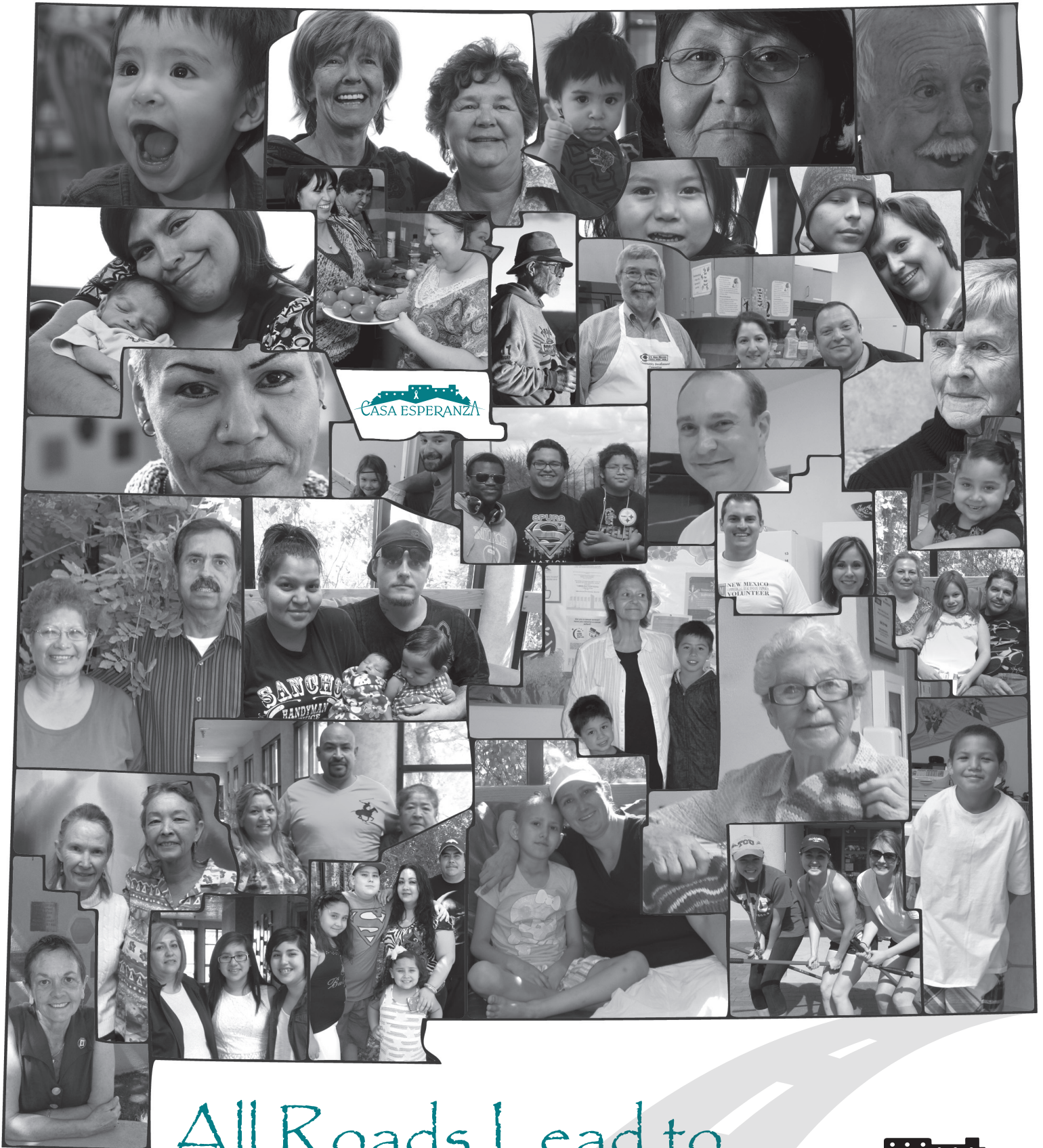


2015 Annual Report



All Roads Lead to
Casa Esperanza





I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for Casa Esperanza for the past three years. It has been an honor to

be a part of the Casa Esperanza team, and being able to see the impact the staff, volunteers, and donors make in the lives of individuals and their families fighting cancer and other serious illnesses.

