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Coalition on a Mission

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SHC-NM Kicks Off Year-End Campaign



I have always tried to do the right thing. I tried to work to help my family out. I tried to keep the family home after my mom and grandma died. But I couldn't keep up the mortgage payments. You see, when I was 19

years old, my 16 year old neighbor was shot and killed through the windshield of the car I was driving. I had no idea then the impact this would have on me for the rest of my life. I thought I was okay. When I got diagnosed with PTSD, it all made sense to me. But I still couldn't work and I was living out of my car.

I've been very lucky. I found these apartments through SHC. They called me and said "Come on in, we have a place for you." I was so relieved. I had so many false starts. Now I feel so blessed and I want to help others by sharing my story.

~ Johnny

Today, Johnny is stably housed and can focus on getting well and helping others. Because of our mission to prevent and reduce homelessness, Johnny's story has a happy ending. But there are many others who are not as fortunate. With your continued support, we can make homelessness a thing of the past for many more people with disabilities or behavioral health disorders, people who simply need a little help overcoming barriers to obtaining housing.

In this season of giving, would you consider a year-end gift to SHC-NM? Your donation of \$100 will:

- ◆ Pay the utilities for a family for one month or an individual for two months
- ◆ Provide supportive services for an individual or family for one month
- ◆ Help us welcome 4 individuals or 1 family to their new home with a Welcome Home gift basket of household necessities

We hope you will invest in the coalition of people and organizations committed to ending homelessness - permanently. Thank you for your generosity!

You can donate to SHC-NM at bit.ly/donateshc or mail your donation to SHC-NM, P.O. Box 27459, Albuquerque, NM 87125.

Giving Tuesday NM



The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is **Giving Tuesday**, a global day of giving. The social media movement is based on the annual events of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. With Giving Tuesday, instead of shopping, we are encouraged to donate, volunteer, or advocate for the causes we believe in. SHC-NM is part of the statewide coalition of GivingTuesdayNM. This year's Giving Tuesday is November 29th and kicks off our year-end giving campaign. You can follow the movement by entering #GivingTuesdayNM on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

If you are receiving this after November 29th, it's not too late to support SHC-NM! You can donate at bit.ly/donateshc or check out our volunteer opportunities at bit.ly/shcnmvolunteer.

U.S. Bank awards SHC-NM \$5,000 Grant



Casey Bresnahan, left, presented the check to Laurie Frappier and Steve Ross on October 19th, 2016



U.S. Bank has awarded Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico a \$5,000 grant for its Housing First! The Key is Housing Service-Learning and Community Outreach Programs. SHC-NM will use the funds to educate students and the larger community about the issue of homelessness and the Housing First intervention for ending homelessness.

SHC-NM has been housing people since 1996 and introduced the Housing First approach to New Mexico in 2005. Housing First is the nationally recognized, evidence-based approach that first houses people experiencing homelessness and then provides supportive services to ensure housing stability. Housing First is a proven intervention that is not only the most compassionate, permanent solution to ending homelessness, it also creates stronger communities and safer neighborhoods while saving the community money.

Thank you U.S. Bank for your continued support!

Amy Biehl High School Needs Your Donations

Students at Amy Biehl high school are still collecting donations until December 2nd to create "Move-in Day" baskets for newly housed clients. Many of SHC-NM clients are moving into their apartments after prolonged episodes of homelessness and literally have nothing but the clothes on their backs. The baskets provide a much needed supply of everyday household items to help get the individuals or families started in their new home.

The basket project started last year as part of the "Housing First! The Key is Housing" Service-Learning Project sponsored by U.S. Bank. SHC-NM partners with Albuquerque schools, community groups, and churches in an effort to educate the community about homelessness and the Housing First approach to ending homelessness. Housing First is a nationally recognized intervention that rapidly houses people experiencing homelessness and then provides wrap-around services to support long term housing stability.



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