

# Capital News-- February 13, 2023

## **Caring for God's House - Together**



### Help Wanted

#### Physically Strong Bodies Needed

Storehouse West (SHW) has opportunities for you to help your community! If you can lift heavy boxes, you can fit in an extra workout by helping unload the delivery truck on Wednesdays from 8am to 12pm. And there's two more opportunities to help, because two

### **Storehouse West**

Storehouse West (SHW) is a local ministry near and dear to the hearts of RRPC. It has its roots in our congregation, its first official location being in a closet here in our building. It grew from our desire to serve our neighbors in the community and grew from there into the Storehouse West we have today.

Storehouse West was created to help alleviate poverty throughout Sandoval County. On March 19, 1992, an incorporating Board of Directors signed papers to establish Storehouse West as a non-profit corporation to provide assistance to people are needed to work in the food pantry on Wednesdays from 10:30am to 4pm and on Fridays from 9am to 1pm. For people wanting to help kids, there is the Kids Closet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 9:30am. If you see yourself in any of these roles, please call 505.892.2077 for more information / to sign up. SHW is located at 1030-F Veranda Dr., and they thank you!

#### Donate Boys' Jeans, Sizes 5-10, Toothbrushes and Bar Soap

We are collecting toothbrushes (especially children's) for a special distribution through the Kids' Closet during March. The Kids' Closet also needs boys' jeans, size 5-10. And bring in bar soap! This basic hygiene item is one they try to provide (along with toothpaste and toilet paper). Please put all Storehouse donations in the brown mission box between the front doors. Thank you,

Storehouse West Email : 1030-F Veranda Dr. SE

#### storehousewest@storehousewest.org

Rio Rancho, NM 87124 505-892-2077

### Facebook: Storehouse West

Hours of Operation Monday 9:00am - 1:30pm Monday & Friday 9:30-12:30 Friday 9:00am - 1:30pm

#### **Board of Directors**

Kathy Westmoreland, Chair Shelly Havill , Vice Chair Misty Schuck, Treasurer Claudia Rhodus, Secretary Rev. Geleta Smith, Member John Brant, Member Codi Hanson, Member Dan Selph, Member Shantel Cross, Alternate residents of Rio Rancho and surrounding communities. (Financial gifts are tax deductible.)

Storehouse West opened for business at its current Veranda Drive location in May of that year and is a member of the Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce, active in their Non-Profit Alliance.

Storehouse West serves individuals and families who are residents of Sandoval County and meet the federal income guidelines for lowmoderate income households.

Storehouse West can supply registered households with a food package once a month. In addition to the food pantry, Storehouse West also has a Kids Clothing Closet that serves children from newborn to 18 years-old. Through the support of civic, religious and service organizations, supportive residents and businesses, Storehouse West provides non-perishable food to those in need. With their Road Runner partnership and EFSP and United Way support, dairy products, meats and other fresh food are purchased to add to the canned and boxed foods.

We partner with organizations, businesses, churches and community groups for food drives, coat drives and work days. RRPC Deacons donate \$200/month for water bill assistance.

"Storehouse West is one place where you can see, hear, and experience the spirit of Christmas year round. For each week, volunteers (who are deeply devoted to our

mission) give food, but also dignity" observes board chairman Rev. Kathy Westmoreland of Rio Rancho Presbyterian. "They offer concern for their neighbors with the bag of groceries. It is God with us. A reminder of if you want to find the face of Christ, you look among those for whom God has a special concern -- those who do not have the necessities of life, those who struggle each month to live. I saw God with us, in the hands, and feet, and voices of the volunteers. Each exchange was holy, each turkey or ham a sign of God's care for us all."

Storehouse West is led by Jacqueline Villaescusa, the Executive Director, and Deb Bock, Assistant to the Executive Director. But the essential work of interacting with clients and distributing food and clothing is done through the hard work of many volunteers.

### Thank you for your support!

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