The staff at Casa Esperanza is dedicated to working hard at providing the best service to our residents, and they do so with the utmost compassion and care.

The team at Casa Esperanza works diligently to continue to find ways to make the house and the organization more efficient. In the past year, the overall occupancy at Casa Esperanza has increased. This is in part due to the expansion of our mission to serve not only cancer patients, but other individuals who are suffering from serious illnesses. As the care and support offered for the patients who stay at Casa Esperanza changes and they are able to be treated closer to home in some cases, it's important that Casa Esperanza continue its purpose of providing a home away from home for patients who so desperately need the support.

I'm excited to see the changes the amazing staff and Board of Directors at Casa Esperanza has in mind for the coming year, as I know that great things are on the horizon!

**-Katrina Tracy,
Board President**



This last year, the effort that went into creating the new road that's leading Casa Esperanza towards excellence, has been rewarding

and inspiring. The joy and excitement of doing something we love brings great achievement and meaning to our lives.

As we keep our eyes focused in the right direction, our team has goals, motivation, accountability and positive attitudes that are actively changing Casa Esperanza's destiny. This pursuit of excellence leads to long-term positive changes that make a tangible difference for the families we support. Today we know where the road leads, what road blocks we will face and have a map to guide us.

As I contemplate where the road leads over the upcoming year, I am reminded of the words of Aristotle, who said: "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives-choice, not chance determines your destiny." I want our team to continue on this road of success. We celebrate each stop along the road and know our path leads many families to New Mexico's House of Hope-Casa Esperanza.

My hope is that each of you will feel the spark of excitement that is rippling out into our community and we want to thank you for being an integral part of the Casa Esperanza family.

**-Chrisann Gray,
Executive Director**

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Kaiden Charley – He’s Healthier Than He’s Ever Been

By Amber Williams

Kaiden Charley, just 2 years old, spent months staying at Casa Esperanza while waiting for a match for a liver transplant to help with complications from MNGIE Disease – Mitochondrial



Neurogastrointestinal Encephalopathy - a rare genetic disease that deteriorates the digestive system and nervous system. At just 14 months old, Kaiden was the youngest person to ever be diagnosed with MNGIE. After waiting for almost a year, on May 2nd, 2015, he finally got the call for a transplant match. Two hours later, he was on a plane to California for a new liver and for some new hope for his young body.

The surgery changed his life. His mother, Zana, commented, “This is the most stable and the healthiest he has ever been.” Kaiden is starting to enjoy the little things that most parents of healthy children take for granted. No longer tethered to the need of a constant feeding tube, Kaiden has the freedom to move around and improve his mobility. “He’s much more

active now,” said his Mom. “He is starting to try to run and climb more. Plus, he is trying all kinds of table foods for the first time. His favorite food is anything with chicken.” She went on to say, “He is doing great. He wants to do everything for himself and he is getting into everything. He is very curious.”

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The Percentage
of Residents
Under 18

After his diagnosis, Kaiden and his mom had to leave their home in Shiprock, NM to stay in medical facilities equipped to help Kaiden deal with his life threatening disease. After his surgery, they were able to return home, a place they had not been to in over a year. Zana said, “It’s been nice, but a little strange being home. I don’t have to stay near a hospital waiting and worrying about a call for a match for Kaiden. It’s a relief.” Zana said she and Kaiden both have enjoyed being close to family again. With Kaiden’s new medical freedom, they plan to move to Ft. Collins, Colorado to be near Zana’s sisters and their families. Zana said there is still uncertainty about what will happen with Kaiden’s health, but for the first time in a long time, she has the freedom to start to make other plans for her life.

Finding A Way To Be Home Even While Fighting Cancer

By Amber Williams

Francisco Maldonado has cancer. He was diagnosed in October of 2012 with lymphoma. Since that time, he has undergone months of chemotherapy, radiation, and even surgery. While his cancer went into remission for about 8 months, it is now back and he is again fighting for his life. Every week, he receives chemotherapy and at this stage in his treatment, it is indefinite for how long he will require this care. Francisco is facing the hardest battle of his life. But, he is not doing it alone. Francisco's wife, Anita, stays by his side, every step of the way. But that's not all...

