



Democratic Party of Santa Fe County Community Service Program

Volunteer

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New Events Schedule Standardized

- **Food Depot:** 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of Every Month
- **Animal Shelter:** 2nd Tuesday of Every Month
- **City Parks:** 2nd Thursday of Every Month
- **Habitat for Humanity:** 4th Saturday of Every Month
- **Reunity Resources:** 2nd Saturday Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct

Variable Schedule

- **Santa Fe indigenous Center**

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[Link to CSP registration form to share with friends](#)

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Making A Difference

As of June 23, 2022 — 62 volunteer members strong Volunteers Column: Katherine Heerbrandt

I became a full-time journalist in my 40's. One of the joys of the job was having a tangible product at the end of the work day. Seeing the results of my labor each day was motivating and inspiring.

The Santa Fe County Democrats was the second group I researched upon moving to Santa Fe in September 2021, and it was the first I joined. The clincher, for me, was a chance to make a positive contribution to our new city through the organization's community service program.

A lifelong Democrat, I've marched, protested, campaigned and donated. All of those things are good and necessary to promote causes and candidates, but, for me, it isn't enough. I want to see a direct result of my labor. I want to work alongside folks who share the values I treasure most in my fellow Dems: compassion and a willingness to pitch in to



CSP Volunteers catered lunch for the Habitat Women's build. Katherine far right (in this photo only), along with left to right, Lisa, Connie, Mary, and Lisa with tool belt was part of building crew.

make life a little better for those who need it most.

Cleaning up a park and putting the bags of trash on the curb is satisfying. Walking and socializing dogs at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter and Humane Society is even better. Of course, feeding folks who are working hard to build homes for Habitat for Humanity, was as rewarding as the camaraderie I felt with the other volunteers. I look forward to many similar experiences in the future as I continue to connect with this welcoming group. As a journalist, my goal was to "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." I see my volunteerism with the DPSFC, CSP as an opportunity to continue that credo in a sense. But now, instead of "afflicting the comfortable," I choose to afflict the GOP.



Katherine with her husband Fred picking garbage out of cholla at the Las Acequias Park event.

PAST EVENTS

Action Packed May and June

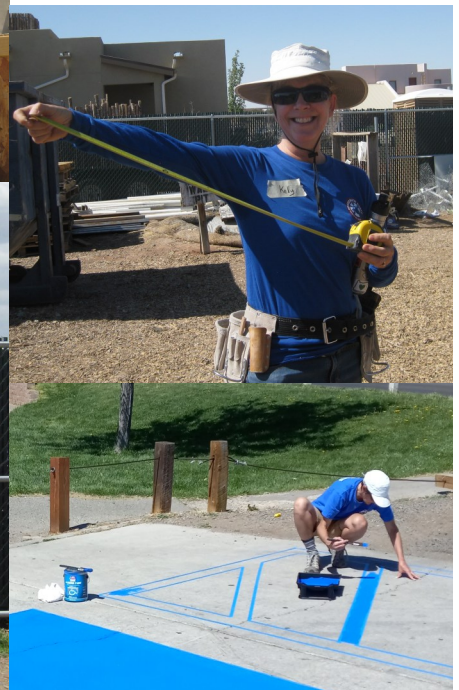
CSP Volunteers were very active in May and the first few weeks of June with events at City Parks, Reuinty Resources, Animal Shelter, Food Depot, and Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers helped paint bleachers at Fort Marcy Park prior to the kick off of the Fuego baseball season. Also with the City Parks, the handicap and unloading spaces were painted at the Villa Linda Park (Park Adopted by The DPSFC, CSP). A few volunteers helped at Reunity Resources by re-potting seedlings and weeding in a field. The initial dog training session was held at the Animal Shelter qualifying volunteers to work with dogs. Volunteers worked at the Food Depot by prepping food for distribution. Volunteers started out by sorting bell peppers and onions, but were soon moved to help the “kick ass crew”



fill bags with canned goods, fruit cups, spaghetti noodles, and oatmeal. There was much activity at Habitat for Humanity. Habitat held their Women’s Build days June 16-18. CSP volunteers framed, sheetrocked and a group prepared and catered lunch for the Saturday women’s crew. Work in June continues.



