



The Bridge Emergency Shelter,
Transitional Housing & Day Labor

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SPECIAL THANKS

Every year the Bridge holds a Volunteer Appreciation dinner to honor our volunteers who give their time to serve dinner, maintain the grounds, enter data, maintain the building, and perform many other tasks. Many organizations gave gift cards and merchandise to give to the volunteers.

We are grateful to the following:

- IFA
- Western Slope Realty-Century 21 (Jo Ann Cauley)
- State Farm Insurance-(Katrina Weiss)
- Ranchito Grocery/Restaurant
- Farm Bistro
- Tequila's Restaurant
- Slavens
- Allen Theatres
- Conquistador Golf Club
- Four States Tire & Service
- Denny's Restaurant
- Loop's Coffee House & Bistro

Non-profit organizations rely on volunteers and community support to be successful in our mission. We are thankful for the support we have received since 2006.

To volunteer, contact us at director@thebridgeshelter.com

The shelter will open at 6:00 pm on October 21 to provide overnight shelter, laundry/shower services, meals, laundry soap, hygiene products and clothing to those who come to our door. We will ensure a safe environment using trauma informed care as not to retraumatize people and a person-centered approach, so the person receives the resources they ask for. Everyone will have equal opportunity to participate in Day Labor and apply for Transitional Housing.

The Bridge is accepting donations for the 2024/2025 shelter season. Items needed:

- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Pine sol
- Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Rice, Beans
- 30 and 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- AA, AAA Batteries
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Chili beans
- Other food items
- Gloves, hats, hand warmers
- Warm clothing, warm shoes
- Blankets

We receive in-kind donations from Southwest Memorial Hospital, St. Barnabas Church, United Methodist Church, Rock Springs, First Assembly of God, Church of the Nazarene, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Margaret Mary Church, ESEU College, Girl Scouts, Osprey, Deb's Hiking Group, and many individuals from Cortez, Mancos, Dolores, Telluride, and Dove Creek.

The Bridge Day Labor Program will operate year-round making connection between those looking for short-term employment and those needing short-term help. Our Day Labor Coordinator, Nancy Johnson works out in the field searching for short-term and long-term employment. She is connected to Fort Lewis College and has helped people with grant research and college applications. In 2023/2024 she worked with 243 unique individuals and connected people with 190 community members who needed help. To reach Nancy call (970)880-4661.

