Welcome Marco Maina, Executive Director

The board of directors of the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico (SHC-NM) is pleased to announce the hiring of Marco Maina as its new executive director. “We anticipate Marco will help us raise the effectiveness of SHC-NM to a new level,” states Steve King, president of the board of directors.

A non-profit leader with 31 years of experience in organizational and community development, Marco has made significant contributions to improve quantity and quality of life of children, senior citizens, and families. “Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico has impacted the lives of thousands of people and will continue to bring hope to those affected by the lack of adequate and affordable housing. I feel honored to work with a highly dedicated board of directors and staff. I am eager to reach out to those who believe that every person should have access to decent and affordable shelter,” expresses Marco, I have seen people affected by homelessness since the earlier years of my childhood. I understand homelessness to be a very complex situation that requires multiple approaches targeting each population segment. Homelessness will not be solved by one person or one organization. It requires the whole community to work together to prevent and eliminate homelessness.”

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Larry's life has often been filled with uncertainty. The son of an alcoholic father, his family was constantly moving because his father would always lose his job. Larry also had his own substance abuse and mental health issues. When his mom passed away in 1992, he was "three years clean and sober" but found himself wondering why he was staying in his home state of New Jersey. He took a leap of faith and headed out west to New Mexico, a place he had visited several times with his sister. "I always wanted to bring my mom here." he explains.

Larry worked in construction for several years before finally finding his niche as a building facilities engineer. He bought a house, had a girlfriend, and life was looking good. Unfortunately, an injury propelled him into the use of drug therapy, an intervention that resulted in Larry returning to substance abuse after 13 years of sobriety.

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SHC-NM Seeking Board Members

SHC-NM is currently recruiting members for its 2016 Board of Directors. Board members serve as leaders and advocates for SHC-NM and plan for the organization's long and short term future.

When you donate your time to SHC-NM you are part of the team dedicated to preventing and reducing homelessness for people with behavioral health issues in New Mexico.

Please send your letter of inquiry and bio or resume to Marco Maina, Executive Director:
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"Then I got in with the wrong bunch of people at work," he explains, "I started doing drugs and ended up losing everything." Larry lost all his savings, his girlfriend, and his house. A suicide attempt landed him in the hospital and it is from there that he was able to get into crisis housing through SHC-NM. "When I got to crisis housing I started dragging myself to AA every day. I treated it like a job and it was also a sanctuary."

"Crisis housing saved my life."
~Larry

From crisis housing, Larry spent 18 months at Albuquerque Rescue Mission where he was able to continue his journey towards sobriety. "I am currently seven years clean and sober."

Now Larry is permanently housed through SHC-NM’s Tenant Based Rental Assistance voucher program. Despite his long history of mental illness and substance abuse, Larry has managed to stay clean and sober by attending AA and meetings at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). He maintains a healthy, vegetarian diet and exercises regularly by bicycling. He is an active member of SHC-NM’s Tenant Advisory Committee. "Crisis housing saved my life," states Larry.

2016 Spring 20/20 Challenge

SHC-NM turns 20 this year! Stay tuned to see how you can help us celebrate and end homelessness with permanent, supportive housing!

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"We all know when a person, overwhelmed by personal loss, becomes homeless," continues Maina, "for the first few days we will notice him or her standing on a street corner holding a sign. Afterwards, we become insensitive and that person becomes invisible to our eyes. I want us to see each homeless person as a human being who has a name, history, and potential. I want us to make them visible and I want us to celebrate each small step that is taken towards recovery."

Maina served as center director of the YMCA of Pawtucket, branch executive director of the YMCA of Greater Providence, community development executive of the YMCA of Greater Houston, executive director of the Greater Toronto Habitat for Humanity, and executive director of the Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity. He holds a master’s degree in Human Services from Springfield College, MA and a graduate diploma in Sports Management from Concordia University, Quebec - Canada.