

Mission Statement: La Puente is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Colorado's San Luis Valley by providing emergency shelter, food assistance, homeless prevention, community outreach, and job readiness training for the homeless and local community members in crisis. La Puente endeavors to meet immediate needs and empower people to live independently with dignity.

Key Programs and Projects:

1. Emergency Shelter Home
  - a. Domestic Violence Safe House Services
  - b. Soup Kitchen Community Meal Project
2. Adelante Family Resource Center
  - a. Family Support Services
  - b. Colorado Community Response
  - c. Working Together Initiative
  - d. Over the Rainbow Apartments
  - e. Permanent Supportive Housing
3. Outreach Homeless Prevention Center
4. Rural Outreach Initiative
5. Positive Activities Lead to Success (PALS)
6. Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley
  - a. Gleaning Project
  - b. Monthly Commodities Project
7. Valley Educational Gardens Initiative (VEGI)
  - a. Garden-in-a-Box Project
  - b. Boyd Community Garden
  - c. Summer Garden Camps
  - d. Alamosa Elementary School  
Garden and Class lessons
  - e. Valley Wide garden projects
8. Community Education Program
  - a. Church presentations
  - b. Fundraisers and Events
  - c. Immersion Tours
9. Volunteer Coordination Program
  - a. Work Groups
  - b. Service Learning Projects
10. Social Enterprises
  - a. 3 Rainbow's End Thrift Stores
  - b. Milagros Coffeehouse
  - c. Hunt Avenue Antique Boutique
11. Rethreads Free Clothing Resource Center

Year Founded: La Puente was founded in 1982

# of paid staff: 48 full-time and 5 part-time

# of volunteers: 26 long-term service volunteers who committed a year of service, helping at the front lines of La Puente’s programs. 28 work groups from 19 churches and 19 schools, equaling a total of 49 individuals who helped with a variety of service learning projects for La Puente.

Geographic area served: The San Luis Valley region is comprised of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties.

2018 Statistical Profile:

SHELTER

Individuals Sheltered	615
Shelter Night Stays	11,238
Community Meals	48,180

ADELANTE

Households	127
Household members	423

OUTREACH

Jan-July 2018 assists	1,358
Aug-Dec 2018 people	1,371
Veterans	164

RURAL OUTREACH

Rural Households	48
Household members	59
Veterans	28

PALS

Children enrolled	50
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FOOD BANK NETWORK

Individuals	12,183
Households	4,558
Meals distributed	344,088
Food Drives	69
Lbs. from Food Drives	18,229
Lbs. from Gleaning	6,083

VEGI

Youth engaged	1,200
Lbs. of produce grown	1,200
Garden volunteers	111
Garden volunteer hours	360