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Spring News Flash

Barrett Foundation, Inc.
Ending Homelessness for Women and Children

A Special Edition News Insert
from Barrett Foundation, Inc.

Malinda's Story



A veteran of the U.S. Army, Malinda balanced a nursing career and raising kids in Tennessee. After they grew up and left home, she decided to try travel nursing, moving to Texas, and Oklahoma. Then, new on the job, the pandemic destabilized her life and career. She came to New Mexico for the lower cost of living and to continue as a contractually based nurse. As she stayed in a homeless shelter that had limited computer access, strict curfews, and low resident to staff ratio, she missed the deadline to renew her nursing license. On the street again, she came to Barrett in December. Since then, with the support of our case manager and resident advocates, she has renewed her license, gotten a nursing job again, and moved into her new apartment! ***"I can't thank Barrett enough,"*** she said. ***"This place made all the difference."***

On-site Services Back at Barrett!



Now that we've survived the worst of the pandemic, we can invite our community partners back on-site to provide supportive services. Roger is a tutor from APS who helps the children with their homework and study skills every Tuesday.



Starting in January, we also renewed our partnership with Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless. Twice a week, they visit to offer individual and group counseling sessions. The group counseling sessions offer a creative approach using embroidery as a medium to explore self-narratives and life stories.

Grants & Foundation Spotlight!



BCBS Healthy Kids Healthy Family Grant

Through a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico, we are able to keep up with the rising costs of food, while also providing life skills training and access to healthcare resources. In March, they visited with their Care Van for check-ups and vaccines. Blue Bear played with the children and gave them helpful tips for health and hygiene.

The Catholic Foundation

Funding from the Catholic Foundation has allowed us to purchase security cameras. We are so grateful for their legacy of annual support, and this additional large grant that elevates our ability to provide safe shelter.

We are also incredibly thankful for generous support from **Albuquerque Community Foundation, Bank of the West, Chevron, Hancock Foundation, LDS Church, PNM, Sandia Labs, Sandia Foundation, Vitality,** and **United Way!**

Don't have a stamp?

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Headshots for Hope Fundraiser

Ashley Fern Photography brought back this delightful Fundraiser on March 9th. Collaborating with **Blo Blow Dry Bar**, both businesses donated their time and talents to celebrate Women's International Day and support Barrett. Friends of Barrett treated themselves to hairstyling and professional photography, with all proceeds donated to Barrett.



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Our Mission: To end the experience of homelessness for women and children in our community by providing shelter, housing and supportive services.