



SAN JUAN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM SAN JUAN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

Submitted by Pamela Drake, Executive Director

This newsletter gives me the opportunity to let our readers, supporters and colleagues know about some of our current efforts here at SJCP.

- * We have recently redesigned and updated our website, sjcpartnership.org. Check it out! I think that you'll like the new format that gives current information that's easy to find. Thank you to Charlene Anderson, Creative Geckos, and Amanda Evans, SJCP Program Manager, for working hard on this project.
- * The Youth and Family Resource Directory that we have produced for several years has been updated and is available to download on our website, sjcpartnership.org
- * The 19th Creating Cultural Harmony Conference will be held on Feb. 22, 2019. The conference celebrates the diverse cultures in our communities. This year's conference theme is "Connections"—to recognize the importance of connections with our land, communities, neighbors, friends and families. The conference will emphasize the need for making and maintaining connections and building relationships that are essential to our well-being in the Four Corners. Social work and prevention CEUs are offered. Watch for more information after the first of the year.
- * We will be joining the national effort to address the opioid crisis by working on overdose prevention. The Center for Disease Control has provided funding to New Mexico's Dept. of Health to work with counties across the State. SJCP will work with a local team of stakeholders to help to make naloxone more available to those who are at-risk of overdose, through service providers, pharmacies, or family members. We will also explore the possibility of expanding medically assisted treatment (MAT) in the area.
- * San Juan County Youth Coalition, in collaboration with the Mayor's Teen Advisory Committee (MTAC), which is facilitated by Farmington's Public Library, has been working on three strategies to reduce underage drinking and young adult problem drinking. The strategies are: sticker shock events, where stickers are placed on alcohol packaging to remind buyers that it is a 4th degree felony to provide alcohol to minors; presenting information to teens and young adults on the consequences of drinking; and placing posters in schools and communities with messages about the positive decisions high school students are making (based on statistics from the 2017 Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey)—look for new posters very soon.

These are just a few of our current projects/initiatives. We appreciate your support and invite your comments, questions and help, if you would like. You may contact us at 505-566-5867 or office@sjcpartnership.org.

SAVE THE DATE

19th Creating Cultural Harmony Conference

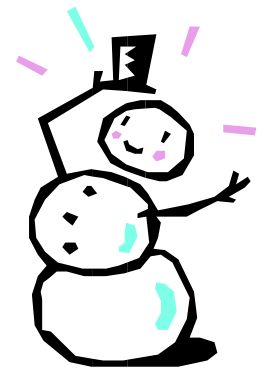
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San Juan County Healthy Kids Healthy Communities Summer/Fall 2018

Submitted by Patience Williams, Program Manager

San Juan Healthy Kids Healthy Communities had a busy summer and fall this year. This summer, NM Representative James Strickler donated the Old Farmhouse Community Garden. Supported by San Juan County NMSU Agriculture Agent, Farm Farmington and Healthy Kids, the garden really began to take off.

We were able to partner with Sycamore Park Community Center and the San Juan Water Conservation District Vista member to hold a gardening class with fresh fruit and vegetable tastings for the youth at the community center. Throughout the summer we were able to harvest produce to sell at the Farmington Growers Market. At the final harvest of the year, we were able to deliver 197 lbs. of fresh vegetables to ECHO Food Bank. We are looking forward to next season with hopes of expanding the community within the garden.

One of the main programs of Healthy Kids Healthy Communities program is to participate in the 5-2-1-0 Challenge. The goals of this challenge are: eat **5** or more servings of fruits and vegetables; cut screen time to no more than **2** hours a day; be active for at least **1** hour a day; and, drink more **H2O**. Since working in elementary schools isn't possible in the summer, we partnered with Sycamore Park Community Center and had a fantastic outcome. 23 students participated along with 2 instructors. At the end of the challenge, 20 medals were awarded to 18 students and 2 instructors. This challenge lasts for 21 days and is introduced at the third grade level. The challenge brings the school and family together with the success of the student in mind. We are hoping to start the program in elementary schools this spring.



Community Garden and 5-2-1-0 Challenge Participants



Ending Homelessness In San Juan County

Submitted by Lynn Love, Program Manager

San Juan County Partnership's Housing Assistance Program is on the move, to end homelessness in San Juan County.

