

Fresh Mobile Food Pantry Grant Report

Southwest Region of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

Submitted by the Partnership of the Episcopal Church in Gunnison Valley

All Saints in the Mountains, Crested Butte & Church of the Good Samaritan, Gunnison

The Fresh Mobile Food Pantry began distributions on May 16, 2026 and will distribute food through October 25, 2026. Through August 15, 2026, the Fresh Mobile Pantry served 515 individuals – about 37 per week. We anticipate serving over 1,000 people by October 25, 2026.

The Partnership of the Episcopal Church provided volunteer staffing of 80 hours consisting of 4 hours/Saturday for 20 Saturdays. We have had six volunteers so far this year: Chris Coady, Sean McCormick, Dave Sleightholm, Diane Clark, Rev. John Reese, and Rev. Laura Osborne from the two churches.

A Spanish language interpreter, Nic Easley, paid through the grant worked with our volunteers and provided additional hours weighing and preparing the food that would be distributed each week.

The Partnership distributed the \$7,000 grant from the SW Region to the Food Pantry within one month of receipt, plus additional funds from the churches of \$3,000. In August, both churches made their additional contributions of \$2,500 for All Saints in the Mountains and \$2,500 for Good Samaritan, providing additional funding for food purchases for the latter half of the distributions.

The Gunnison Country Food Pantry has informed the Partnership that all grant funds were spent or will be spent on the Fresh Mobile Pantry. This year, the Fresh Mobile Pantry has focused on distributing more fresh produce and culturally relevant foods like tortillas, lentils, and ethnic herbs.

The Partnership of the Episcopal Church in Gunnison Valley consisting of All Saints in the Mountains, Crested Butte and The Church of the Good Samaritan, Gunnison, appreciates the funding, the opportunity to provide a meaningful ministry to our parishioners, including our seasonal parishioners, and to know and love our neighbors who are very different from us.

From the Gunnison Country Food Pantry

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sam Shelafo <admin@gunnisoncountryfoodpantry.org>

Date: August 19, 2026 at 9:48:21 AM MDT

To: Laura Osborne <laura@allsaintsinthemountains.org>

Subject: Re: Fresh Mobile Pantry numbers

Hi Laura,

Some Mobile Pantry stats as of 8.15.2026

Total number served: 515

Children: 119

Adults 18-59: 266

Adults 60+: 130

Average amount of food distributed/week: 404 pounds

Estimate of total pounds distributed YTD: 5,649

Weeks completed in the program: 14

Weeks left in the program: 10

To put this in comparison, we are on track to look more like we did in 2024.

I estimate that we will serve just under 880 individuals by the end of the program, compared to 961 in 2024. We are giving out more food/week than we did in 2024 or 2025. And our total food distributed will be just under 10,000 pounds, exceeding both 2024 and 2025 by 2,000 pounds.

I don't expect us to have funds left over, but if we do, I will make a point to purchase culturally relevant foods with the remaining funds. Volunteers will start to see that we are able to purchase more variety and culturally relevant foods for Mobile Pantry. In addition to lots of fresh produce, things like cheese, meat, and tortillas are also being distributed.

Cheers,

Sam

Pictures speak louder than words:



Recipients shop the pantry filled with fresh produce, milk, eggs, cheese and limited staples. Each recipient receives about \$15-\$20 of food per visit. Weekly, we distribute about 475 lbs of food. Our Hispanic neighbors that we serve asked not to be photographed.