



LLFD & VFW Post 9676
Food Box Distribution

In June 2018, the Los Lunas Fire Department (LLFD) opened its newest fire station, located at 465 Vallejos Lane, west of Interstate 25. The station was built thanks to voter-approved \$5.79 million General Obligation Bond. The new equipment for the station arrived in September and October 2018. Every year for 20 plus years, the LLFD has distributed food boxes to needy families in Los Lunas just prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Prior to Thanksgiving 2018, Vivian Lujan

gave VFW Post 9676 a call. She asked if our Post would be willing to identify at least 6 needy and worthy families that could use a food box during the holidays. She said that these food boxes would be free of any charge and that we could deliver them ourselves if we choose to do so. Each year the LLFD raises the funds to pay for these food and boxes by collection donations from LLFD employees and from public contributions. We were elated to join the LLFD in this worthwhile long-running endeavor/project. Each box is valued at around \$50 to \$60, so our members voted to donate the cost of the 6 food boxes to the LLFD and to distribute the boxes ourselves. This is the kind of Community Service projects for which VFW Post 9676 exists. We participated in LLFD's 2019 box distribution and promise to continue partnering with the LLFD in the future. We hope that we can assist the LLFD to possibly expand the project from around 100 to 200 families. Thank you Los Lunas Fire Department for allowing us to partner with you and to participate in this fantastic project.

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