

## **UPDATES FROM LEADERSHIP—March 2025**

Leadership has an objective of improving communication with our non-English speaking neighbors.

- We have four Pocketalk devices that allow voice and text bilingual communication in 82 languages. They are very useful in the for volunteers in the parking lot, the pantry and registration. If you want to try one out, check with registration.
- We have established a new phone line for Spanish speakers that will give us real time, live interpretation. Phone number is 970-610-0993.

Many of our neighbors are concerned, frightened, confused and unsure in the current environment of announced deportation of illegal immigrants.

- We do not and will not ask for immigration status of our neighbors.
- Sheridan School District No. 2 has established a policy that will only permit immigration personnel on school premises with a signed judicial warrant (not an administrative warrant). As the District owns the Sheridan Recreation Center and surrounding grounds, this policy applies to the areas in which we operate.
- We are continuing to monitor and follow guidelines from the school district and Food Bank of the Rockies.
- In the unlikely event that you are approached by border patrol or immigration control and enforcement agents during our pantry operations, please direct them to Beth, Stephanie or one of the other leadership team members. Saying “I don’t know” or “I can’t answer that” is perfectly okay.
- We have a supply of wallet sized “red cards,” which are available to all neighbors and volunteers. These explain, in English and Spanish, the rights of every person in the United States, whether citizen or non-citizen.
- Your safety comes first!