



*Building
Foundations
for Life*

Bringing Homeless Families Home

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

From the Executive Director



February of 2019 marked Saranam's 15 year anniversary of serving families experiencing homelessness in Albuquerque. In 2019 we proudly focused on supporting building capacity for individuals as well as for our organization—to do more, be more and impact more.

Since its inception the commitment to quality and innovative programming by Saranam staff has not waived, and in 2019 we were able to expand our programming and capacity with the addition of four new positions: Director of Operations, Family and Community Coordinator, Director of Continuous Improvement and Family Stability Advocate. These new positions and staff members are helping us build out our capacity and infrastructure, as well as our measures of success. They are creating new opportunities for our alumni families to engage in meaningful ways as they continue to build relationships and resources in the larger community. We are also shaping opportunities for our families as well as for volunteers to be engaged in more ways together in evening and children's programming.

We remain dedicated to Saranam's mission of empowering families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing, education, and supportive communities. All of Saranam's programming revolves around developing relationships between and among the families we serve, and you will read more about this in the Annual Report. However, we certainly could not be successful without strong collaborations with our partners in the greater Albuquerque community. This includes our volunteers, our donors, and organizations and businesses. Thank you!

As we look forward to the future I know that our continued success is inevitable because of the combined strength of our staff and partners. We will continue to protect, promote, and serve families, and help them build deep and meaningful relationships in our community. As we navigate the beginning of 2020, I am eager to see what is in store for Saranam's next 15 years. Your continued support will ensure that Saranam remains a one-of-a-kind resource for the vulnerable families in our community.

Sincerely,

Tracy Weaver

Executive Director

Katie's Story

Community is the common thread woven throughout Katie's journey from homelessness to home.



Katie spent much of her life without a community- bouncing through several foster homes as a child. The alcoholism and abuse that marked her turbulent childhood etched feelings of distrust and uncertainty in both herself and the people around her.

She had her first child as a teenager and met her partner, Anna, while working and going to school. Though they lived on razor-thin margins, they made ends meet until shortly after the birth of their second child, when a health complication began a chain of events that destroyed their family's stability.

Anna was diagnosed with a painful autoimmune disorder that rendered her unable to work. Without a social support net, Anna's illness necessitated a cross-country move to New Mexico, where she could stay with family and qualify for Medicaid while receiving treatment. When they arrived, their housing plan collapsed and the cost of medication and unreliability of work depleted their savings and eventually relegated their family to living in their car.

For Katie, that time alone in a new city was the darkest time of her life. "I was truly stranded at a place in life where I had no connections and even though I had Anna by my side, I had never felt more alone."

After stays in shelters her family was referred to Saranam, where she and her family found the community and support that was the missing link in their journey.

It is the community, Katie says, that has been the key to her family's success. The unpredictability of homelessness made it difficult to create meaningful

DID YOU KNOW?



2019 JCC HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Tracy was among the recipients of the 12th annual New Mexico Humanitarian Award and the 20th annual Harold B. Albert Award.

The awards are sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Albuquerque, which established the program to honor New Mexicans who have demonstrated an exemplary spirit of humanity and selflessly devoted themselves to help others, while promoting human welfare, care and compassion, social reform, philanthropy and values-based investing in the community.



connections and left them painfully isolated. “But at Saranam, I witnessed first-hand, how patience, compassion, respect, and understanding from one human being to another can make all the difference in someone’s life.” The encouragement and openness shown by their peers, volunteers, and staff has built an unshakeable foundation of trust for their future.

That support allowed them to blossom. During their two years in the program, Katie and Anna both completed the first year of an associate’s degree in sociology and plan to transfer to UNM. Anna’s goal is to pursue a career in criminal justice and Katie hopes to help Native American communities through a study of Indian Law.

Their family became self-sufficient and moved into their own apartment ahead of schedule. Beyond securing housing, their independence made them feel whole again and rejuvenated their confidence. With their basic needs assured and a secure future at hand, Anna’s health has also improved, which decreases their worries about supporting their family in the future.

Katie has taken her appreciation of community full circle and is now an active volunteer at many nonprofits including: Roadrunner Food Bank, Family Promise of Albuquerque, YDI Headstart, and Dress for Success. Katie shares that volunteering not only helps her pay it forward, but it also gives her a sense of accomplishment knowing she can give back the same generosity others showed her family.

