



hope for a better life

Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families, Inc.

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New Hair brushes
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Hygiene products
Pots and Pans
Paper products
Car seats and strollers and
play pens (Pack and plays)
Laundry detergent and
cleaning supplies
Luggage and back packs
Journals and notebooks

If you wish to donate items other than the above, please call 505.474.5536 to see if we currently need them.

From the desk of Sherry Taylor, Executive Director

On January 6th, a wonderful event took place in Santa Fe! Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families celebrated the ground breaking ceremony for our new Service Center and Administration Building and hosted a reception sponsored by Pranzo Italian Grill.

The groundbreaking was especially amazing because we have anticipated this day for nearly a decade. Several years ago, way before my time, the staff and Board of Esperanza, state and local representatives and community members came together with a dream to create a much larger and permanent home for Esperanza. A place where we could enhance all of the services we provide to families breaking away from the cycle of violence in their homes. The plan had to be solid because it would need to be presented to the New Mexico State Legislature for Capital funds. Over a four year period, time and again, requests were submitted to the state and accumulative funding was granted for our new building. We had the money! No, we did not. State non donation laws prohibit non-profits from owning state funded projects. Now we need a fiscal agent in the form of Local Government for this funding. Santa Fe County stepped up to the plate, to support this mission. Now, where would we build? And the City of Santa Fe offered the land at 3130 Rufina Street where the ground breaking took place on January 6, 2011!

photo courtesy of Sharon Ebert



from left to right: Board President: Karla Quintana, City Councilwoman Pattie Bushee, Past Presidents: Mary Chavez & Ellie Edelstein, Executive Director: Sherry Taylor, Gov. Martinez, Chuck, Representative: Jim Trujillo, County Commissioner: Virginia Vigil, Senator: Nancy Rodriguez and Police Chief Aric Wheeler

The groundbreaking - Was truly a time to celebrate and thank everyone who made this journey a reality. So many people came to honor this event; community supporters, past and present Board members and staff, City of Santa Fe officials, Mayor Coss and Councilwoman Patti Bushee, County Commissioner Virginia Vigil, and Past Commissioner Harry Montoya, Representative Jim Trujillo, Senator Nancy Rodriguez and the newly elected Governor Susanna Martinez and her husband, Chuck! Golden shovels adorned with purple ribbons, supplied by our county project management team were poised and ready for 13 supporters and dignitaries to scoop the first shovel of dirt. The crowd headed off to Pranzo Italian Grill for an evening of celebration sponsored by our loyal friend and owner of Pranzo, Michael O'Reilly.

The new building will continue to house all of the services currently provide; crisis intervention and prevention which includes, 21 groups for survivors and offenders on a weekly basis, a child therapist who sees an average of 20 children weekly, outreach and education, a volunteer program and administrative support. All of Esperanza's services are free of charge, except for court ordered offenders.

"Building Hope"

Coming Soon, New Look and New Location!

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Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families proudly shares with you the journey of our new Service Center being constructed. The new location is 3130 Rufina Street, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

It has been a process in the making for quite some time, but true reflection of what we stand for we never lost hope!

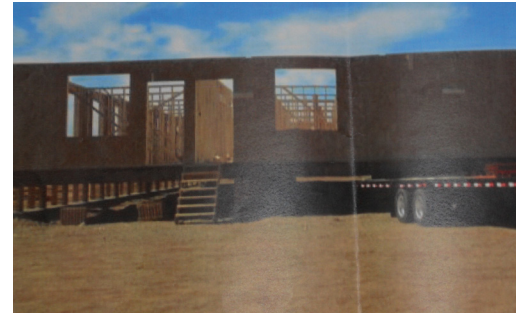


photo courtesy of Cristine Johnson

Purchase a brick to honor a loved one, show your support or immortalize an event and help build The Walk of Hope – a pathway to peace. Engraved with three lines, 14 characters each, \$50. Contact: www.esperanzashelter.org

“A Year Or So In The Life of New Mexico” a photo journal reflecting the real New Mexico, showing the diversity of our state will be available hardback and soft cover. All profits of this generous endeavor benefit Esperanza. Contact: www.ayearorsonm.com/



Residents Benefit From Community's Generosity

Once again the generosity of the Santa Fe Community has expressed itself in the latest program aimed at supporting local non-profits including Esperanza. Capitol Chalmers Ford Lincoln Dealership has launched a program whereby each time a vehicle is purchased, new or used – each time a service is performed by their Quick Lanes Division or service departments, donations will be made to the customer's charity of choice. They project a minimum of \$100,000 being divided by the local Santa Fe community of non-profit organizations.

Acoma Optical has a no strings attached donation for selected charities in their Vision For Santa Fe project. Owners, Brian and Cyndi Boddy are donating eye exams, lenses and frames to our resident families. Emergency repair and assistance is also available through their generous gift. What an amazingly wonderful idea the Boddy's have to share their good fortune and skills with those who might otherwise be unable to move forward with the best vision and eyewear to help them succeed in their new lives.

Esperanza residents can receive free care for dental injuries sustained due to domestic violence thanks to Dr. Richard Parker and his generous team of providers. At The Dental Design Studio our residents can enjoy the gift of dental repair and reconstruction which will further empower them in their new lives. This service will help them with self-esteem on job interviews so vital to their rejoining the workforce and their communities. What an incredible gift!