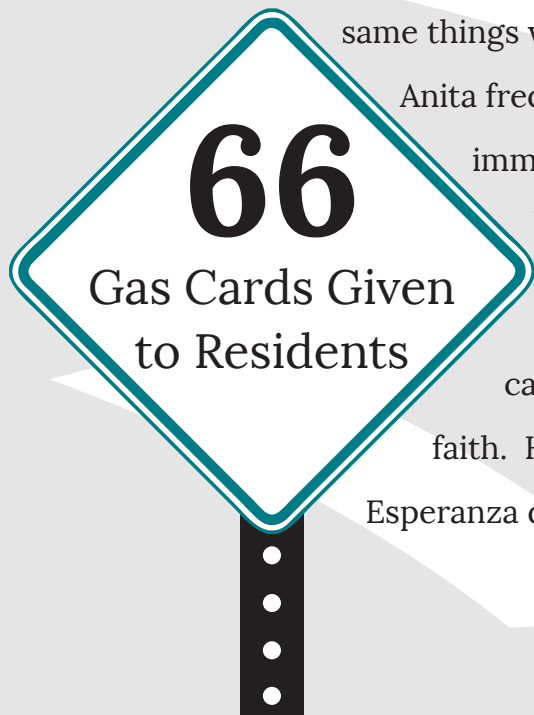
“The care here is wonderful. It's like heaven to me.”

Francisco is staying at Casa Esperanza – a place that gives people who live outside of the Albuquerque area a caring and supportive environment to stay in while they are in town for medical needs. Because of this freedom, Francisco has been able to have not only his wife with him during his treatment, but he has also been able to have his children, his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren, and even his sister stay with him. He can be surrounded by the people he loves while he is getting better.

Francisco said by staying here, Casa Esperanza has relieved his stress. He said, “Everyone is so happy and they help each other. The care here is wonderful. It's like heaven to me.” He and his wife feel like they are supported during this difficult time, not only by the staff at Casa Esperanza, but also by the other families who are staying in the house. “We have made friends who are going through the same things we are,” said Anita. “It's nice to have people to share this with.”

Anita frequently cooks in the kitchen at Casa Esperanza not only for her immediate family, but she also feeds some of the other families in the house, “making it feel more like home,” she said.

Although Francisco does not currently have a clear path on his cancer treatment, he says he is a fighter and he will not give up faith. He says there is still hope and being able to stay at a place like Casa Esperanza during this time has made it easier to keep that hope.



A Look Back as We Move Forward

By Casa Esperanza Staff



As we reflect about this last year, Casa Esperanza has had many accomplishments. One major change is our doors are now open for people receiving treatments for serious illnesses, not just cancer treatments. Because of this change, the occupancy in the house is up 10%! With more families coming through our doors, it is important that we start

upgrading and renovating our 23 year old house. With this in mind, we have begun the initial steps towards a capital improvement project that will culminate during our 25th anniversary.

Dinner time is always a wonderful moment at Casa Esperanza and we have had many amazing groups come in and cook meals for our residents offering a time for conversation and relationship building.

Other ways we helped our residents:

- **\$1,650** in gas for families to get back home from appointments.
- **\$5,751** spent on food for families while they stayed here.
- **\$3,400** for professional clinical counseling to help families talk through the hard times.
- Tempur-Pedic generously donated full size mattresses to help **28** additional family members sleep in comfort each night.
- Every generous family that donated a car, truck or motorcycle to our Give Hope a Ride Auto Donation Program helped increase our monthly income by **25%**.
- Our whimsically fun Gala for Hope, "There's No Place Like Home" was reintroduced and we raised **\$44,000**.

Casa Esperanza has seen many staff changes this past year. Even though we said goodbye to wonderful team members and welcomed some new faces, one thing remains the same – the families we support are always our top priority. The culture of excellence at Casa Esperanza has allowed us to look back with pride and move forward with excitement to continue to be "New Mexico's House of Hope."

