



Shepherd's Call



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A Message from Good Shepherd Center, Inc. of
the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God
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*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



Reflecting on Experiences of Others

“I would like to say thank you so very much. I never imagined at my age after my divorce, my addiction, and being homeless I would find myself again. Being able to be worry free after struggling to survive while dealing with my addiction is a miracle. I’ve been clothed, given a roof, a bed, incredible meals every day. All possible burdens and financial responsibility removed from my life. I’ve been given the time for my body and mind to recover from the damage I’ve self-inflicted. After all these blessings, you provided the people with the right words to help me understand my childhood traumas that greatly burdened me, and fueled my addiction.”

—Salvatore, a guest at the Good Shepherd Center

This is just one story from a gentleman in our Fresh Start Addictions Program. We strive to give these men the tools to change their lives. They already have taken the first step of asking for help—a step that is a humongous and challenging leap of faith. After that it is a process of hard work and healing. They are provided the necessities of life while here while also having the support system in place for them to address prior behaviors that contributed to their addictions.

During their six-months of residential treatment they no longer have to focus on where their next meal will come from or if they can find a safe place to sleep. Their time here also keeps away the temptation to relapse while being around old acquaintances that may push them into old habits. Six months to heal, to prepare, and to engage back into the community securely and safely with the aid of Good Shepherd Center. We hope all the best for our men and do all we can to help them.

Thank You for Your Support!

The quality of life for the people served at Good Shepherd Center would be greatly diminished without the support of generous friends within the local community:

To Costco who provides us produce, baked goods, and other items.

To our individual sponsors who join us in providing services those most in need.

PNMR Foundation for their recent grant.

To the Sisters of Charity for supporting Good Shepherd Center’s mission.

To The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Bishops’ Storehouse for their generous donation of food and goods.

To Baca’s Trees for their continued support.

To all who have provided food and goods to support to fulfil our ministry.

Want to Help?

All physical donations may be made at our location on Iron Ave.

We're in need of the following items:

Winter Clothing:

New Socks
Heavy Jackets and Sweaters
Shoes and Work Boots (all sizes)
T-Shirts and Long-Sleeved Shirts (all sizes)
New Men's Boxers/Boxer-Briefs (esp. M, L, XL)

Toiletries:

Travel-Sized Lotion
Travel-Sized Deodorant
Travel-Sized Shampoo and Soap
Razors and Travel-Sized Shaving Cream
Toothbrushes and Travel-Sized Toothpaste

Foods Most In Need:

Canned Corn	Rice
Canned Tomatoes	Hot Chocolate
Canned Tuna and Meat	Powdered Milk
Canned and Dried Beans	Coffee (ground or instant)



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From Our Brothers

I'm sure many of us share similar Thanksgiving memories. Waking up to the now leafless landscape, a certain chill in the air, and of course, the aroma of a Turkey slowly cooking in our ovens. Eventually, various family members and friends arrive, each anticipating a wonderful meal. What wonderful memories!

Over the years many of us will have experienced the loss of family members and loved ones and we are unable to share this holiday as before. Their absence at our table is sadly missed. Nevertheless, we carry on and do our best to celebrate this special holiday.

Many of those we serve have no families or friends to share this special day. With your support, we attempt to make every Thanksgiving at the Center as enjoyable as possible.

Thank you for partnering with us in this effort. As we enjoy this Thanksgiving and the opportunity to "count our blessings" we will recall with gratitude the many blessings you help us provide to those not as fortunate as we.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

—Brother Nicholas Foran



We thank our friends, staff, donors, and volunteers!

