

## SHC Welcomes People Home Every Day



SHC welcomes people home nearly every day – and some days that is more challenging than others. In December we started receiving referrals for the most vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals and families in New Mexico. One of those referrals was Renee, a single woman with a health disability who had been living in her tent for two years. Growing up, she was in and out of foster care system due to her mother’s chemical dependency; when she became an adult she hadn’t developed the skills to manage her home or health needs, which led to her homelessness.

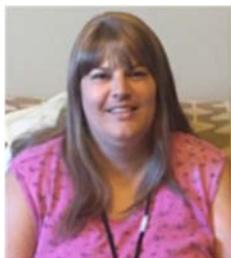
With no financial resources, Renee didn’t have a phone so we couldn’t call her to let her know we had a housing voucher for her. So we went to her. SHC’s housing specialist and service coordinator found her at her camping spot and offered her the opportunity to be housed. Within a week, she enrolled in the program.

But Renee’s story doesn’t end there. Renee felt overwhelmed and confused about the process of getting housed. That’s when

SHC Staff enroll new participants into our Casita Bonita Program

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## New SHC Board Members



Christine Belford



Damon Johnson



Becky Teague



Ryan Knight

We are pleased to announce the addition of four new members to the SHC Board of Directors. **Christine Belford** is a retired Peer Provider who formerly worked with Consumers of Mental Health Services, UNM Psychiatric Center, and Therapeutic Living Services. She is a tenant at SHC's Downtown @700-2nd apartments and provides insight to the board about the value of SHC's services. **Damon Johnson** hails from Baltimore, MD and graduated from the University of Baltimore with a degree in Business Administration and a concentration in Human Resources. Damon is the Sales Manager for Toyota and Lexus Financial Services in New Mexico. **Becky Teague** is VP of Customer Service Operations for PNM. Becky has been very active in the nonprofit community serving on the boards of Girl Scout Trails of New Mexico, PNM Resources Foundation, and Sandoval Economic Alliance. **Ryan Knight** joins the SHC Board of Directors as a faculty member of the Department of Accounting at UNM Anderson School of Management, teaching auditing, financial, and management accounting courses. Ryan has done accounting

for a rural water cooperative and collateral management at a large NM credit union. They join current board members **Suzanne Bush, Marcus J. Porter, Lynn Eby, Jeffrey Harrison, John Myers, Garth Scrivner, and Phyllis Taylor**. Anyone interested in serving on the board of SHC should submit a resume and letter of interest to Steve Ross, Executive Director at

[sross@shcnm.org](mailto:sross@shcnm.org).

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COALITION  
**WELCOME HOME**  
 FUNDRAISER & DONOR APPRECIATION



Tuesday, April 23, 2019 | 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Indian Pueblo Cultural Center



At Supportive Housing Coalition, we have served individuals and families experiencing homelessness for 23 years. We seek to end homelessness and increase the quality of life for people with behavioral health issues by creating affordable, supportive housing. Our programs have helped hundreds of people exit homelessness and into homes of their own. This year we are aiming to raise \$156,000 to support our homeless programs.

As part of this effort we hosting our first ever **Fundraiser and Donor Appreciation** luncheon on April 23, 2019. At this event we will provide lunch to attendees and honor those who have donated to our organization while bringing in new donors to support our mission. We will provide education and awareness about homelessness and the Housing First Approach as a permanent solution to end homelessness. All proceeds go to support SHC's homeless programs.

Please RSVP to this event. The luncheon is free for attendees. However, please note that this is a fundraiser for SHC. Your donation on or before the day of the event is deeply appreciated. Sponsorships are available. For more information visit;

[www.shcnm.org/annual-luncheon/](http://www.shcnm.org/annual-luncheon/)

**You can help permanently house hundreds of people every day!**

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 of New Mexico**  
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- poetry slam competition
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- \$5 entry fee
  - \$5 competitor fee
  - \$20 vendor table

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 @700 2ND**  
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 7PM**

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our housing specialist scheduled a secondary meeting with her to review the steps to apply for an apartment. She coached her through various phone calls on how to put her best foot forward in applications, went to her first unit to view an apartment, and helped her practice asking questions to a potential landlord to ensure the unit met her needs. During this time, Rene's brother passed away and her mental health plummeted. SHC staff provided encouragement and support while she managed her grief and continued her own progress towards housing. Renee was welcomed home to her new apartment by her housing specialist and service coordinator shortly afterwards with a Welcome Home Basket provided by SHC.