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Casa Familia Shows Off Its New Face

The long-awaited remodeling of Casa Familia, our emergency shelter for single women and families with children, is nearing completion. More than two years in the planning and implementation, the project underwent numerous delays in the permitting process and required several variances before final approval. But now the program has a new public entrance and outdoor children's playground, as well as reconfigured office space to enhance security, promote child-family interaction and allow more confidential discussions between staff and guests.

The new entrance opens onto the parking lot and features outdoor lighting, security camera and intercom system allowing staff inside to interact with and screen visitors, particularly at nighttime. Inside it has a volunteer-staffed desk, large donation closet and security door leading to the rest of the building.

This provides more privacy for the residents, since visitors can now come by to drop off or pick up donations without having to enter the living quarters. And during evenings, the space can be used for group activities, such as life-skills sessions, while

leaving the tv/playroom area free for the children to use without interruption.

The outdoor playground, though small, is secure and accessible only through the building itself. Among staff, the program manager, case manager and daytime or evening supervisor now have private instead of shared offices to foster more open interaction and confidentiality with guests, particularly during entrance interview/assessments and case management sessions. Still to be installed is the fire-suppression system.



Case Manager Vickie Gabin works with a client in her new office.



Casa Familia's new public entrance with donation closet in the rear.

and be more responsive to the community," says Lawrence Sena, program manager. "The remodeling also provides much improved staff workflow and permits more intimate case management and trauma informed response for our guests."

Case Manager Vickie Gabin is equally enthusiastic about the changes.

"My new office is a much more

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Director's Corner



One of my great pleasures working at St. Elizabeth is the fantastic staff that I'm surrounded by and the dedication and long-term commitments so many have made to the organization. Take Edward Archuleta, the 2017 New Mexico Case Manager of the Year, featured in this newsletter who has been involved with St. Elizabeth since it opened in 1986.

Maria Lopez, program manager at the Men's Emergency Shelter, has been with us since 1989. And Neal Windham, program manager at our Sonrisa Family Supportive Living Program, has been its director since those apartments were built in 1997. Their ability to incorporate their wealth of experience with organizational memory is truly invaluable.

But besides these long-term commitments, we are continually being infused with new energy and talent from our intern program. Shane Lampman, program manager at Casa Cerrillos Supportive Living Program, started here as an intern, moved back to New York City to work for several years and then returned to St. Elizabeth as a case manager before advancing to his current position. Ben Myler and Jake Fulmer, both shift supervisors at the Men's Emergency Shelter, began as interns as did Lawrence Sena, former case manager and now program manager at Casa Familia.

So we're very proud of our ability to harness the fresh creativity and capability they bring to us, while being able to nurture and develop it into the most competent and caring staff ever. Their diverse backgrounds, wide range of talents and overall empathy enable us to continue providing the best care, guidance and support possible for our guests, evidenced by the high percentage who successfully move from homelessness into housing.

Our staff, our volunteers and our donors make me feel truly blessed and grateful every day.

Deborah Tang,
Executive Director

St. E's Employee Honored as State's Best



Edward Archuleta counseling a client at the Men's Emergency Shelter.

“He’s a miracle worker.” So says Paige Kitson, street outreach program director for Youth Shelters & Family Services, when asked why she nominated Edward Archuleta for New Mexico 2017 Case Manager of the Year. “He is warm and welcoming to clients, down to earth, easy to build rapport with, extremely helpful, incredibly organized and knows every resource in Northern New Mexico. He handles crisis situations with grace, is always fair in his decisions and is such an asset to our community and its homeless members.”

Whew.

Edward, case manager at St. Elizabeth’s Men’s Emergency Shelter, received the award from the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness this October. Self-effacing as always, “it’s quite an honor” is all he would say about it.

Others are not so reticent.

“We recognized him for his many years of service, calm demeanor, expertise connecting people to the

services they need and great patience working with a wide variety of people with a wide range of problems,” says Hank Hughes, executive director of the coalition. “It’s not an easy job.”

Maria Lopez, program manager at the Men’s Emergency Shelter, seconds this assessment.

“Edward truly deserves it,” she says. “He goes the extra mile for all his clients, talking regularly with them, advocating for them, even transporting them to appointments if necessary. He continually encourages them to keep working on their goals and stays on top of everyone’s individual situation. He knows all the community resources available and collaborates extremely well with case workers at other agencies on their behalf.

“Many of our guests say that if it weren’t for Edward’s perseverance, they would not have had the courage and wherewithal to reach their goals and end up housed,” she continues.

Edward has been involved with St. Elizabeth since its founding in 1986.

