working on an assortment of on-the-job training skills such as:

- Human Resources & Professionalism in the Workplace

## Volunteer Spotlight

Terry & Nancy Brown



For his volunteer spotlight we want to recognize Terry and Nancy Brown! Though their time in Silver City was brief, their impact was truly meaningful. Nancy became a dedicated volunteer in the Choose Your Own Pantry and Terry lent his skills to assist with maintenance repairs. From everyone at The Commons, thank you for all your hard work and kindness!

- Financial Literacy
- Tool & Job Site Safety
- Gardening Basics
- Materials Handling & Warehouse Safety
- Public spaces: Planning and Beautification
- CPR & First Aid
- Survey Design & Data Collection
- Field Survey Practice in Community



## We Want to Hear from You!

If you've enjoyed volunteering with us or would like to share something about your experience at The Commons, we'd love to hear your thoughts! Leaving a **review on Google** helps us expand our reach and inspire others to get involved.

Please take a moment to share your experience:

[Click here](#)

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission!

### Plan Ahead:

#### June:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs  
 Silver City Food Pantry: 7th  
 Mining District Food Pantry: 17th  
 Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 17th  
 Mimbres Food Pantry: 18th  
 Neighborhood Dinner: 27th

#### July:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs  
 Silver City Food Pantry: 5th  
 Mining District Food Pantry: 15th  
 Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 15th  
 Mimbres Food Pantry: 16th  
 Neighborhood Dinner: 25th

#### August:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs  
 Silver City Food Pantry: 2nd  
 Mining District Food Pantry: 19th  
 Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 19th  
 Mimbres Food Pantry: 20th  
 Neighborhood Dinner: 29th

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**Did you know that The Commons is almost completely staffed by volunteers?**

### Southwest New Mexico Seed Library



Did you know that the SW New Mexico Seed Library gives out hundreds of packages of **free seeds** every year? There are several locations where you can "check out" seeds. See below for one near you.

#### **Silver City Locations:**

- The Commons
- Silver City Public Library
- Single Socks
- Silver City Farmers Market

**Satellite Seed Libraries** are located at the Valley Mimbres Market, Bayard Library and Gila Library

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## Monthly Free Friday Neighborhood Dinners



**Here are some ways to get involved:**

**Food Pantry:** Several times a month groups meet to sort, pack and distribute food.

**Garden:** Care for the Commons garden, plant food and harvest for the hungry, help maintain the orchard.

**Fundraising Events:** Help put together community gatherings to raise money for The Commons

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The Commons hosts a monthly neighborhood dinner, free to community members. The turnout has been great these last couple of months and we are looking forward to hosting more!

**The next neighborhood dinner will be held on Friday, June 27th. We will be serving Enchiladas! Please join us from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a wonderful home cooked meal!**

If you would like to volunteer to cook or serve, let us know, we can always use another pair of hands.

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### Donate to the Commons and support food security in your community

- Send a check to the Commons at PO Box 416 Silver City, NM 88062
- OR click the button below to go to our website and then click the [DONATE button](#).



[Visit our Website](#)

**REMEMBER:**

- Food Pantries in Silver City are the first Saturday of the month.

- **Choose Your Own (CYO) Pantry is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Silver City from 11:00 AM — 3:00 PM**
- **The Mining District (Fort Bayard) distribution and the Gila/Cliff distribution are on the third Tuesday of each month.**

**For more information, call the Commons at 575-388-2988 or check the website at [www.thecommonsgrantcounty.org](http://www.thecommonsgrantcounty.org)**

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