She Has Come To Call Casa Esperanza Her Home

By Amber Williams

Susan and Buck Sanders have been living at Casa Esperanza since the beginning of this year. Susan suffers from renal disease and is on the waiting list for a new kidney, a list she has been on for over 4 long years. In March of 2010 Susan started getting concerned because she was feeling run down and, as she said, “just not herself.” She went to her doctor and discovered



that her kidney levels were low. At that time, her doctor was not concerned and said that it was still considered a normal level for someone Susan’s age. Susan and her doctor monitored her condition for a few months, but in September Susan’s condition took a turn for the worse and she was diagnosed and immediately hospitalized for renal disease. Susan would now need regular and frequent dialysis treatment, something that she could not receive in her

home town of Datil, NM. Susan and her husband of almost 55 years, Buck, would have to relocate their lives to Albuquerque immediately and for an indefinite amount of time while they fought her disease.

In January of this year, Susan and Buck found themselves living at Casa Esperanza while they wait for a transplant. Susan said “living at Casa Esperanza has been the best place to stay, besides home.” She said her disease diagnosis was “surprising.” She didn’t know what was going on. She was not in any pain, she just felt tired. Susan’s husband, daughter, and brother have all been tested to donate a kidney to Susan, but unfortunately, none of them are a match. Susan said that Casa Esperanza has become her home in this waiting process. She said, “staying here is a blessing. People who have it should be grateful.”

Buck has returned to Datil a few times during Susan’s treatment, but usually they spend most days just enjoying spending time together in their home away from home.



Casa Esperanza Announces New Giving Levels

As we approach our 25th Anniversary, we thought it would be appropriate to re-name our giving societies to recognize our partners in the community and have names that reflect the work that occurs at Casa Esperanza on a daily basis. As our partner in helping families find comfort during their stay here, we want to recognize you for your contribution. For more information about the new giving societies or how your gift(s) make a difference at Casa Esperanza, please contact Rich Grainger at rgrainger@casanm.org or by calling 505-246-2705.

Council of Compassion - \$5,000+

- Name recognition on print materials
- Quarterly newsletter
- Engraved tile
- Casa "Home" keychain
- Framed "Thank You" from Casa Esperanza residents
- Exclusive dinner with Executive Director

Strength Society - \$2,500 - \$4,999

- Name recognition on print materials
- Quarterly newsletter
- Engraved Brick
- Casa "Home" keychain
- Framed "Thank You" from Casa Esperanza residents

Circle of Hope - \$1,000 - \$2,499

- Name recognition on print materials
- Quarterly newsletter
- Engraved Brick
- Casa "Home" keychain

Friends in Healing - \$500 - \$999

- Name recognition on print materials
- Quarterly newsletter
- Engraved Brick

Advocates in Courage - \$250 - \$499

- Name recognition on print materials

Planned Giving Society

Forever Casa - Forever Hope - Forever Home



Major Contributors

\$5,000 +

Albuquerque Journal
Anonymous
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NM
Dr. Richard Castillo
Clovis Board of Realtors
Department of Health
Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
First United Methodist Church
Frost Foundation
Randy Hewitt
Patricia Ann Hoban
Keller Williams Realty
Jim and Ellen King
Amy McCall
David and Mistie Micklevitz
Mountain States Constructors
PNM Resources Foundation
Charles and Samantha Rense
Elizabeth Smith
United Way of Central NM
US Eagle Federal Credit Union
Western Refining Company
Terry and Sheila White

\$1,000 - 4,999

ABQ Health Partners
Action Audio Visual
Steve & Lori Aguilar
Anonymous
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Diane Bloom
Lisa & James Bloom
Bulldog Energy Solutions
Linda Bullin
City of Vision Civitan Club
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Cheryl & Jeff Gaedke
Girl Scouts of NM Trails
Scott & Chrisann Gray
Mark Gundlach
Bethaney Hale
Jeanette Hammann
Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation
Highland Key Club
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Hope Christian School
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Alex Lovato
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Marchbanks
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Susan McLeod
Mennonite Church
Mesa del Sol, LLC
Kevin Montoya
Bradley Mucek
NM Cancer Center
New Mexico Bank & Trust
NM Orthopaedics
Owl Cafe
Rotary Del Norte Foundation
Dee Sanchez
Sandia Investment Group
Rebecca Tenorio-Schoener
Michael & Joyce Skolnick
Sierra Vista Civitan Club
Arthur Silva
St. John's United Methodist Church
St. Mary's University
Otto & Sonya Strack
Stewart Title of Albuquerque
Sunwest Trust
TD Ameritrade
Julie Tierney
Katrina Tracy
William Troutman