“I came by one afternoon to make a donation, asked Sister Shirley (the first executive director) if she needed help and ended up staying to 7 am the next morning,” he recalls. “I helped make dinner, ate with the guests and then ended up talking all night with a suicidal 17-year-old the police dropped off. I suppose I was successful because I ran into him a few years ago.”

Following that, Edward was the shelter’s volunteer resident manager from 1986 to 1987, a front desk volunteer from 1990 to 1998 and a member of its Board of Directors from 1990 to 1996. At the same time, he worked as an assistant to Secretary of State Stephanie Gonzales and then project director of 1,000 Friends of New Mexico, an environmental group.

“Then I got very ill from toxic mold poisoning in my condo and came close to dying,” he says. “Throughout my sickness, a little voice in my head kept telling me to go back to St. E’s because that’s where I was supposed to be. When I recovered, I came by and asked Maria if there were any jobs available, and she said ‘can you start tomorrow.’”

Returning in 2010 as an intern, Edward says he “started at the bottom” but soon moved up to case manager where he is today. He meets all the guests when they arrive at the shelter, assesses their condition and needs, and finds out what brought them to St. Elizabeth. Then working together they create an Individual Service Plan, setting attainable objectives and goals, including finding housing. He helps

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relaxed and comfortable space and that helps put my clients at ease to talk more openly with me about their challenges and their goals” she says. “As you might imagine, their circumstances and stories gradually unfold over time, but I expect my new setting to help advance the process and put them more quickly on the road to success.”

Throughout the many months of disruptions and disturbances, Casa Familia remained open for the more than 350 adults and children that depend on its services each year. Staff and guests worked valiantly around the construction and now are glad that it all seems to have been worthwhile.

“We’re definitely able to serve people better,” says Colleen Mahoney, daytime supervisor and case manager. “We now actually have a front-desk person to meet and greet visitors, and there’s a better division between our public and private services.”

Current guests Tina Gibula and Liz Dorsey also speak approvingly of the remodel.

“For all the construction they did, it wasn’t that noisy and came out great,” Tina says.

“I really like the new, larger donation closet and the new entry makes it easier to get in and out of the building,” Liz says.

The remodeling was financed through a mix of private and governmental monies. Leading funders include the Abram & Ray Kaplan Foundation, Lineberry Foundation, Domanica Foundation,



The new Children’s Playground has plenty of interesting objects for our younger guests to enjoy.

Liberty Ranch Infinite Possibilities Fund, Frost Foundation, William & Amy Conway Fund, Gale Family Foundation, Brindle Foundation, Clothes Helping Kids, Tammy Maloof, Nan Schwanfelder and the City of Santa Fe Community Services Block Grant. Our thanks to everyone else who made a donation toward the project, as well as the many others who continued to donate gifts-in-kind of clothes, toys, food and other needed items for our guests.

The remodeled Casa Familia can use volunteers to staff the front desk or prepare evening meals. If you’re interested, please call Lawrence or Shannon at 983-2042.

Thank You Donors!

Please visit our website

www.steshelter.org

to view the list of our generous donors from

July 1, 2017 – October 30, 2017.

Recently Soles4Souls made a large donation of shoes to Casa Familia. Here’s Nicole, a current guest, in the pair of casual shoes she picked out. Her old pair had some tears and the color was fading, but now with these she goes to her appointments outside the shelter feeling confident.



