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**Albertsons Companies Foundation awards \$4,000  
to Casa de Peregrinos**

Las Cruces NM –

Casa de Peregrinos has long been aware that food insecurity, which is the lack of reliable access to sufficient quantities of affordable nutritious food, is a common problem at colleges and universities across the country and in our community. Hunger can undermine the educational success of a student. Students who experience food insecurity are often also suffering from housing insecurity, both of which have a negative impact on a student's education.

In 2016, Casa de Peregrinos launched a Student Pantry project in collaboration with Dona Ana Community College in an effort to combat hunger at their campuses. The project has been so successful that for the first time, Casa de Peregrinos has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Albertsons Companies Foundation to offset the costs to our two Student Pantries for the year. So far in 2017, the student pantries have distributed 682 orders of groceries, serving an average of 114 client families every month.

The Student Pantries operate the fourth Friday of each month from 9:00AM-12:00PM at the Dona Ana Community College located at 3400 S. Espina St, Las Cruces NM 88001 and the East Mesa Campus located at 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88011.

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