Annually, approximately 1,500 individuals and/or families enter the offices of Angelina Martin, Intake Coordinator, and Lynn Love, Program Manager, seeking rental assistance. The Partnership's Housing Program manages grants that assist families that are literally homeless, chronically homeless, homeless with a disability, and families that are at risk of becoming homeless, including a mini grant that is specific to veterans.



Recently, the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness (NMCEH), located in Santa Fe, NM, announced the availability of federal funding to assist homeless youth and teen mothers residing in San Juan County. This grant funding will help to financially broaden the homeless "Safety Net," while addressing a youth population, currently in need of housing.

Of course, financial assistance is not the only cross-stitch that mends San Juan County's "Safety Net" of supportive services. Mainstream resources, such as food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, childcare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and other supportive resources are imperative to sustaining household stabilization.



In 2012, the Housing Assistance Program formed "Frontline Workers Connecting," a resource pool of local agencies that meets monthly, to discuss agencies' guidelines, availability of resources, the exchanging of contact information and housing accommodations.

HUD's mandated Housing First Policy is to provide the client housing **first**, followed with resources, counseling services, and treatment for addictions, and/or physical and mental therapy, in some cases, for promoting housing stability, while families adjust to living independently. This policy can sometimes prove challenging, but San Juan County Partnership's Housing Assistance Program follows and supports this policy.

The collaboration between community agencies, working together with best practices, applied resources, and case management strategies, has greatly enhanced long term stability, minimizing tenants' potential evictions. Annual performance reports are completed to report community resources, case management services, outreach, rentals and financial assistance.

Thank you to each of our Frontline participants and partner agencies for their continuous support.



San Juan Chapter AmeriCorps

Submitted by Marion Yonnie, Program Manager

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each takes a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, preparing for disasters, and more. This is the first year AmeriCorps has partnered with San Juan Chapter, our areas of focus are Veterans and Military Families and Environmental Stewardship.

The Veterans and Military Families national service program positively impacts the quality of life of veterans and improves military family strength. AmeriCorps members assist community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families by connecting them with resources, such as mentorship and tutoring for military children, legal assistance, affordable housing, health care, counseling, and more. Members also help veterans apply for and explore benefits options. AmeriCorps programs recruit veterans, particularly those who are transitioning from military to civilian life, into service opportunities, including those that utilize military experience. We also encourage San Juan Chapter Lower Fruitland veterans to join as service members, to help other local veterans. This practice creates a sense of community between veterans especially.

Environmental Stewardship national service programs provide direct services that contribute to increased energy and water efficiency, renewable energy use, improving at-risk ecosystems, and support increased citizen behavioral change leading to ecosystem improvements, particularly for economically disadvantaged communities.

San Juan Chapter's Mission statement is: Serve the community and improve the quality of life using human resources and available natural resources. The Vision statement is: San Juan Chapter will govern with K'e and responsibility to the community and encourage self sufficiency.

Named for the San Juan River, this forms the chapter's northern border. The Hogback starts in this chapter, but the Hogback Chapter name (now Tse Daa K'aan) was already being used when this very recent chapter formed in 1982. About 1,500 community members live within the boundaries according to chapter officials. The 2010 Census did not differentiate between San Juan and Nenahnezad Chapters, giving them a combined population of 1,792. The boundary with Nenahnezad is not clearly identified, so there is no official estimate of the land area. Residents in the area can choose whether to affiliate with San Juan or Nenahnezad Chapter.

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Domestic Violence Awareness

Submitted by Alexa Carmona

Outreach Coordinator, Family Crisis Center

Domestic Violence (DV) affects everyone women, men and children of every race, religion, culture, and socio-economic status as you can see DV does not discriminate! Its main purpose is to maintain power and control which takes many forms. Primarily, we think of domestic violence as physical abuse but it's not just punches and black eyes, its yelling, stalking, jealousy, concealing or denying information about finances, use of the silent treatment, or name calling which eventually erodes an individual's self-esteem. DV thrives in silence and is a one of the abuser's many tactics to gain and maintain power and control in their relationships. This is why it is so important for us to speak up as a community when we know DV is involved. Don't stay silent! Silence kills! Domestic Violence is a learned behavior and we should hold abusers responsible and accountable for their behavior! Refuse to be silent.

