



Democratic Party of Santa Fe County Community Service Program

Volunteer

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Monthly Schedule

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

Variable Schedule

- **Santa Fe indigenous Center**

See inside for details

[Join the CSP here](#)

[Sign up for 2023 winter events here](#)

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Making A Difference

As of January 8, 2023 — 77 Volunteer Members strong
LIVING DEMOCRATIC VALUES

Democratic values are interpreted differently by different people and Democratic Party Organizations have varying language and content in their platforms. In general, when thinking about Democratic Party Values, I think of a party that cares about all individuals regardless of age, disabilities, economic abilities, ethnic origin, religion, color of skin, gender, sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Democrats generally do not discriminate based on personal differences and see it necessary to minimize negative societal impacts that may arise due to individual and/or group differences. Democrats prefer to work towards growing a healthy society for everybody and not just growing personal perceptions or individual bank books by exploiting others. Democrats recognize that not everybody is born into a nurturing, healthy environment that will allow them to thrive in life and believe that lending a helping hand to those struggling is not only best for the individual, but good for society at large.

In addition to valuing diversity in people, I see Democrats, as motivated to maintain a healthy environment for all living things and valuing life at large. Democrats recognize that a healthy environment is not only good for other species, but good for humans.

While not everybody is destined or eager to be in a position of creating and legislating laws reflecting Democratic Party Values, many of us are able to take action directly in our community demonstrating our values. Through the Democratic Party of Santa Fe County, Community Service Program, members are able to work with organizations demonstrating democratic values. Thank you for your example and for helping grow a healthier society for everybody.

To review official Democratic Party Platforms, please see:

[2020 National Democratic Party Platform](#),

[Democratic Party of New Mexico Platform](#),

[Democratic Party of Santa Fe County Platform](#)

The previous brief generalizations may not meet your thoughts/definitions of Democratic Party Values. Please send your thoughts on Democratic Values to msp.dpsfc@gmail.com and indicate if they may be published in a future newsletter.

By: *Phyllis Bustamante, Chair*
Community Services Committee

PAST EVENTS

Community Service and an Election!

CSP volunteers continued working with all of our partner organizations through the end of 2022. In addition, many CSP Volunteers participated in Get Out The Vote (GOTV). The VERY busy fall season resulted in a large voter turnout with great wins for Democrats!! **GO BLUE!!**

With our community partners, volunteers collected garbage monthly at the Villa Linda Park and in the neighboring arroyo. Volunteers worked at the Food Depot prepping food for distribution by sorting kiwis, and packing pantry bags. On a few afternoons volunteers packed bags of diapers.



The Wednesday Kitchen Angels team, which delivers food to homebound residents, is fully up and running. There are a few slots available if you would like to join a new Monday team. See the Kitchen Angels section on the following page. In addition to food delivery, CSP organized a team to help wrap gifts that were delivered to Kitchen Angels' clients.

Activities with Habitat for Humanity were very slim as most fall weekends were used for GOTV. During the upcoming winter quarter, CSP volunteers will be out on the 4th Saturday of every month to help with construction of new homes. Habitat for Humanity has completed their work in Oshara. The new meeting/build location is 1501 Calle Preciosa.

Volunteers worked through the fall at the animal shelter and will continue through 2023. Training for new shelter volunteers is available upon request.

This election season, GOTV consumed many hours for some CSP member's. Volunteers attended rallies for a variety of candidates with two rallies in support of Governor Lujan-Grisham, providing the opportunity to meet President Joe Biden and California Governor Gavin Newsom. In addition to rallies, volunteers wrote postcards, canvassed, poll watched, drove voters to voting locations, sent text messages, and made phone calls encouraging all eligible voters to vote. IT WORKED!



Upper right—wrapped gifts for Kitchen Angel clients. Clockwise from top left to below—Packing diapers, President Biden photo taken by CSP member, more diapers, CSP member with Gov Newsom, CSP member training canvassers. More photos page 5.



UP COMING EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

CITY PARKS—The CSP has adopted the Villa Linda Park . On Saturday April 15, 2023, there will be an adopt a park event at Villa Linda and a celebration for our volunteers. Please plan to attend. This event will be during the 2nd quarter of the year. More information to follow.

CSP – STANDARD EVENT SCHEDULING

The Community Service Program has implemented a standard event schedule. The standard schedule is:

Week	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1		Food Depot Kitchen Angels (team)		
2	Animal Shelter		City Parks	Reunity Resources (April—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.

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.

Kitchen Angels

- [Mondays](#)
- [3:15—5:00](#)
- [Click to register](#)

CSP is proposing to organize a team for a Monday Route. If you are interested, please indicate by using the registration link to the left. As soon as there is sufficient interest, a team of eleven or twelve will be formed and training will be scheduled.

City Parks

- 2nd Thursday of every month
- 1 pm (winter)
- Location to be determined
- [Click to register](#)

As the DPSFC has adopted the Villa Linda Park, during the winter months, CSP will meet at the Villa Linda Park on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm to pick up garbage and tidy up the park.

Santa Fe Animal Shelter

- 2nd Tuesday of every month to work with dogs for those trained
- 8:30 am
- Additional trainings available on 2nd Tuesday at 2:00
- 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)
- 1501 Calle Preciosa
- [Click to register](#)

The CSP is volunteering with Habitat for Humanity by assisting with the construction of new homes. No experience is necessary—all training and tools are provided onsite.

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Reunity Resources

- 2nd Saturday of April–Oct.
- 9 am
- 1829 San Ysidro Crossing
- No winter events

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

The Santa Fe Indigenous Center distributes free bags of groceries and care bundles approximately every other week at 1420 Cerrillos Road. 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:

- Check Santa Fe Indigenous Center [web site](#) for current dates
- 9am - Prep Care Bundles
- 10am-noon Distribution
- 1420 Cerrillos Road
- Registration not necessary

- 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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