

Welcoming Home Youth in Transition



Dominick helps load his furniture into the truck

At our Welcome Home Fundraiser, three of the silent auction items were room ensembles donated by CORT furniture and bid on by luncheon attendees. A big thank you to Joell Ackerman of Heading Home who made the winning bid and promptly donated the dining room and kitchen accessories back to SHC for a newly housed client!

Dominick took delivery of his furniture on May 9 and was thrilled. "I didn't know how I was going to be able to pay for all the stuff I needed for my new apartment. Now I can afford to buy other things I need!" exclaimed Dominick.

Dominick is housed through SHC's collaboration with CYFD's TRANSITIONS Program and the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative. The project provides independent, safe and affordable housing in the Albuquerque area to young adults who are involved with CYFD transition programs who need help finding and keeping a place to live.

"Housing has been a blessing and I know it will help with putting my life and family together," Dominick

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Welcome Home Fundraiser Exceeds Goals!

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated to our first ever Welcome Home Fundraiser & Donor Appreciation event! We are overwhelmed by your generosity and commitment to ending homelessness for good. Special thanks to Brian Colón, State Auditor, for emceeding the event and sharing his own story. Our deepest gratitude to our Welcome Home Sponsor, Hinkle & Landers, P.C. for ensuring that all donations went directly to our housing programs. Our Room Sponsors, Phyllis Taylor, Wells Fargo, CORT, Design Concepts & Solutions, United HealthCare, and Floorscapes created a beautiful opportunity for education and awareness about homelessness and Housing First. And of course we are grateful to Thomas who shared his journey and art with us that day.

Because of the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and silent auction bidders, we raised \$30,000 to benefit SHC homelessness programs. We look forward to making this an annual event!



Top left, Brian Colón rallies the crowd; top right, SHC Staff ready for action; bottom left, Thomas share his story; bottom right, attendees participated in learning activities at the event such as "Could It Happen To Me?"

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shared, “I am so grateful for the donation of the kitchen items and dining table.”

TRANSITIONS is based on a Housing First approach that centers on providing rental housing first and services as needed. Participants get help to access and maintain their rental housing and have access to a variety of services to maintain housing stability. Participants are required to be a good tenant to keep their housing.

Our gratitude also goes out to Chuck Sheldon of T & C Management who bid on and won the living room ensemble and bathroom accessories and Joan Archibeque and Ann Martinez of U.S. Bank who secured the bedroom and bed linens package. These items will be received by families in our Casita Bonita and Housing First Family programs.

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- Toilet Paper
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- Deodorant
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- Garbage Bags
- Air Freshener
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- Dishwashing Soap
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- Fabuloso
- Windex
- Plates
- Silverware

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Downtown @700-2nd Hosts 3rd Annual Poetry For A Cause



Award winning poet Jessica Helen Lopez with Samantha at the 2018 event

Samantha Romero, Property Manager at Downtown @700-2nd, has been involved in the poetry community for 15 years either writing it or performing her work at Poetry Slams. Poetry Slams are a type of competition where people read their poems without props, costumes, or music. After performing, they receive scores (0-10) from 5 randomly selected judges.

Albuquerque has a thriving Slam community and Samantha was looking for a way to bring this passion for poetry to her residents at Downtown @700-2nd. In her experience, many of the tenants at the complex do not have access to cultural events. “The people that we serve have difficulty attending these events due to physical, mental health, and/or financial limitations, and some simply don’t have transportation,” explains Samantha. Some of these limitations include physical or mental illness, anxiety about new situations, and difficulty being among strangers.

Samantha thought her tenants would benefit from this creative outlet, so three years ago she brought the event to them. She’s conducted writing workshops with tenants beforehand to give them insight into what poets are experiencing through their work and performances.

Poets in Albuquerque have responded to the call and our tenants seem to love it. “They were very impressed even though they didn’t know what to expect,” shares Samantha, “the fact that it is a competition makes it fun for them. And it is good to see poets share their uncensored work in a safe space.”

SHC invites the community to join us May 31 at 7pm for this year’s event. 15 poets will compete for a cash prize, vendors will be available to sell their art, and there will be a raffle. You can register as a poet or vendor at www.shcnm.org/slam. Admission fee is \$5 available online or at the door.