Missi Stone Southwest Region Administrator Bishop & Diocese of Colorado Episcopal Church

Dear Southwest Region,

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs was the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$2,400 to purchase a wood splitter for our firewood ministry.

This is a relatively new ministry for St. Patrick's and up until we received grant funding, we had to rent a wood splitter at significant cost for each wood bank work day.

The splitter was purchased immediately upon receipt of grant funds and was utilized all summer long on our wood bank work days. Last winter we distributed all the firewood we gathered, cut and split. The recipients of the firewood were grateful to be able to heat their homes and stay warm and toasty during the cold winter months.

This summer, the gathering, cutting and splitting continues, and we have accumulated over six cords of firewood to distribute to those in need this winter. Not only has this benefited the needy in our community, but the ministry has grown into a robust parish gathering, including labor, food, fellowship and is a gratifying ministry for St. Patrick's volunteers.

Thank you Southwest Region for helping us grow this very important ministry!

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

