

Hunger

District 6-SE Cabinet Meeting

June 8, 2023

Hunger is one of the 8 Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) programs. A donation of \$100 can improve food access to 90 hungry people. LCIF can provide grants to food pantries for renovating buildings, purchasing vehicles to pick up donated food and purchasing office equipment.

LCIF is not the only source of help for local food pantries. Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado can provide U. S. Commodities, Senior Boxes and low-cost food for communities in Southeast Colorado. There are other organizations in Colorado that can help food pantries also. They can be found on-line.

If there is a food pantry in your community, it needs your help. Many Lions Clubs partner with a community food pantry. I suggest that local clubs pursue and maintain a partnership with the local food bank/pantry. If there is no food pantry in your community, I suggest starting one.

There is a food pantry in Calhan; a town of 850 people. The Pantry generally provides food for 1,800 client contacts each month. The Pantry offers a "Help Yourself Table" for clients. The "Help Yourself Table" requires no paperwork and is stocked with surplus food donations. Clients can come in and pick-up whatever they want from the table. In addition, the Pantry supplies clothing, small household items, pet food, hygiene products and a kind word to clients. Obviously, many people come to the Pantry from the surrounding area.

The full name of the Pantry is Eastern Plains Community Pantry (EPCP). The Pantry has a website and a Facebook account which can be accessed electronically. Better yet, come visit the Pantry. The Pantry is open to visitors in the morning 6 days a week or if you like, I can arrange a tour for you (719 351 4421). The EPCP phone number is 719 347 3062.

PCC Bob Selle, Hunger Chair, District 6-SE, EPCP Board Member