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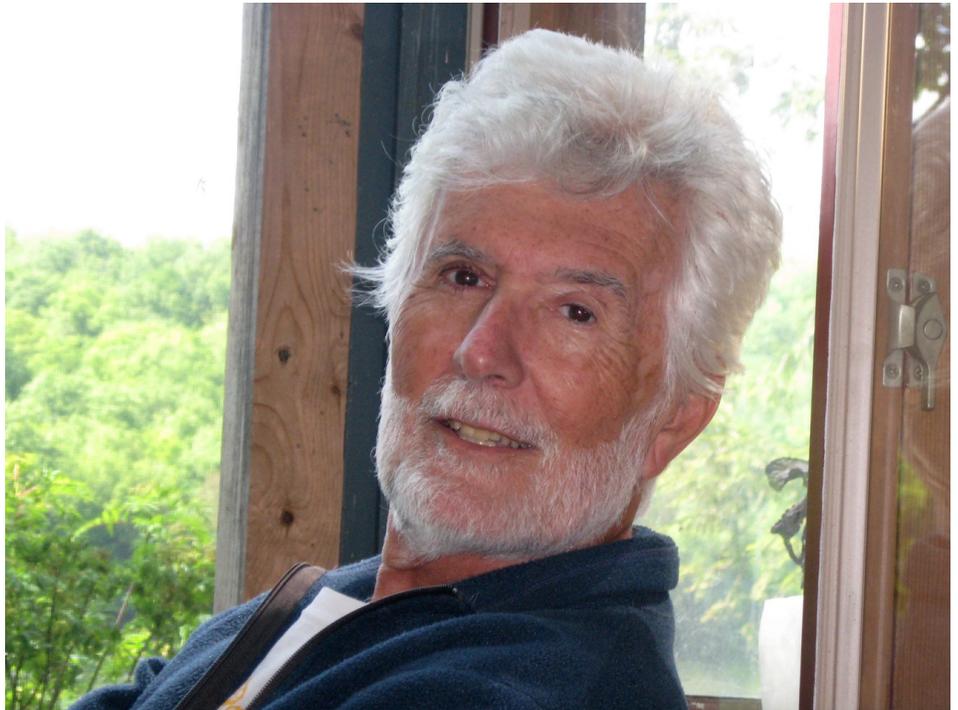
When David Jenness died this past May, St. Elizabeth Shelter lost a generous friend and an innovative donor.

Born in the Macedonia region of the former Yugoslavia in 1937, he grew up in turbulent times. After the Nazis invaded and occupied the country during World War II, the International Red Cross evacuated him to England as a war orphan while his parents stayed behind as partisans in the Resistance. He never saw them again.

From England he was sent to the United States in 1942 and adopted as an only child by Dr. Arthur Freeman Jenness, a professor of psychology at Williams College, and his wife, Margaret Babcock Jenness. David attended Andover Phillips Academy and Oberlin College before receiving a Ph.D. in neurophysiology from Columbia University. He became a project officer at the National Science Foundation and Social Sciences Research Council, as well as executive director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations.

Musically and artistically talented, David sang with the New Amsterdam Singers in New York and the Sangre de Cristo Chorale in Santa Fe, as well as serving as music critic at *The New Mexican* in the early 1980s. He also authored four books: *Making Sense of Social Studies, Classic American Popular Song: The Second Half-Century, 1950-2000* (ASCAP award winner for best book on popular music of 2005), *Trueing the Universe* (poetry) and *Two Smart Boys: The Record of a Friendship 1953-1965*.

Always community minded, he was an early board member of the New Mexico Community Foundation where he conducted a survey of



David Jenness had innovative ways to donate to St. E's.

the state of the arts in small New Mexican cities.

“David felt a great sympathy for those who were the least taken care of in our world and society,” says Ken Collins, his partner and then husband for 32 years. “He had a very strong place in his heart for people who were truly down and out, and that was his great concern and charitable focus. Possibly it was because he was a refugee in World War II whose life was saved by others.”

Whenever they traveled on vacation, David would keep track of expenses and then after returning make a donation to St. Elizabeth of 10 percent of what he had spent.

“He told me that if he could afford to travel, he could afford to give a percentage of what he had spent back to those most in need,” Ken says. “It’s an example that more of us should follow.”

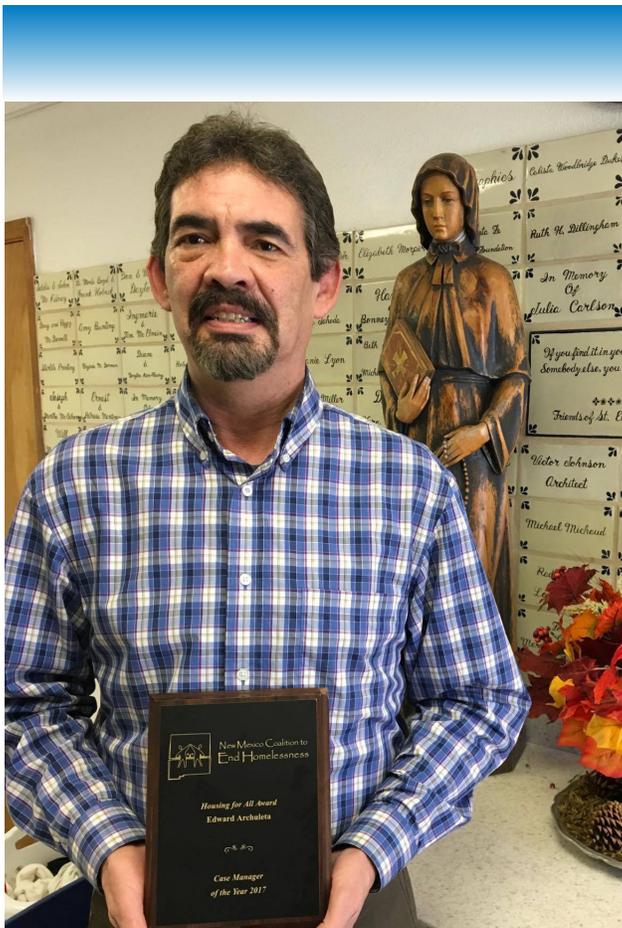
Before he died, David designated his required annual IRA distribution to St. Elizabeth as well.

