



EASY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Click on the links below to sign up to be a volunteer. You can do it from your home computer, tablet or smart phone.

[Stockroom Organizer - 9am to noon, Monday's and Wednesday's](#)

[Community Food Distributor - Tuesday's and Thursday's from 8:30-noon and 1-3:15pm](#)

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



Benefit Yard Sale

We are grateful to call Irene Schmoller a friend and supporter of ONF&P. She recently sold her business, Cotton Clouds, and found she was left with 40 years of accumulated yarns, patterns, tools, craft kits, craft supplies, fabrics and more. She had a 4 day yard sale spanning over two weekends. Many ONF&P staff and volunteers spent a bit of time helping to set it up and purchasing more than they should have.

I personally purchased \$50 of craft supplies to give to friends and co-workers. I also purchased a couple of things for myself. One of our AmeriCorps volunteers would not comment on how much she spent but she purchased supplies on more than one occasion for herself and others. WE all had fun and really enjoyed spending time with Irene.

Why did Irene donate the sales of these items to ONF&P? She said her and her husband have been blessed with healthy food on their table without having to worry about where it was to come from and that she wanted to give back to those that are not as fortunate.

Well you gave back in a big way Irene and we sincerely thank you for your kindness and generosity!



GARDEN VISITORS

ONF&P garden manager, Janine Yellowhair Brown, had family members visit for her son's 8th grade graduation. She hadn't seen most of them in well over a year. Her Grandmother made this trip with her Aunties and they all visited our garden. The garden, where Janine works so hard to provide food to our community and where she has taught hundreds of Graham County youth. Janine and her mother Janice, shared some of what happened that day in "the garden."

Janine spoke to her Grandmother in their native Navajo language to tell her about the garden and found out her Grandmother had never seen beets being grown. They each pulled one up. Her Grandmother was elated to see how they grow and also how onions grow. She took a handful of beets and onions back to her home on the Navajo Nation and has been cooking them in

different ways. She said the garden was a very healthy and strong environment, the people were nice and she especially liked the goats and sheep. She was happy that it is a place where children can learn and grow compassion. She was especially happy that Janine's sons, Davin and Tyrell are learning their culture while volunteering at the garden and that Janine's husband Arnaldo volunteers with them all. She was even happier when Janine told her that Tyrel and Davin sheared the sheep this year! She said she was so proud of what Janine is doing by teaching children and growing food for people that are hungry.

Janine's cousin Rowdy was drawn to our spiral garden. He would look around and then be drawn right back to the spiral garden. He and Janine discussed how Navajo people would create spiral plantings along the San Juan River to harvest river water. The water makes its way through the spiral irrigating all plants along the way. Rowdy said he had learned about it in elementary school but had not learned anything about it since and had never seen one. He was both surprised and happy that Janine was growing in traditional fashion and really liked how she irrigates using harvested rainwater.

Janine's Grandmother left her with this, you are so far from home yet you are teaching your children our culture. They know more about our culture than most children living on the Navajo Nation. I am very proud of you and your family!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many volunteer positions open at this time. Please consider helping others while witnessing heart felt gratitude from our neighbors.

1. Senior Food Delivery Specialist- delivers food boxes, once per month, to 6 homebound seniors.
2. Stockroom Organizer - process grocery rescue and other donations, restock canned goods and tidy up the stockroom.
3. Community Food Distributor - process and shelve food products, get things ready for drive-thru pantry, and distribute food to community.

If you are interested in doing good in our community, please call or email Dana at 928.215.5906 or ourneighborsfarm@gmail.com. You can also find sign-up links on facebook as well as at the top of this newsletter.



Garden Gratitude Basket

Sharlyn Roberts was chosen to receive a basket of produce this month to show our appreciation for her support. This is her response to our email, "I'm honored I was chosen to receive a basket of food. However, I would prefer you give it to someone in need. I'm glad I'm able to donate to such a worthy cause as yours. Keep up the good work!"

What an honor to have donors that are so amazing!

Janine gave Sharlyn's basket to the first person in line on a Thursday morning, which happened to be Leon. He comes to the pantry a few months out of the year and said everything he gets helps. He was amazed with all of the vegetables growing in the garden and he was very thankful to Sharlyn for giving him this basket.

Janine said Leon was so happy and smiling the whole time.

Thank you Sharlyn for making Leon's day a bit brighter, as well as ours!



Volunteer of the Month

Thank YOU Lindon Ungermen!

Lindon has been a garden volunteer for 7 months. There are so many tasks that he has conquered and now is working more independently than ever. If he arrives and no one is around, he immediately starts weeding. He adds other volunteers hours to an excel sheet REALLY fast, he is NEVER late and always calls in if he cannot make it in. We are grateful that you work with us Lindon!!



New Office Space

Stop by and visit. I am happy to announce that I now have an office at Safford Methodist Church and my front door overlooks our pollinator garden. I now have a place to meet with staff and volunteers and I can just walk over to the pantry and garden without the worry of planning a trip there. My door is open to all visitors and I welcome your visit.



VISTA AmeriCorps Position OPEN

We will be hiring a VISTA AmeriCorps member to work with ONF&P for a one year commitment. The Applicant must be a college graduate that will work with the Executive Director.

For more information, please view the online job listing.

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=104109>



Farmers Feeding Families Program is Over

We are so grateful to Corazón Latino for reaching out to us to receive Farmers Feeding Families food boxes in July 2020.

A USDA program worked with food suppliers to get food to food banks and food pantries as part of a COVID relief package. In our area they worked with Shamrock foods.

From July 2020 to May 2021:

-- we distributed 5,854 boxes to our neighbors, valued at \$181,122



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