



SARANAM

Central's Family Transitions Assistance
Transforming the lives of Homeless 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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Carnival Thanking Volunteers a Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Volunteer Thank You Carnival a great success! A great time was had by all in Los Altos Park on October 18th. Our families, friends and volunteers were able to enjoy games, a bounce, fresh popcorn and cotton candy and other refreshments. It was a beautiful day to come out and share in the fun.



We want to thank two companies who generously donated for this event: *Funtastic Jumps* gave us a generous discount and provided cotton candy. *Toll House Cafe* in ABQ Uptown donated a decorated cookie as part of our refreshments.

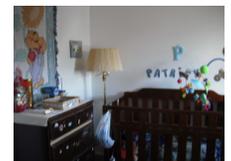
A big thank you to Girl Scout troops #1544, #285 and #3079 for helping with the games and serving the refreshments.



Roxanne Moves Into Her Own Apartment

We would like to wish the Blow family all of the best. Roxanne and her son have been with the Saranam Program since August, 2007 and are now living in their own apartment home. Roxanne is currently attending CNM and has found part-time employment with a house cleaning company. She will continue to participate in case management with Saranam. She is proud, and we are proud, of all that she has done. Congratulations to Roxanne and Patrick!

"I came into the Saranam program one year ago not knowing what my future was going to hold for me and my unborn child. Today I have accomplished more than I ever thought I was going to. When I found this apartment, my thoughts were "what a mess", but I helped to make it a cute, cozy little two bedroom for Patrick and I. My apartment is our new beginning. Thanks to Saranam, I am confident I will accomplish a whole lot more than I could ever imagine."



Thank You Corporate Donors!

The following companies have given generously to Saranam this month:



Toll House Café
ABQ Uptown Store

Funtastic Jumps
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Thank you for your support!

Looking Ahead...

Christmas Gift Cards – Look for the tree in the Social Hall during New Day Worship for ornaments to remind you of our gift card drive coming the end of the month.

Cards are due Monday, December 15th!



Christmas Party! – Be on the watch for details on our party December 22nd!

Thanksgiving Baskets



It is time again to help our families celebrate Thanksgiving by giving food baskets.

If you would like to donate, each box costs \$25 and will include all the traditional goodies.

Voices of Saranam



What are you committed to?

...to everyone in this group – all of you in the program and running it.

I am committed to finishing this program as an accomplishment for me and as an accomplishment for Saranam.

...getting my GED is priority right now...to go further. I hopefully will pass it the first time. I've really got to.

...going further in life. I'm tired of being stuck where I am. I want my girls to have a good life and where I am they won't get it.

...furthering my education, and to do well in school. Being a good role model. Enjoying the opportunity for learning life skills, parenting, nutrition... Not being afraid to get on my feet.

...getting me and my daughter better and not living the life I lived. That is the biggest thing.

...staying strong and determined and not letting the negativities of life get me down. I'm committed to being a better mom. I think I am a great mom, but everyone can learn something to make it better.

...continuing my education after I get my GED. Be strong for my kids to look up to me in the future. Stay sober. I want my kids to see that mom is better and working hard in life.

Our Children Need Winter Clothes & Coats!



Male 2T , M(8-10), L(12-14), XL (16-18)

Female 1T, 4T, XS, M

The Combined Federal and United Way Campaigns Support Your Favorite Non-Profits - Including Saranam!

This year, please choose Saranam to receive all or part of your donation through the CFC and/or the United Way Campaigns this year. Together we can help homeless families achieve success!



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