United Healthcare
UNM Cancer Center
UNM Interns & Residents
UNM Medical Group, Inc.
Up With People
Urban Mattress Albuquerque
US Bank
US Eagle Federal Credit Union
Wells Fargo Bank
Wells Fargo Foundation
Mikal White
Keith Wilson
Women's Christian Service Society
Vicki & Kenneth Woody

\$500 - 999

ACONS
Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
Lia Armstrong
Anonymous
Automotive Dealers Service Company
Tony Aguilar
Bank of Albuquerque Mortgage
Bank of the West
BMS Matching Gift Program
Col. George and Shirley Brabson
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Kathryn and Tommy Burrow
Calibers
Ricardo Calzada
Joan Campbell
Michael Castillo
Catholic Daughters of America
Emil Cheng
Chi Omega Sorority
Cholita Prints
Citi Bank
Cloud Sherpas
Colliers International
Combined Federal Campaign
Ryan Dobbs
David Dohmann
Hug-Li Dolls
Suzanne Donazetti
Fair Plaza Associates
First United Methodist Church
Jerry and Joyce Foropoulos
Ryan Garcia

George and Carol George
Sandy Gold
H&R Block
Karen Hartley
Vicki Haskins
Heads Up Landscaping
Cristy Holden
KandFG Fund
Kaktus Brewery
Anita Kinney
Marilyn Knudsen
Trevor Lewis
Rose Loden
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Robert Martinez
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Dan Pritchard
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Andrew Rodriguez
Roses Southwest Paper Company
Charles and Susan Ross
Kenneth Ross
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Route 66 Civitan Club
Johannah and Bryan Ruddy
Sagebrush Church
Janet Sanchez
Sandia Labs Federal Credit Union
Scalo Northern Italian Grill
Jennifer Shields
Vickie Schmidt
Bob and Stephanie Sisson
Southwest Airlines

Sycamore Associates
Rodger Tannen
Bill Tondreau
Jan and Chris Turri
UNM Physician Assistant Program
Michelle Watts
Wilson & Co, Inc. Engineers
Kevin Winner
Linda Wosick

Memorials

Aileen Arroyo
Cloud Sherpas
Shayna Degidio
George and Carol George
Jeanette Hammann
Charles and Samantha Rense
Roy's Welding
Debbie Weng

Honorariums

Ricardo Calzada
Janine Duncan

Thank You for



You are Forever a Part of the Casa Esperanza Family

365 days of the year,

24 hours of the day, we are committed to taking care of our residents and their families. We understand that this is probably the most difficult time in their lives and we want to be able to help them any way we can.

Please know that through your partnership, thoughtfulness and support, you play a major role in the work we do everyday. You are part of the Casa Esperanza family and make a difference in the lives of so many. For this

we are extremely grateful.

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Dinners
Prepared by
Volunteers

