



Los Alamos National Laboratory employees donate more than \$40,000 to Santa Fe's Food Depot for hunger relief across Northern New Mexico

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LOS ALAMOS, N.M., April 21, 2021—Los Alamos National Laboratory employees donated \$41,723 to The Food Depot as part of their annual food drive last week, estimated to provide more than 166,000 meals to Northern New Mexicans facing food insecurity. Laboratory employees have also contributed 233 community service hours to the organization in the last 12 months.

“In the past year, The Food Depot has experienced a 30 percent increase in the number of Northern New Mexicans needing their services,” said Laboratory Director Thom Mason. “I am pleased to know that Laboratory employees have risen to the occasion with their donations and community service.”

Headquartered in Santa Fe, The Food Depot serves nine counties in Northern New Mexico: Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, and Union.

The Food Depot distributes an estimated 6.2 million pounds of food each year.

“The Food Depot is so grateful to be able to translate Los Alamos National Laboratory’s support into meals for those experiencing hunger,” said Executive Director Sherry Hooper. “Such partnerships are truly what make our community stronger. Thank you for demonstrating such commitment and concern.”

Due to COVID-19 concerns, The Food Depot is not accepting donations of groceries at this time and respectfully asks for your financial contributions instead. Donate here: <https://www.thefooddepot.org/donate-to-general-operations/>. If you are healthy and able, consider volunteering by emailing volunteer@thefooddepot.org.

About The Food Depot

The Food Depot knows that hunger remains a constant in the lives of many New Mexicans. At present, one in three New Mexico children is at risk of hunger, as is one in five adults. The Food Depot is ending hunger in Northern New Mexico by providing food to a network of more than 145 partner nonprofit agencies throughout nine counties, including food pantries, meal programs, homeless shelters, youth programs, and senior centers.

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