

Casa Cuentos ~Stories of Hope~

The Casa Esperanza Report

Welcome to Casa Esperanza's e-newsletter! It will be coming out approximately 5-6 times a year and will keep you informed about what is happening at Casa Esperanza. This e-newsletter also gives us the opportunity to thank you and let you know just how much of a difference you have made for our families.

Many of you have supported our mission for many years and some of you are new. Whether you have been giving to our families for days or years, Casa Esperanza could not provide a healing place for those with serious illnesses without YOU. Most recently, during the coronavirus pandemic, you have come through for our most vulnerable families. Your gifts have helped keep our doors open.

How Your Gift Provided a Place to Heal for Christy

Christy Cogsdill is a strong, courageous and free-spirited pioneer woman. She has a great sense of humor and her laugh is completely contagious. Christy is a photographer and author of children's books that are filled with loveable characters. So, when Christy was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017, her positive outlook on life helped her begin her fight with cancer. She has not stopped fighting since.



"I felt a lump and I could tell as soon as I saw it... I knew it was cancer," Christy recalled. Going through chemotherapy, radiation and estrogen therapy is daunting, but Christy never gave up. "I never let cancer scare me. I made up my mind that I was going to get rid of this," she declared.

Christy has always lived in rural areas including Michigan, Colorado and New Mexico. Coming to Albuquerque for treatment was a hard adjustment for someone who is used to wide, open spaces and few people. Casa Esperanza was perfect for Christy because it offered a quiet place for her to retreat and to heal. "For someone like me, Casa Esperanza literally saved my life," Christy stated.

"One thing I truly love about Casa Esperanza is that I can park the car, not worry about traffic, jump on a bus and get to all of my appointments," she commented. My car is a 1987. I could not go to my treatments from Grants as frequently as I needed to. I would never be able to afford a hotel," she added.

A positive story update: Christy is in remission. Recently, she returned to stay at Casa Esperanza while she underwent breast reconstruction surgery. It was a wonderful reunion for Christy and staff at Casa Esperanza.

Your Gift Has Touched Many Lives

During the coronavirus pandemic, you have come through for our most vulnerable families. Below are the numbers of families who stayed at Casa Esperanza during March and April.

Casa Esperanza Statistics

March Stats	April Stats
Families 105	Families 63
Adults 265	Adults 130
Children 29	Children 11

Diagnoses

March Stats	April Stats
Cancer 60	Cancer 37
Kidney 9	Kidney 3
High Risk	High Risk
Pregnancies 6	Pregnancies 15
Other 30	Other 8

Corporate Corner



US Eagle FCU volunteers prepare dinner!
From left to right: Monique Leeway, Camille Leeway, Patty Montoya and Stacie Laino

Founded in 1935, U.S. Eagle Credit Union is New Mexico's oldest credit union. U.S. Eagle provides a banking experience that is uniquely "you" whether you need a federal credit union in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, or Farmington. U.S. Eagle has received national and local recognition for their commitment to their communities.

Michael Moore, U.S. Eagle Credit Union's CFO, talks about the partnership with Casa Esperanza. "U.S. Eagle has been a proud supporter of Casa Esperanza since 2002. When a Board seat became available in 2019, I jumped at the chance to join. Being on the Board is both an opportunity to deepen the partnership between US Eagle and Casa Esperanza, and for me to personally give back to our community."

Feeding Families Fund-United We Eat



Helping Families Stay Fed/ Keeping Local Restaurants in Business

The fund, through United Way of Central New Mexico, helps nonprofit agencies provide local restaurant meals for their clients. The fund raised \$169,438 and were distributed to several nonprofits in central New Mexico on a weekly basis. These contributions will help to provide over 18,500 meals in the coming months. Our families are receiving

nutritious meals through the Feeding Families Fund, and Casa Esperanza is able to support the local economy by buying the dinners from local restaurants. Everyone wins!

Support Our Give Hope a Ride Program

Give Hope a Ride is Casa Esperanza's vehicle donation program. Give Hope a Ride is accepting vehicle donations every day. The proceeds from your donation support the work and families of Casa Esperanza. Your participation in the vehicle auction provides much needed funds to continue the work we do.

Due to the pandemic, Casa Esperanza is doing an online auction for the first time! People who are interested in viewing the vehicles in person will be able to do so. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place.

**Vehicle Preview: June 15-17th
from 9:00am-4:00pm.**

Online auction: June 18-21st.

**For more information and to register,
call 505-266-4427.**



Moving Forward

In light of COVID-19, Casa Esperanza has had to make some adjustments for the "new normal" we are experiencing. We have kept our families safe by following the governor's health guidelines. This will continue well into the future. **The one thing that remains the same is the importance of your gifts to Casa Esperanza.**

Casa Esperanza does not receive federal funding. Casa Esperanza is a local charity and does not receive funding from a national nonprofit affiliation. The largest group of donations come from supporters like YOU. You make it possible for families to have a place to stay while they heal from serious illnesses. You give families hope.

Please click below to donate:

