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### **Local business supports The Food Depot with special donation**

SANTA FE — With the increased need for food assistance during the COVID-19 public health crisis, local business Big Jo True Value Hardware has made a donation of \$5,000 and 1,500 paper bags to The Food Depot on May 5.

“The Food Depot is so grateful for the support of local businesses like Big Jo’s. They have been a community partner and neighbor of The Food Depot for decades, and they are stepping up even more during the public health crisis when even more people are in need,” Jill Dixon, director of development for The Food Depot, said.

The monetary support is the equivalent of 20,000 meals and the paper bags are necessities for The Food Depot’s no-contact mobile food pantries. The bags will support at least three food distributions.

“Big Jo has always been involved with the community and now more than ever, is a good time to reach out and help those in need! We are all in this together,” Ron and Rick C de Baca, owners of Big Jo True Value Hardware, said in a recent email to The Food Depot. The C de Baca family has owned Big Jo’s, located on Siler Road, since 1983.

The Food Depot, as northern New Mexico's only food bank, is considered an "essential business" under the expanded "stay at home" order issued on March 23, 2020, by Gov. Michelle Lujan-Grisham. The Food Depot will continue to welcome volunteers and operate in order to provide critical food supplies to the most vulnerable members of our community until directed otherwise. Visit [www.thefooddepot.org](http://www.thefooddepot.org) to learn more about supporting The Food Depot during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

### **About The Food Depot**

The Food Depot fosters healthy communities by engaging a network of partners and developing solutions to create a hunger-free northern New Mexico. As the food bank for nine counties, The Food Depot provides hunger relief to over 34,500 people experiencing hunger. The Food Depot addresses the crisis of hunger through a combination of three direct service programs and support of a network of over 145 partner nonprofit programs. Each month, The Food Depot provides more than 440,000 meals to people in need — the most vulnerable of our community — children, seniors, working families, and those in ill health.

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