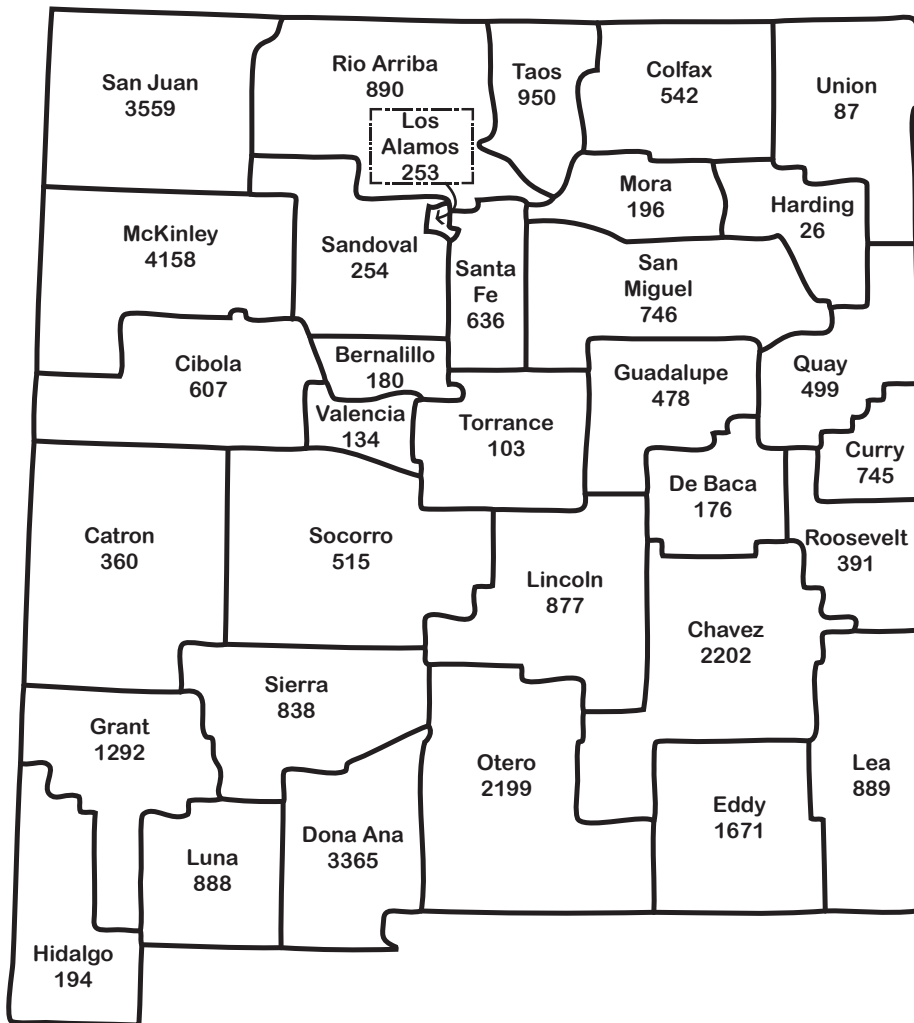
On behalf of all of the previous, current and future individuals and families

that we are here for,

THANK YOU

for all you do!

All-time residents by county through June 30, 2015



All-time residents by state through June 30, 2015

New Mexico: 30,901
 Arizona: 3,243
 Colorado: 621
 Texas: 471
 Other: 907
Total: 36,144

Residents from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Patients: 1,740
 Family members: 2,741
 Cancer: 1,068
 Non-cancer: 672
 Pediatric patients: 326
 Adult patients (18+): 1,414
 UNM: 1,390
 Presbyterian: 153
 Lovelace: 43
 Other facility: 154
 Caucasian: 392
 Hispanic: 658
 Native American: 631
 African American: 23
 Asian: 11
 Other: 25
Total residents: 4,481

593
 Cars Donated to
 "Give Hope
 a Ride"



Casa Esperanza, Inc.
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

Endowment Foundation
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

Revenues

Grants	\$55,894
NM Department of Health	\$86,400
Program Income	\$261,714
Contributions & Support	\$155,405
Foundation Support	\$61,539
Event Income	\$25,343
Other Income	\$3,999
In-Kind Income	\$47,515

Total Support & Revenue \$697,809

Expenses

Program	\$435,064
General & Administrative	\$145,742
Fundraising	\$7,184

Total Expenses before Depreciation \$587,990

Change in Net Assets before Depreciation \$109,819

Depreciation Expense Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets \$32,844

Revenues

Car Donation Program (net of cost of sales)	\$309,771
Event Income	\$126,590
Contributions & Support	\$22,933
Investment Return	\$21,358
Interest Income	\$2,006
In-Kind Income	\$46,726
Total Revenue	\$529,384