“I’ve been on both sides of the giving circle and know the inspiring and heart-warming feeling of knowing that a complete stranger wanted to help my family. It has restored my faith in humanity and showed me how I could help be a part of change.”

Though it was difficult, her family’s journey has shaped her, she says. “It was through my experience being homeless that I uncovered strengths I had forgotten I had, like courage, perseverance, and resilience. And it was only when I found my home at Saranam that I truly began to love myself again.”

Theresa’s Story

A mother of four who has battled drug addiction and abuse to find belonging and healing for her family.



Theresa’s early childhood was a happy one until her mother began to use drugs and left her children in the care of their emotionally abusive grandmother. This abandonment left an indelible mark on Theresa; she felt that as her family fell apart, her identity was also stripped away.

Theresa sought out connection in a relationship that was plagued by drug abuse and later turned physically abusive after the birth of her first daughter at the age of 16. She eventually left the relationship, but she had to abandon her education to support her daughter.

Her life fell off its tracks when tragic accidents took the lives of her brother and her partner in the same year. She was left alone with two children under the age of 5. Devastated by the loss of her final remaining support systems she began to take pills to cope; a habit that would haunt her for many years.

Theresa tried to break her addiction several times. She found the strength to quit during her third pregnancy but the pain medication she took following her C-section restarted her habit. When pills became too difficult to secure, she turned to heroin and her life began to unravel even more and she ended up incarcerated. Finally, when it seemed that things could not get any worse, the hope of a life with her kids gave her the strength to turn her life around. She entered a treatment program, began her faith journey, and started rebuilding her relationship with her parents. After a 5 year period of success with sobriety, Theresa heard about Saranam and knew it was her best chance to continue her growth and forever change her future.

Whoo Hoo! Theresa's family's acceptance into the program was a relief for both her and her kids. "Waiting felt like my life was on hold and the kids were worried that we'd continue in the same unstable way we had for years." Now their family is finally reunited under one roof- a dream come true.

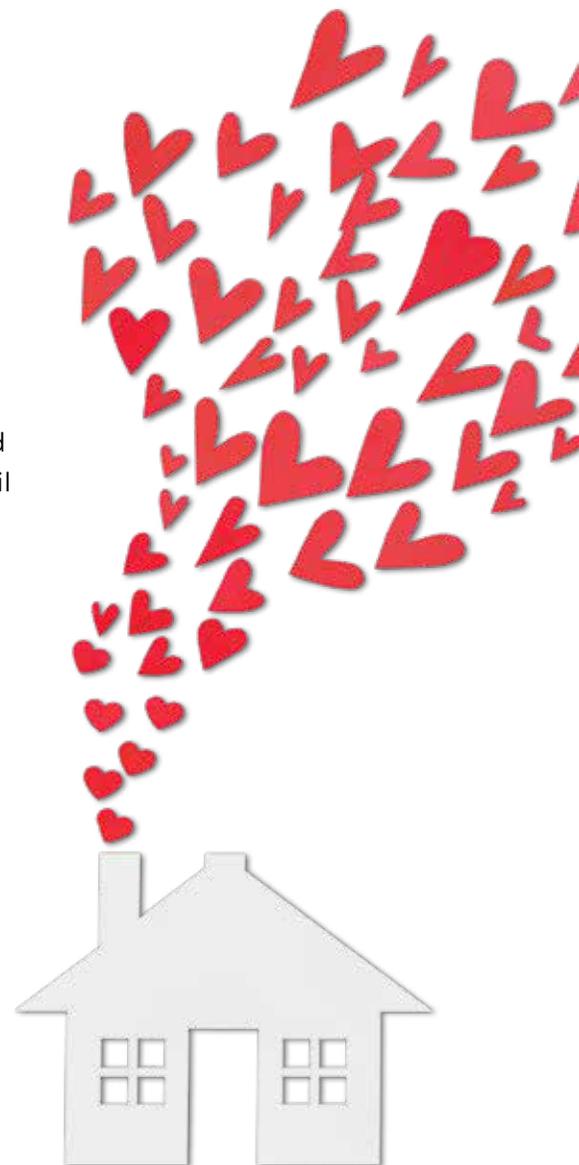
At Saranam Theresa has become the backbone for her family. Within months she finished the GED she has been fighting to get for the last decade and has made it her goal to become a nutritionist. Her success has rekindled her confidence and helped her discover her passions. She is proud to set a powerful example for her children and hopes it inspires them to invest in their own education. "I want to send my kids into the world prepared and coming from a place of security and trust."

