



## **Executive Summary**

### **Doubling our Capacity to Serve More Families**

Founded in 2004 through a bequest from Frances Thaxton Ash to Central United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Saranam, LLC is an innovative, 2-year, multi-generational program that transforms families out of homelessness and poverty into self-sufficiency through housing, education, and supportive community.

For eighteen years, Saranam has served 152 homeless families, including 174 adults and 319 children, and has demonstrated a 77% success rate of families exiting the program into permanent, safe, stable living situations. Our success rate indicates that when families exit, they can fully support themselves, including housing supplies, utilities, etc., on their own income. The life skills we provide ensure that families can maintain and sustain these outcomes. By meeting the needs of children and parents together, the family builds education, economic assets, social capital, and health and well-being to create a legacy of economic security that passes from one generation to the next, breaking the cycle of poverty. With an **86%** stability rate for families after a *one-year post-exit*, Saranam is a proven sustainable solution to move from homelessness.

Over the past five years, Saranam has studied the need and opportunities for an expansion of services. Each year we received 70-80 applications from 45 referring agencies for only ten apartments available for new families. With our 20-family capacity, Saranam has been operating at full capacity since 2014. For this reason, Saranam has embarked on its boldest endeavor yet; a second campus will more than double our service capacity!

With the purchase of 3.5 acres on the westside of Albuquerque, Saranam has committed to being a permanent, sustainable solution to homelessness. The property was intentionally selected for its safety, access to grocery stores, childcare, and other services. It is very near good bus lines making access to UNM and CNM campuses easy.

Building community comes with investment. Today, Saranam is committed to a \$9.3 million capital campaign effort. This expansion will include 25 additional small homes, playgrounds, a community garden, a family center, and parking. The site will also have office and classroom space as well as donation storage. The campus will consist of 15 two-bedroom and 10 four-bedroom homes. Utilizing APS portables as framing, Saranam will completely and beautifully transform the inside and out for comfortable living for our families. This accomplishes our net-zero green initiative.

We invite you to invest in our work to move families out of homelessness and poverty into self-sufficiency through housing, education, and a supportive community.

**Learn more at [saranamabq.org](http://saranamabq.org)**

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