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Amazing Community Support

Esperanza Shelter continues to be astounded at the outpouring of donations from our Santa Fe community year round!

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of the organizations around town who truly made a difference in the lives of our clients. The Santa Fe Fire Department who brought in toys by the truck load!! To Sunflower, we thank you for all your continuous support!! We fed the masses thanks to American Spirit Tobacco, because of you we were able to provide complete dinners to our clients. The children were delighted by the abundance of shoes donated by On Your Little Feet, the smiles truly warmed our hearts! To our amazing group of knitters who ensured no one would go without a hat, scarf or mittens we appreciate you!!

For several years Thornburg Investment, Los Alamos National Bank and NDI have sponsored the most amazing Christmas Parties and wonderful gifts for families from Esperanza Shelter and St. Elizabeth's Shelter! Over a hundred homeless families benefit from the generosity of these companies and their employees.

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Editor's note: We have made our best effort to list all of our holiday donors in this article. If your name or organization was somehow excluded, we sincerely apologize and send our deepest thanks for your support.



*above picture: Santa Fe Fire Department
below: Cynthia Beiber, Jerry Trujillo, Elaine Cravens Santa, Sherry Taylor,
Karla Quintana, Michelle Montoya*

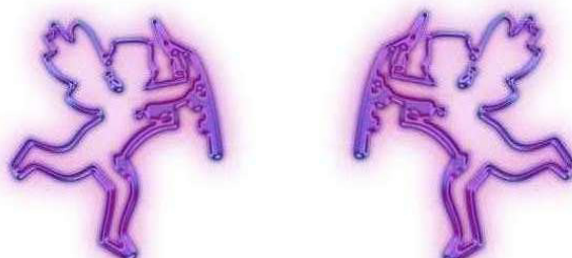


Cupid Consider This

His back is straight, his arms are taut, he's about to release. . .his fingers slip off the string with perfect precision and the arrow flies. . .

"Straight through the heart" as Jon Bon Jovi would say. Cupid's arrow, aiming for my heart on this, yet another Valentine's Day, when my lover, my children, my parents, friends – my greatest devotees express their love.

"How do I love thee, let me count the ways" Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Way number one; a box of chocolates. I love chocolate no doubt about that, but another couple of pounds and that risk of elevating the old cholesterol count. . .hmmmm. Or way number two, a dozen red roses? I love flowers but a gift that wilts and dies in a week's time hardly seems the fitting reflection of our love.



Okay all you Romeo's and Juliet's out there. . .is it gonna be a romantic dinner at Pranzo or a soak at Ten Thousand Waves? Or have you considered pausing long enough to think about it and to express your love this year for that special someone by going beyond the box of Walmart chocolates. Cupid, consider this. Give that lasting gift – a gift of hope that lives on forever. Give a donation to Esperanza Shelter in the name of your truly love. A gift as sincere and heartfelt as your love. A gift to Esperanza will add hope – not pounds, life – not wilting. Cupid, consider this and be my Valentine.



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“domestic violence is everyone’s business.”

Things you should know

FRIEND US - on Facebook – we’re having a fun time. Keep up on the latest happenings by making Esperanza Shelter “your friend”.

Check out www.esperanzashelter.org – We’ve added a calendar

The Third Annual “Oscar’s Party” – an outrageously conceived event, you won’t want to miss. A three course dinner benefit for The Esperanza Shelter sponsored by Calvin Fields is set for February 27th – Rio Chama Steakhouse - 5:30 till midnight. Reservations required, 505.577.2214. Sponsorship opportunities available.

First Volunteer Training of the New Year

On January 22, 2011 was the first Volunteer training of the new year and it was phenomenal! With a group of about 20 new comers ready to roll up their sleeves to become more insightful of the world that is a volunteer at Esperanza. Advanced Training will be February 25 & 26.

We would like to thank the local restaurants around town who are so generous in their donations which allows us to feed our volunteers. Dino’s Pizza thank you for the yummy pizza! Java Joe’s we were able to keep everyone awake and alert so thank you. New York Deli, thank you for your kind generosity! Piccolino’s your support is truly appreciated. It is because of all of you and others we are able to provide food for our trainings.

Dear Valued Supporters and Donors,

We need to change some processes concerning donations made to Esperanza. These changes are due to current and projected budget cuts to our operations. We have amended our ‘donor form’ to include Thank You to our most valued donors. This change will result in saving money in current postage costs, supplies and staffing hours. The new donor form is enclosed for your review and immediate use as needed for tax purposes.

The Santa Fe Community is a wonderful source of donations and assistance to Esperanza. We are excited to be partnering with St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Shop who will take all clothing donations, as Esperanza’s limited resources are unable to accommodate. St. Vincent De Paul also assists those in need with utility and housing costs throughout the Santa Fe area in which many of our clients benefit. In these times, many people find themselves without the ability to stay warm and having shelter. Your donations can be transformed into these gifts. At this time, we ask that you take all clothing donations to St. Vincent De Paul at 1088 Early Street, as unfortunately, Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families will no longer be able to accept clothing donations. See our current ‘Wish List’.