Family Crisis Center (FCC) is striving to end the silence of Domestic Violence! Family Crisis Center has provided services to address the physical and emotional needs of domestic violence survivors and victims' since 1978. Family Crisis provides support for survivors during their healing and recovery process. Our goal at FCC is to provide safety first and foremost, help empower survivors to take positive steps toward their own safety, wellbeing and the well-being of their children. Services provided to help survivors and take control of their own lives include individual counseling for victims and child victim/witnesses, a Batter Intervention Program, (Helping Explore Accountable Lifestyles, HEAL); women's support groups, co-dependency groups and court advocacy. Services for children who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence as well as victims and survivors are FREE. Everyone deserves a safe place to stay without the fear of being abused and thanks to Marge's Place our protective shelter individuals who experience domestic violence are able to flee their abusive home and find a safe and comfortable space that provides residents a home-away from home. The goal of the shelter is to provide safety and help a victim transition to a survivor and thrive.



The 5th Annual San Juan County's Got Talent fundraiser, held October 20, 2018, was a great success! Twenty-four acts from the community auditioned for the show and ten acts went through to the final performance. It was a night filled with music, singing, dance, ventriloquism and surprises!

Autumn Austin, who played a piano solo from Mendelssohn, was the grand prize winner and the Band Cinematica took runner-up with an original song. Scott Michlin did his usual wonderful job as our Master of Ceremonies and Our Island Style had the audience tapping their toes and moving while the judges deliberated!

Our judges this year were Wetona Becenti, Mayor Nate Duckett, Undersheriff Shane Ferrari, Dr. Teun Fetz and Monica Leaming. Greg Allen graciously videotaped and is producing DVD's of the night's show.

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our sponsors this year whose support of our programs is essential for our continued work in the community: Citizens Bank, San Juan College, Merrion Family Foundation, M & R Plumbing, Arizona Public Service, Desert Hills Dental, Lusk Family Dentistry, Skein Train, KSJE, and Dinetahdoo Cultural Resources, LLC.

We hope you will plan on joining us next year for this fun event!



19TH CREATING CULTURAL HARMONY CONFERENCE

“CONNECTIONS”

As we celebrate our diverse cultures, we recognize the importance of connections—with our land, communities, neighbors, friends and families. This conference will emphasize the need for making and maintaining connections and building relationships that are essential to the well-being of the Four Corners Region.

Please join us for a dynamic keynote, workshops and entertainment.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 22, 2019

8:30 am – 4:30pm

San Juan College—Little Theater and 9000 rooms

* Adults \$40
* Youth \$20

* Keynote Speaker
* Workshops

* Lunch provided
* Cultural Entertainment

YOUTH TRACK FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

A special Youth Track has been arranged with dynamic speakers who, through discussions and activities, will help the students explore and gain valuable knowledge in strengthening intercultural relationships, developing leadership skills and team building. Youth Track will begin at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be provided and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Youth track attendance is limited to 70 participants, so early registration to reserve your place is advised. Leaders must attend with groups who wish to register. Contact Debbie @ 505-566-5867 for more information.



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SAN JUAN COUNTY YOUTH

MEME CONTEST

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE DEC. 21, 2018

San Juan County Partnership is hosting a youth meme contest to promote information that providing alcohol to minors is a 4th degree felony and to discourage underage drinking.

San Juan County youth will create an original meme containing a fact about adults providing alcohol for minors and that it is a 4th degree felony that could possibly include a \$5,000 fine.



CREATE AN ORIGINAL MEME WITH FACTS THAT SHOW THAT ADULTS PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR IS A 4TH DEGREE FELONY

RULES:

- MUST BE ORIGINAL MEME
- MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER
- ENTRIES MUST BE EMAILED TO EVANSA@SJCPartnership.org

2 WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY VIA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK

EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FROM:

- CHICK-FIL-A
- MCDONALDS
- BOWLERO LANES
- ALLEN THEATERS

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DON'T BE A PARTY TO UNDERAGE DRINKING!

In New Mexico, purchasing or providing alcohol to youth under 21 other than your own child is illegal.



Providing alcohol to minors is a fourth degree felony punishable by up to **eighteen months in jail and a fine up to **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)**.**

For more information contact San Juan County Partnership at 566-5867 or www.sjcpartnership.org



Visit our updated website—sjcpartnership.org

Check out our updated Youth and Family Resource Directory!

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