

January Newsletter

2025



CENTER FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Cooking Class Recap

We have had such a great turnout at our Community Cooking Classes and College Culinary Club meetings these last few months! From Frybread to Ice Cream Sandwiches, we have learned how to make so many different foods and meals.

It has been a pleasure to have guests chefs from the community and local restaurants to teach in our kitchen. Thank you to Laura Aubrey from The Mint Chip Creamery, Paul Edwards, Paulo Veltri from TGI Frybread, and Sandra Calderon from La Bonita Bakery for sharing your expertise!

One of the great parts about holding these classes is that the food prepared is shared with attendees and extra pre-made meals are sent to the One-Stop Pantry on WNMU's campus for students to enjoy!

To sign up for the next class, please call our office (575)-388-2988 or email info@thecommonsgc.org. Classes are free and welcome to all!

If you are interested in teaching a class, [click here!](#)

Upcoming Class Schedule:

Thursday, February 13th | 5:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, February 27th | 5:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, March 13th | 5:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, March 27th | 5:00-7:00 PM

Classes are held every other Thursday at The Commons from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Keep a lookout on our Facebook and Instagram pages for more information about each upcoming class or any changes to the schedule!



Volunteer Spotlight

Mary Hancock

New Year Updates

Please read below:



This month, we want to recognize Mary Hancock for our volunteer spotlight. Mary does one of the most important tasks of writing thank-you letters and cards to all of our generous donors, partners, and volunteers throughout the year and during our busy fundraising seasons. She has been writing thank-you cards for The Commons since 2021!

Thank you Mary for your dedication and kind personality! We love having you help us each week!

Wrapping up the Fall Appeal Fundraiser

January 31st is the last day to give!

We want to thank everyone for their generosity during this Fall Appeal! Fundraisers like these help us to continue with our mission to meet the immediate needs of food insecure people in the area. We truly couldn't do what we do without the support of the community.

You can give by sending a check to:

The Commons
PO Box 416
Silver City, NM 88062

Or click below to give online:

New Choose Your Own Pantry Hours

The Choose Your Own Pantry has changed its operating hours to every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

If you wish to volunteer at the Choose Your Own, we have two shifts available! The first from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and the second from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. You are always welcome to volunteer for two shifts if you like, just make sure to sign up for both.

We are aiming to have four volunteers per shift, one of those being a stocker! If that position is something that interests you please let us know by emailing info@thecommonsgc.org and we can give you a quick training.

The Volunteer Center

Volunteers! We are encouraging everyone to register for volunteer opportunities through [The Volunteer Center](#) (TVC). All of [our needs](#) are listed there including dates, times, capacity, and other specific details. If you use TVC you will get reminders of upcoming needs you've registered for and you can easily track your total hours. Not only is The Commons apart of this platform, but so are 37 other organizations in Grant County. Find out more about all the ways you can get involved in the community by [clicking here to visit the website!](#)

Food Donations are Always Welcome!

Non-perishable and **non-expired** food items are always welcome. Please drop off any food items inside at the Front Desk during business hours.

Other ways that you can support include:

- Volunteer Your Time!
- Donate!
- Sharing our Social Media Pages!

Donate Online



It seems like a Roadrunner has made The Commons its new home! What should we name it?

Roger

Rick

Charlie

Plan Ahead:

January:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs
Silver City Food Pantry: 4th
Mining District Food Pantry: 21st
Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 21st
Mimbres Food Pantry: 15th
Neighborhood Dinner: 31st

February:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs
Silver City Food Pantry: 1st
Mining District Food Pantry: 18th
Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 18th
Mimbres Food Pantry: 19th
Neighborhood Dinner: 28th

March:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs
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Did you know that The Commons is almost completely staffed by volunteers? Here are some ways to get involved:

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.



Monthly Free Friday
Neighborhood Dinners

VOLUNTEER



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

[Click here](#) to sign up for the weekly email update to stay informed about all of our volunteer opportunities



[Visit our Website](#)



The Commons has been hosting 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, January 31st. 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.

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
- click the button below to go to our website and then click the [green DONATE button](#).

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
- 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

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