“That’s another idea that more people should think of,” Ken says. “After we reach 70½, we all have to take a required minimum distribution from our traditional IRAs and pay taxes on it. But if you donate it directly to a charitable organization like St. Elizabeth, they will get the full amount and there are no tax consequences for you.”

If you are interested in learning more about this or other innovative ways to donate to St. Elizabeth's Shelters & Supportive Housing please contact Jim Podesta, our director of development, at (505) 982-6611 x 105 or development@steshelter.org

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Edward shows off his award.

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them get IDs and other needed documents, enroll in Medicaid and then make medical appointments to address healthcare issues, find work if they're able and, if not, help them get disability benefits.

"My goal is to get them off the streets and into housing, and we're successful with 45 to 50 percent of our guests," he says. "But our biggest challenge is the lack of affordable housing in Santa Fe. If you're on disability and getting the average payment of \$700 to \$800 a month, it's all but impossible. So I refer these guests to Life Link for housing vouchers if they qualify.

"Our other main challenge has become the growing age and infirmities of our clientele. More and more we're sheltering older and sicker individuals, both physically and mentally, who have few resources and are unable to care for themselves. They really need to be in nursing homes, but again there's a huge lack of such beds for those on Medicaid."

Still even with these difficult challenges, the job has its rewards.

"Just to see someone get off the streets, back on their feet and in their own place gives me great joy," he says. "It's why I plan on doing this until I retire."



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To Everyone Who Made THE 5th Annual HUNGRY MOUTH FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!

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Thank you to all the wonderful Staff, Case Managers, Supportive Staff and Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to St. Elizabeth Shelter & Supportive Housing.

If you missed this year's Hungry Mouth Festival there is still time to donate! www.steshelter.org (505) 982-6611





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MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER

Please call (505) 982-6611 or bring the smaller items to St. Elizabeth at 804 Alarid Street.

Clothing - Hats, gloves, scarves, boots, socks, men's jackets, sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, long underwear.

Personal hygiene - Shaving cream, disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, combs.

Food - Milk, juice, fresh fruits, bottled water, cheese, ground beef, chicken, pork, ham, turkey, roasts.

Non-Food Items - Non-alcoholic cough syrup, thera-flu, multivitamins, Emergen-C® packets, cough drops, Vitamin C, lip balm, band aids, alka-seltzer cold®, pepto-bismol®, hand sanitizer, hand wipes, tissues, Lysol spray, foot powder.

Other - Sleeping bags, sleeping pads or mats, blankets.

Volunteers - Handyman/woman for repairs, front-desk receptionists for four- to eight-hour blocks of time, cooks for dinners any night.

CASA FAMILIA

Please call (505) 983-2042 or bring the smaller items to Casa Familia at 1604 Berry Ave.

Clothing - Women's underwear, socks, warm jackets, shoes, weather-appropriate boots; girl's/boy's clothing, school uniforms.

Personal Hygiene - Shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors (female), toothbrushes, toothpaste, band aids, hair brushes, foot powder, body soap, nail clippers, nail files, deodorant (women's) alka-seltzer cold®, pepto-bismol®, over-the-counter medication (ibuprofen), baby wipes, baby powder.

Food - Non-perishable food, water, juice, spices.

Other - Blankets, bed sheets (twin), diapers (all sizes, particularly 2-5), cleaning supplies, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, latex-free gloves, kitchen utensils, kitchen pots & pans, water bottles, shower shoes, AA/9-volt batteries, backpacks (adult & children), bus passes (Santa Fe Trails one-day, round trip or monthly), passes for community activities (eg. Chavez Center or Children's Museum)

Volunteers - Front-desk receptionists from 4- to 8-hour blocks of time, cooks for dinner.

CASA CERRILLOS

Please call (471-3456) to discuss their current needs before bringing them to the facility at 381½ Cerrillos Road.

Household Items - Cleaning supplies, pet food.

Larger Items - Van in good working condition, flatscreen tvs, computers & laptops, fencing materials.

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