

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 084

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna T. Hamilton and Commissioner Hank Hughes

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TWELFTH ANNUAL NEIGHBOR TO  
NEIGHBOR FUND DRIVE IN COORDINATION WITH THE FOOD DEPOT

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**WHEREAS**, New Mexico consistently ranks as one of the worst states for food insecurity with 17,000 food-insecure people in Santa Fe County ("County") alone, more than 5,000 of which are children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County ("Board") recognizes the importance of food security in County; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing the consumption of healthy food is a priority in the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Community Services Department operates *Santa Fe County Connect*, an accountable health community, with the vision that all County residents, regardless of income, have access to high-quality health care and are linked to resources they need for health and well-being, including nutritious food; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is currently working with its partners to expand access to healthy food to all individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, public and private partnerships can assist in meeting the food needs of those seeking food assistance in the County and it is the mission of The Food Depot to create healthy, hunger-free communities in Northern New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, The Food Depot fulfills this goal by serving as the food bank for nine northern New Mexico counties and providing innovative hunger-relief programming and resources to more than 70 nonprofit agencies including emergency food pantries, meal programs, shelters, youth programs, and senior centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood Association Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive was created 12 years ago with the sole purpose of bringing together neighborhoods across Santa Fe to stand together in unison to support the mission of The Food Depot; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2011, neighborhoods in the Santa Fe area have participated in donating to The Food Depot through an area-wide Neighborhood Association Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive, organized every September during national Hunger Action Month. This effort has grown exponentially and is now the largest fundraiser benefiting The Food Depot; and

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**WHEREAS**, in 2022, this grassroots effort grew to include participation from 160 neighborhoods and businesses and raised over \$294,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted Resolution Nos. 2022-61, 2021-65, 2020-62, 2019-104, 2018-47, and 2017-84 in support of the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive, in coordination with the City of Santa Fe; and

**WHEREAS**, The Food Depot has stated that with every donated dollar, it can provide up to four meals for individuals who are food insecure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is more committed than ever to support this important event and ensure that the many constituents who benefit from this event continue to do so especially during this time of great need; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires that the County use its resources to promote the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive to ensure that County employees, neighborhoods, and communities are aware of and know how to support the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, all monetary donations should be accompanied by an indication of whether the donation is from a specific community, neighborhood, business, or from a County or City employee, and should be sent before by the deadline of September 23, 2023, to ensure inclusion in the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Board supports and encourages monetary donations for the twelfth annual Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive.
2. The Board authorizes the County Manager and staff to:
  - a. Encourage participation in the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive as one means of addressing food insecurity in our community;
  - b. Inform communities and neighborhoods throughout the County that they can make monetary contributions to the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive before the deadline of September 23, 2023, by credit card donation at the Neighbor to Neighbor website <https://thefooddepot.org/n2n-donate/> or by mailing a check to: The Food Depot, 122-A Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507; and
  - c. Work cooperatively with the City of Santa Fe to alleviate food insecurity in the County.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.**

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*Anna C. Hansen*  
Anna C. Hansen, Chair

**ATTESTATION:**

*Katharine E. Clark*  
Katharine E. Clark  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: ~~08/14/2023~~ 08/14/2023

Approved as to form:

*Jeff Young* *for*  
Jeff Young  
Santa Fe County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss  
I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for  
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Katharine E. Clark  
Deputy *Destiny Romero* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