Expenses

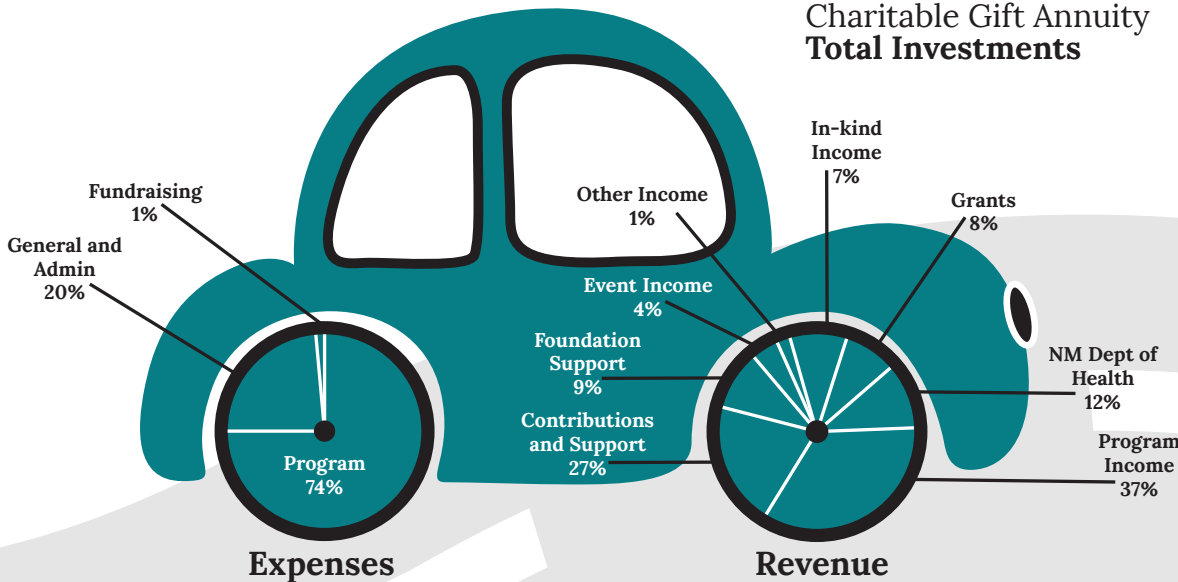
Program (Support to Casa Esperanza, Inc.)	\$61,539
General & Administrative	\$135,385
Fundraising*	\$250,871
Depreciation Expense	\$4,056
Total Expenses	\$451,851

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets \$77,533

Long-Term Investments

<u>30-Jun-15</u>	
Mutual Funds	\$871,412
Equity Funds	\$387,306
Fixed Income Funds	\$0
Land held for sale	\$73,599

ABQ Community Foundation Funds	\$26,822
Charitable Gift Annuity	\$-21,486
Total Investments	\$1,337,653



Average Return on Investments = 1%

House & Car Lot volunteers have donated 4,397 hours of labor this year. The board has donated 94.47 hours to Casa Esperanza and the Casa Esperanza Endowment Foundation.

Copies of the full 2015 audit for Casa Esperanza, Inc. and the consolidated audit for Casa Esperanza, Inc. and Casa Esperanza Endowment Foundation are available from the organization office.

*Casa Esperanza Endowment Foundation acted as Fiscal Agent for Day of the Tread. In the audited financials the Day of the Tread expense of \$250,985 is included in the Foundation fundraising expense. We have taken that number out here as well as the restricted event income amount of \$246,110.

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Our Mission

Casa Esperanza - New Mexico's "House of Hope" supporting families facing cancer and other serious medical needs

- Casa Esperanza (Tax ID #: 85-0356946) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All contributions are tax deductible
- Casa Esperanza receives funding from private grants and donations, the Combined Federal Campaign, DCI, the New Mexico Department of Health, and United Way
- Member: NM Cancer Council, an alliance of cancer support agencies, hospital treatment centers and governmental agencies to inform, to educate and to advocate on behalf of NM cancer patients and their families. They create and implement the Comprehensive Cancer Plan. Their website is cancernm.org/cancercouncil
- Member: Healthcare Hospitality Network. To learn more about HHN and other special places such as Casa Esperanza go to nahhh.org
- Affiliate: NM Cancer Care Alliance, providing NM cancer patients with local access to latest experimental treatments available. Their website is nmcca.org

For more information and to donate, visit casanm.org

SAVE THE DATES

Gala for Hope
"From Casa with Love"
March 12th, 2016

Michelle "Mike"
Moore Memorial
Golf Classic
June 9, 2016

Give Hope a Ride
Auction
2nd Saturday of every
month