

June Newsletter

2025



CENTER FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Give Grandly Appreciation

Thank you Grant County for your incredible support during Give Grandly 2025! On May 3rd, our organization took part in this local Day of Giving to connect with our amazing community of supporters — and you showed up in a big way.

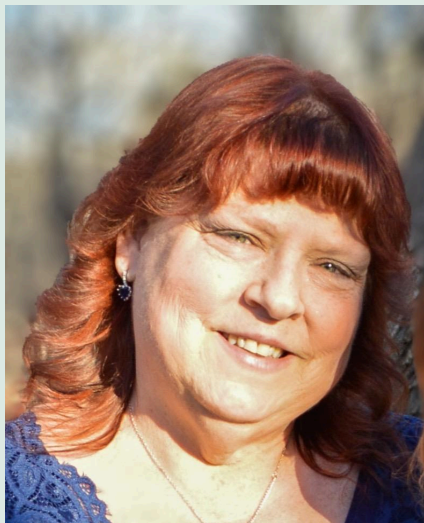
Because of donors like you, we were able to raise over \$20,000 to further our mission "To cultivate food security, self-sufficiency, and sustainability in Grant County." Every single gift will have a lasting impact, helping us continue to serve our community and expand our reach.

From all of us at The Commons, thank you for being a part of this effort. Your generosity inspires us and fuels the work we do every day!



New Kitchen Manager

Tina Klassen



In May we welcomed our new Kitchen Manager, Tina Klassen!

Tina has an extensive background in food service and hospitality. As the

Volunteer Highlight

Alimento Volunteers



Last month, we wrapped up the Alimento Food School Partnership program for the 2024-25 school year. Thank you to all of our AMAZING Alimento volunteers for helping out this year! Together they packed over 250

former owner and operator of Millie's Bake House, she brings over 12 years of kitchen management experience to The Commons-"Gather & Grow Kitchen".

In addition to her culinary work, Tina has served diverse populations across Grant County, including children, youth, and elders. She is passionate about creating original recipes and finds joy in nourishing others through her cooking. Tina is also proud to have been married to Garry Klassen for 40 years, and together they have raised four children. We are excited to have her join The Commons' team!

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!

bags per week to be distributed to schools in the Cobre and Silver School districts.

We will be pausing packing for Alimento during the summer break and instead do bulk packing! This is where we repack bulk foods like rice and grains, into single-family servings for distribution.

This is a great volunteer opportunity if you looking for an activity that isn't strenuous or requires much standing.

If you're interested in bulk packing please sign-up through The Volunteer Center.

[→ Click here to view the application](#)

Join the Board

The Commons is looking for several additional individuals to join our Board of Directors. Please submit your applications by **July 1, 2025**. All applications will be held and reviewed on a rolling basis. Thank you for your interest!

Please email your completed application to info@thecommonsgc.org

[→ Click here to view the application](#)

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

Southwest New Mexico Seed Library

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



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 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

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



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!



[Visit our Website](#)

The next neighborhood dinner will be held on Friday, June 27th. We will be serving Enchiladas with rice and beans! Please join us from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a wonderful home-style 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
- OR click the button below to go to our website and then click the **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 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

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