

July Newsletter

2025



CENTER FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Gala in the Garden Fundraiser

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Commons Center for Food Security and Sustainability invites the community to celebrate connection, community, and resilience at the 4th Annual Gala in the Garden on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 6–10 p.m. at The Commons, 501 E. 13th Street in Silver City.

This year's theme, "Gather & Grow," brings our NEW mission to life: *to cultivate food security, self-sufficiency, and sustainability in Grant County*. Guests will enjoy a beautiful fall evening filled with delicious food, live music, garden ambiance, and an exhilarating silent auction featuring many local businesses.

The Gala is not just a celebration—it's a vital fundraiser that supports both our ongoing and newly expanded work to meet the real and rising need for food access and resiliency in our community.

How You Can Get Involved:

We invite local businesses and individuals to:

- Sponsor the Gala (starting at \$250)
- Donate an item to the silent auction
- Or simply join us by purchasing tickets (\$45 each)

Come be part of a powerful evening where we feed, teach, grow, and connect—right here in Grant County. Let's "**Gather & Grow**" together this September!



[Buy Tickets HERE](#)

[Become a Sponsor](#)

[Donate a Silent Auction Item](#)

Please stop by The Commons to donate a silent auction item.

Deadline to Receive Items: September 11, 2025.

Questions? Contact:
info@thecommonsgc.org

Program Highlight

Youth Conservation Corps

Community & Volunteer Appreciation

Trout Fire Relief



We've had a FANTASTIC summer with our YCC Crew! Their time at The Commons has been filled with learning, growth, and hard work. From meaningful projects to everyday teamwork, these young people have made a real difference. We're proud of all they've accomplished, and while we'll miss having them around, we're excited for all that lies ahead for each of them.

Here's a recap of just some of the things they've done during their time here:

- ✔ Garden tool safety training
- ✔ Learned about irrigation systems, healthy soil, composting, permaculture, and tree guilds
- ✔ Warehouse safety training
- ✔ Learned about pantry operations and food security programs
- ✔ Worked on their understory project—removed debris and invasive growth, mapped shaded zones, and started building out new understories in the gardens
- ✔ Worked on clearing out and beautifying the parklet next to The Commons and other areas along the ditch in the neighborhood
- ✔ Helped with our Kids Summer Garden Camp
- ✔ Painted booths at the Santa Clara Mercado
- ✔ Earned their Food Handler's Certificates



To our community:

Thank you for the many ways you stepped up to support one another and The Commons throughout the Trout Fire emergency. From volunteers and donors to first responders and neighbors—**your compassion was powerful!**

Program Highlight

Kids Summer Garden Camp



This month we had our annual Kids Summer Garden Camp with Healthy Kids Healthy Communities and it was a blast! Campers learned about nutrition, pollination, food forests, garden safety, and the process of growing food. They

Important Update About Silver City Pantry

Starting September 6th, we will no longer offer a mobile pantry in Silver City. This change come due to the success of the Choose Your Own (CYO). The pantry will be available during regular pantry hours and will fully replace the mobile pantry.

New Additional CYO Pantry Hours:

Every first Saturday of the Month
10:00 AM - 12 PM

Limited ready-made boxes will be available for those with mobility issues.

The CYO will still be open during its regular hours of operation:

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

also got to do fun activities including making suncatchers using gelatin bioplastic, pressing flowers, natural tie-dye creations, and more!

A big thank you to Krista Joslin-Gay and Jennifer Metzler for facilitating this camp and to Aaron Myers and the YCC Crew for helping!



Plan Ahead:

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

September:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs
Silver City Food Pantry: 6th
Mining District Food Pantry: 16th
Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 16th
Mimbres Food Pantry: 17th

October:

CYO Pantry: Weekly Tues-Wed-Thurs
Silver City Food Pantry: 4th
Mining District Food Pantry: 21st
Cliff Gila Food Pantry: 21st
Mimbres Food Pantry: 22nd

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

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

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- 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

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 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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