Upper—Animal Shelter. Top left to bottom right—Food Depot, Habitat, bottom right—Parks. More event photos on page 5.



UP COMING EVENTS



CSP — NEW APPROACH TO EVENT SCHEDULING

The Community Service Program has implemented a new approach for scheduling events. There will now be consistency by week for the month, with a few additions as necessary. The standard schedule is:

Week	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1		Food Depot		
2	Animal Shelter		City Parks	Reunity Resources (April, May, June, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct)
3			Food Depot	
4				Habitat for Humanity

Please see details for times, locations and general information on volunteering with each organization in the Partners section below.

In order for partner organizations to plan, please register for standard events so that organizations can be informed on how many volunteers to expect.

Please note, the standard schedule has been established to provide volunteers and partner organizations consistency; however, most organizations are appreciative of any additional time you are able to volunteer with them.

PARTNERS AND SCHEDULES

Food Depot

- 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of every month
- 1:30 - 4:00
- 1222 A Siler Road
- [Click to register](#)

The CSP has established two days a month to assist with sorting fresh, canned, and other food items in preparation of distribution.

Please bring your covid vaccination card with you when volunteering with this organization.

City Parks

- 2nd Thursday of every month
- 9 am
- Location to be determined
- [Click to register](#)

The CSP will work at various parks depending on the needs of the City. An e-mail will go out before the 2nd Thursday of every month informing on the upcoming park and work. As the DPSFC has adopted the Villa Linda Park, there will be multiple events at this park in addition to other parks. Activities may include picking up garbage, painting benches or handicap parking spaces, raking, pruning...

Santa Fe Animal Shelter

- 2nd Tuesday of every month to work with dogs for those trained
- Additional trainings to be scheduled when sufficient numbers have signed up
- Time to be determined
- 100 Caja del Rio Road
- [Click to register](#)

The animal shelter needs volunteers to exercise and play with dogs, cats and kittens. Training is necessary prior to interacting with animals. The animal shelter's volunteer coordinator is developing group trainings for volunteers wishing to work with dogs or cats separately for each species. The CSP is organizing groups for training sessions. An initial training for dogs has already been held. Additional dog, cat and kitten trainings, will be held as soon as sufficient volunteers have registered for a group training.

Maximum 5 volunteers for dog training
Maximum 6-8 volunteers for cat training

Habitat for Humanity

- 4th Saturday of every month
- 8:30 am - noon or 3:00 (summers) 9:30-noon or 4:00 (cooler seasons)
- 23 Blue Feather Rd in Oshara Village
- [Click to register](#)

The CSP is helping Habitat for Humanity complete the last of 6 Homes in Oshara Village off of Richards Ave and will continue to work with Habitat when they begin at a new site. No experience is necessary—all training and tools are provided onsite.

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Reunity Resources

- 2nd Saturday of Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct.
- 9 am
- 1829 San Ysidro Crossing
- [Click to register](#)

Reunity Resources is a not for profit farm that donates produce to ease local hunger. CSP volunteers may assist with starting seeds in the greenhouse, weeding the vegetable garden, or other farm tasks.

Santa Fe Indigenous Center

- July 8 & 22
- Aug. 5 & 26
- Sept. 9 & 23
- Oct. 7 & 21
- Nov. 4 & 18
- Dec 2 & 16

- Dates may change check Santa Fe Indigenous Center Web site for current dates

- 9am - Prep Care Bundles
- 10am-noon Distribution
- 1420 Cerrillos Road
- Registration not necessary

The Santa Fe Indigenous Center distributes free bags of groceries and care bundles approximately every other week at 1420 Cerrillos Road. The DPSFC, Community Service Program will track event dates and will post to the Community Service Program Website.

Donations can be dropped off at 1420 Cerrillos Road on the days of distribution. Volunteers can work events and/or donate goods.

Needed items include:

- Diapers/pull ups – adult, children and baby
- Hygiene products, soap, lotions, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, deodorant
- Bedding/towels - sheets, pillowcases, pillows, blankets, towels, washcloths
- Laundry detergent
- Undergarments - socks, new underwear, bras



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