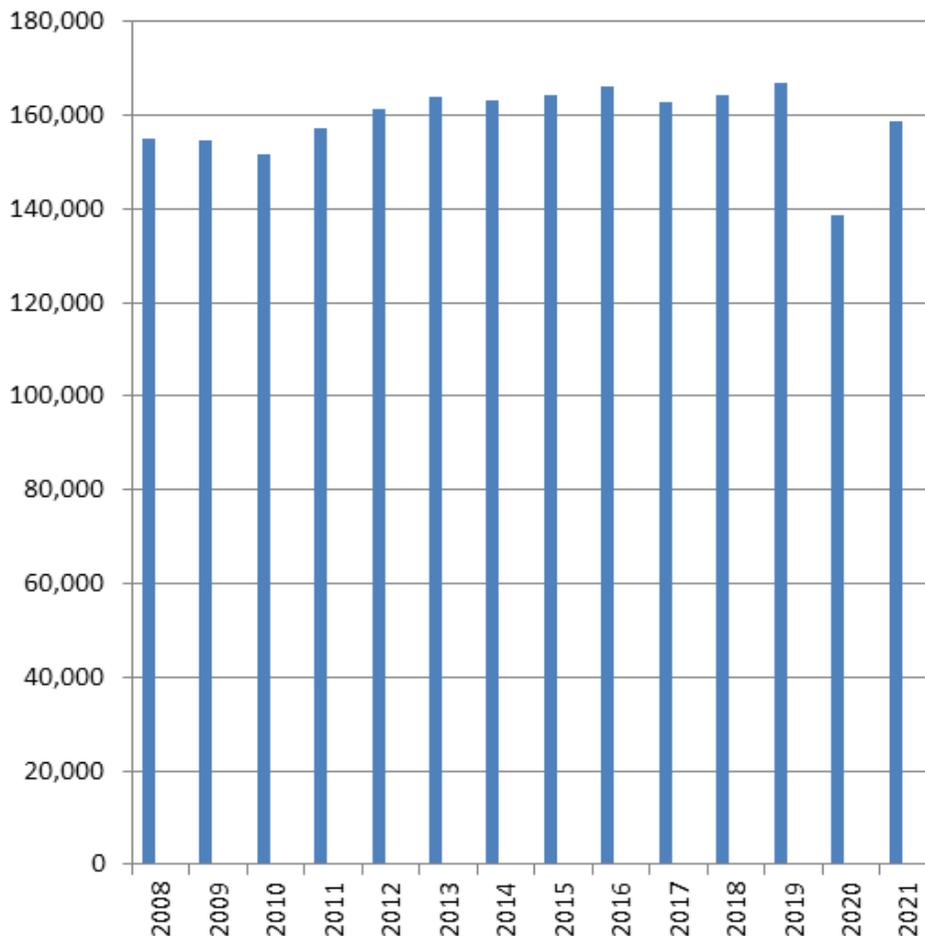
*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands
and voices who wondrous things hath done, in
whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's
arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts
of love, and still is ours today.*

—Brother Gerard Sullivan

Did You Know?

Do you know that Good Shepherd Center serves well over 400 meals a day to low income individuals and families in our community, as well as to shelter residents? Indeed, during the past 14 years, the Center has provided in excess of 2 million (2,228,041 to be exact) meals, sufficient to provide a nourishing repast to every man, woman, and child in the state of New Mexico, with 100,000 meals left over. And though there was a slight drop during COVID, the Center still provided almost 140,000 meals in 2021, over half of which were served, with remote distancing, to the outside community. These are not snacks, which Good Shepherd also supplies, but hot, nutritious meals, at no charge, not a penny.

Good Shepherd Meals Served by Year



Book of Life

We pray for our community every day, especially for:

Rest in Peace:

P.J. Beaufait
Dan Crawley
Barbara Falvey
Ex Cox
Chris Heath
David Wedgin, Jr.
Rubin Rodarte
Bill Kelly
Mary Hermán
Lynn Balogh
Nick Wayne Barbaro, Jr.
Frank Gomez

Special Intentions:

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Thomas & Teri Hernandez
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Stephanie Montoya
Donald Ortiz
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We Rely on You!

We are arriving at another holiday season and this year we can have somewhat of a normal celebration with friends and family. As I reflect on my own blessings I also think of all the people who have been helped by the Good Shepherd Center over the years. Meals, housing, support—all these things are provided at no cost to our guests who come to us in times of hardship. We do all we can to ensure their health and safety.

But we cannot do this without the help and support of you, our donors. Clean clothing can mean the world to our guests. A safe place to sleep away from the winter cold can be lifesaving. And the meals that you help to provide sustain both those who come to us from the community as well as those here for rehabilitation and healing. You truly are the lifeblood of Good Shepherd Center. THANK YOU!
—Heather Mattax, Donations Manager