



Coalition on a Mission

a monthly newsletter of the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico

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SHC-NM Celebrates 20 Years of “bringing people home”

SHC-NM has been preventing and reducing homelessness in New Mexico since 1996 and we thought that was a great reason to celebrate. Over 150 friends of the organization attended the event, held Oct. 13th at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, including government, community, and business leaders as well as our partners and funders. Sponsored in part by Hinkle & Landers, P.C. and the City of Albuquerque Department of Family & Community Services, the event showcased the impact SHC-NM has had on the community and in the lives of people experiencing homelessness.

City Councilman Isaac Benton presented long-time former executive director, Mark Allison with the Visionary Leadership award for his achievements in developing affordable and permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. John Ames and DeAnna Leggett were honored for their distinguished service to SHC-NM. SHC-NM’s founding partners from 1996 were also recognized for their continued partnership.

A special feature of the evening was the premiere of a video prepared especially for SHC-NM by the students of CNM’s Integration of Film and Digital Media class as part of Project Awareness. Project Awareness is an initiative of Leadership Albuquerque, in partnership with Share New Mexico and CNM, which was developed to increase public awareness of the services offered by non-profit organizations. You can view the video at bit.ly/shcvideo.

“Providing housing is the best way to combat homelessness,” states Steve Ross, SHC-NM Executive Director, “We are so pleased we were able to celebrate this accomplishment with our partners, friends, and community.”

See more photos at www.shcnm.org/photo-gallery/.




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PNM awards SHC-NM \$5,000 Grant



Joscelyn Huffmaster, director of property & asset management accepts the PNM award on behalf of SHC on Oct. 20, 2016.



Fund A division of the PNM Resources Foundation

PNM Resources Foundation has awarded Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico a \$5,000 grant as part of the 2016 Reduce Your Use grants. SHC-NM will utilize the funds to replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs at SHC-NM owned and managed apartment units. SHC-NM, a leader in affordable and supportive housing, pays all utility costs for residents which enables the tenant to maintain their housing on a limited income. Decreasing energy costs will allow SHC-NM to decrease operational expenses and free up funds to provide additional and improved supportive services for at-risk individuals and families. Thank you PNM for helping us reduce and prevent homelessness!

Amy Biehl High School Kicks Off Donation Drive



Clockwise from top left: 1. Daniela Ramos prepares social media for project; 2. Prepping donation boxes; 3. Baskets from last year's project; 4. A thankful client, Mickey and Housing Specialist, Tillie

Amy Biehl High School students have a long tradition of service to the community. This year, the students have partnered with Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico in a service project that will directly benefit SHC-NM clients. Led by Daniela Ramos, a senior at the high school, students will be collecting donations from now 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.

The students at Amy Biehl are divided into advisory groups and each group has been assigned an item to collect from October 24 - December 2. "There's some competition involved too," explains Ramos, "we'll be tracking each advisory's efforts and awarding prizes to the group that collects the most donations." SHC-NM AmeriCorps VISTA, Jen Bear, is assisting the group with the project.

Ramos hopes to create excitement for the donation drive through social media (see the event page on Facebook at bit.ly/ABHSevent), weekly updates to students, and the use of progress thermometers for each group. She hopes the community will also help by either donating items (see below) or monetary donations at bit.ly/ABHSdonations.

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"Housing First! The Key is Housing" is sponsored in part by



Move-in Day Basket Needed Items

- ◆ Laundry Basket
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrush
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Comb
- ◆ Brush
- ◆ Washcloths
- ◆ Pillow cases
- ◆ Plastic Cups
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ◆ Fabuloso
- ◆ Lysol antibacterial cleaner
- ◆ Windex
- ◆ Paper Towel
- ◆ Non disposable plates