

January Newsletter

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CENTER FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Community Comes Together to Raise Over \$72,000 to Support Food Security in Grant County



Thanks to you, our incredible community, we raised over \$42,000 towards our End of Year Matching Gift Challenge! Not only did we reach our \$30,000 match goal, but we exceeded it. These funds go directly to our operations and program efforts to cultivate food security and sustainability in Grant County. [Read more about this here.](#)



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SILVER CITY

We Have a New Facebook

Volunteer Appreciation

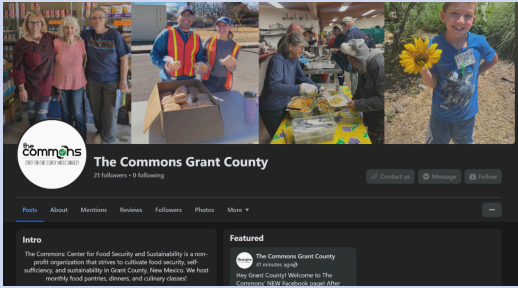
Harry Lipp



This month, we're giving a big shoutout to Harry Lipp for volunteer appreciation! Harry is a rockstar in our food distribution program. He works in the Choose Your Own Pantry almost every week, helps keep shelves stocked, and lends a hand at the Mining District pantry. He's also our go-to cardboard crusher (and trust us, there's a lot of it). Thanks for always bringing such positive energy and for everything you do to support our community, Harry!

Program Highlight
Volunteers

Page!



Due to ongoing access issues we decided to create a new Facebook Page! Be sure to give a follow to stay up to date with all of our announcements, activities, and more!

[Add Our New Facebook](#)



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

In January, we gathered to celebrate our amazing volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It was a special night filled with gratitude and reflection on the strong community we've built here at The Commons. Our volunteers are truly the heart of our organization and make our work possible. We're so thankful for their dedication to feeding Grant County.

To all our volunteers in Silver City, Gila, Cliff, Santa Clara, Bayard, Mimbres, and everywhere in between: THANK YOU!

Plan Ahead:

February:

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
Community Dinner: 27th

March:

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
Community Dinner: 27th

April:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs
Silver City Food Pantry: 4th
Mimbres Food Pantry: 15th
Mining District Food Pantry: 21st
Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 21st
Community Dinner: 24th

Southwest New Mexico Seed Library



Did you know that the SW New Mexico Seed Library gives out over 20,000 packages of **free seeds** every year? And 80% are locally donated! There are several Seed Library Locations where you can "check out" seeds:

- The Commons
- Silver City Public Library
- Single Socks Thrift Store
- Silver City Farmers
- Valley Mimbres' Market
- Bayard Library

Did you know that The Commons is Almost Completely Staffed by Volunteers?



Here are some ways to get involved:

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

Help out at one of our pantry locations in Grant County: Silver City, Bayard/ Santa Clara, Gila/Cliff, or Mimbres!

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

Kitchen: Help prep, serve, and clean up at our monthly Community Dinner.

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

[Click here](#) to view all our volunteer opportunities on The Volunteer Center website

- Hurley Library
- Gila Library
- Lordsburg Library
- Santa Clara Farmers' Market
- Bear Creek Herbs

You can join us packaging and cleaning seeds on Tuesdays.

Contact swnmseeds@gmail.com for more information.

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:

- Choose Your Own (CYO) Pantry is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Silver City from 11:00 AM — 3:00 PM and every first Saturday

of the month from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- The Mining District (Fort Bayard) distribution and the Gila/Cliff distribution are on the third Tuesday of each month.
- The Mimbres distribution is on the third Wednesday 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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