

# Laboratory employees donate more than \$50,000 to Santa Fe's Food Depot for hunger relief across Northern New Mexico

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The Laboratory concluded its first online-only Food Drive on April 10, and employees responded with true generosity, donating \$53,580 to help people in Northern New Mexico facing hardship because of the COVID-19 emergency.

Triad National Security, the Laboratory's management and operations contractor, contributed another \$10,000, bringing the grand total donated to nonprofit partner The Food Depot to \$63,580.

"The Food Depot is so grateful to be able to translate Los Alamos National Laboratory's support into meals for those experiencing hunger," said Sherry Hooper, executive

director of The Food Depot. "Such partnerships are truly what make our community stronger. Thank you to LANL and Triad National Security for demonstrating such commitment and concern."

Altogether, the money donated will provide more than 250,000 meals to people across Northern New Mexico.

The Food Depot provides essential hunger relief to the most vulnerable members of the community through a network of partners across Northern New Mexico. The organization is also offering staple food bags and fresh produce direct to families at drive-through food pantries that are open to the public.

"I am blown away by the participation from employees. It presents a great sense of togetherness to be able to look at the numbers and know that we made a difference," said Selena Valencia, who organized the drive. "I would bet that everyone knows someone who is unable to work due to the necessary restrictions right now. The employees' contributions will help The Food Depot as they cope with more demand than ever."

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