



SARANAM

Central's Family Transitions Assistance
A family of faith, working to end homelessness in families

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"Saranam"
Means
Refuge

Core Values

Respect
Transformation
Empowerment
Integrity
Faithfulness
Compassion

6 Steps to Self Sufficiency

- Step 1: Intake/Orientation
- Step 2: Educational/Personal Development
- Step 3: Vocational Development
- Step 4: Job Placement/Employee Support
- Step 5: Independent Living
- Step 6: Independence

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Have You Met Saranam ?

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"I am part of all that I have met."

~Alfred Tennyson

Have you met Saranam?

We are family. We are educators and students. We are home. We are children, youth and adults. We are opportunity. We are advocates. We are survivors. We are community.

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We are volunteers. We are Central. We are individuals. We are professionals and those on our way. We are capable. We are open arms. We are community.

We need you! We need you to meet, really meet Saranam.

There are many ways to become involved with the goal of ending homeless in families at Saranam. Our volunteers are very important and integral parts of helping families achieve success. When someone calls to say they want to volunteer, we are excited to be able to connect people with what they can assist with for a common mission. It is in this connection that lives can be transformed. When you volunteer, you have the chance to become part of something larger than yourself. Saranam wishes to offer opportunities for YOU to participate in just such an experience.

Do you work as hard as you can everyday at being who you really are instead of being what you do? Is a piece of who-you-are being a part of the community and giving to others? When you volunteer, it is about integrity.



You are important because it really does matter that you are involved.

Part of being a person is helping other people. When our volunteers get involved with and experience the life changes happening at Saranam, everyone can be inspired. With inspiration comes the revelation that what we do does matter and we are making a difference in the lives of people in the community!

This is your open invitation to meet Saranam. Get involved. Give back. Be who you are.

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catchers mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." ~Maya Angelou

Upcoming Events

Storage cleanout: readying for new families this fall. Contact Nancy
May 12th; June 9th; and July 14th
9:00am to noon

Homeless 101 training: Issues of homelessness and poverty. Contact Tracy

Sunday, May 18th, 1-3 pm at Central UMC; Thursday, June 26th, 1-3 pm at the Saranam office

Referral Open House: If you know a family you would like to refer attend this! Contact Nancy

Tuesday, May 20th 10 am and 2pm and Wednesday, May 21st



Volunteer Corner

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Saranam. Our goal is to match our volunteers with their interests. You can contribute in many ways, one time or on-going, including mentoring, donating items, leading mini classes, or helping organizing activities. As we are getting ready for new families there are many things that volunteers help with and *we need you this year!* You could be an apartment decorator, furniture mover, grocery shopper, donate supplies and/or first aid kits, or greet new families on move-in day.

Additionally, this fall Saranam will have some **new volunteer opportunities**. We are looking for interested people to lead a mini class of three to four total hours over several weeks on a life skill. For instance if you would like to show the ladies to knit, cook, balance a checkbook, bargain shop, etc.- we would like to have mini classes about those interests.

We also want to offer opportunities for your whole family. This year we will pair our families with your families for monthly for fun outings and activities.

If you are interested in any of the activities above or have other ideas of how you could get involved, please contact Nancy. We would love to help you be a volunteer!



Grant Update

We have received several grants during the first quarter of the year and want to thank all of those who help support the work of Saranam families:

CitiCard: \$1500 funding for a trainer and curriculum for financial management training for Saranam residents.

Combined Federal Campaign: Federal employees have designated portions of their paychecks giving Saranam \$2028 for this year.

HELP-NM/Bienvenidos Coalition: This is \$10,000 federal monies sub-awarded through to us for capacity building. The money is to be used on items which will help Saranam grow and be better able to serve our families in the future.

Thank You Partners



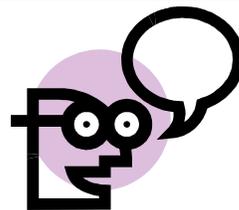
Saranam would like to thank some of our community partners for their generosity and support:

Central New Mexico Workforce Training Center has been a wonderful teaching partner for Saranam. We have built a strong relationship that helps our families succeed in their educational and career goals. CNM teaches Adult Basic Education/GED and numerous Life Skills classes for two semesters which prepares our adults for enrollment in a vocational program of their choice.

SAFE House has also been a valuable partner to our current families. They have come twice a month to facilitate a domestic violence psycho-educational/counseling group. You give our families the opportunity to express themselves and further their success towards independence.

St. Martin's Hospitality Center has been helping our families realize the value of a financial plan. They have come once a month to help the families learn to budget, save and manage their money and other resources.

We would like to thank all of our community partners for their support. Without them Saranam would not be able to provide so many opportunities for our families.



Voices of Saranam

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to completing the last of my pre-requisites so in the fall I will be actually starting my main courses for my degree. Also, my son will be old enough to sit and play in a kiddie pool. It will be a very challenging summer, but it will also be a successful one as well.

I am most looking forward to being with both of my children for the first time this summer.

This summer I'm looking forward to warm weather and sunny days.