Most importantly, the connections their family have built with each other, and within the community, have given them a sense of belonging that had been missing for many years. They enjoy spending time bonding at the Weil Family Center and the parenting and life skills classes have helped Theresa learn how to reassure and comfort her kids as they heal from their past. "We're finally getting a sense of identity and I'm able to pick up the pieces from my childhood."

Community was a foreign concept for them before entering Saranam. The support and positive relationships have changed them. From small gestures like picking up milk for a friend to receiving emotional support as she navigates a new future, the family she has found at Saranam has given her the confidence to reach for big dreams.

**At Saranam
Theresa has
become the
backbone for
her family.**

**"It's full circle at Saranam—we deal with
our past, we're united in the present, and
we are together in planning the future."**



Saranam Overview

VISION

To transform the lives
of homeless families.

MISSION

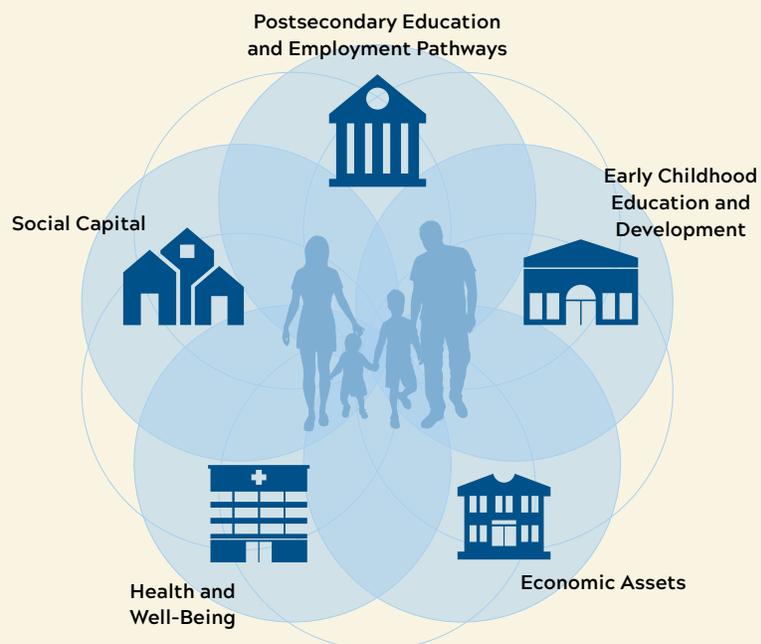
To empower families
to end their homelessness
and poverty through
housing, education and
supportive communities.

Saranam, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is an innovative two-generational program that addresses the significant underlying causes of homelessness—lack of support systems and community, poverty, despair and isolation. Saranam provides families with safe housing, intensive case management, a supportive community, and a pathway forward to self-sufficiency through education. With basic living needs provided for up to two years, families are able to focus their efforts on education, vocational development and acquiring life skills for independent living.

Saranam’s ultimate goal is for families to achieve self-sufficiency. To assist them on this path Saranam provides basic living needs to include fully furnished apartments, household supplies, and clothing. With these basic needs covered, families have up to 24 months to focus their efforts on education, vocational development and career goals while acquiring life skills for independent living.

5 KEY COMPONENTS OF THE TWO-GENERATION APPROACH

From the Aspen Institute



SARANAM PROGRAM MODEL



Additionally, Saranam is committed to a new way of looking at generational poverty. A two-generational approach is an antipoverty initiative that provides services for both children and their parents. This approach helps families get what they need to create a legacy of economic stability and overall well-being that passes from one generation to the next. This approach recognizes that families come in all different shapes and sizes and that families define themselves.

The importance that a parent's education, economic stability, and overall health has on a child's trajectory is well documented. Likewise, children's education and healthy development inspire and encourage parents to set the entire family on a more secure path.

We work from and towards the needs of both the parent and the child using research, education, and personal experience to determine what to include, change, or reform in our program. We have a 77% success rate of families successfully exiting the program into permanent, safe, stable living situations, where they are able to support themselves. The life skills we provide ensure that families are able to maintain and sustain these outcomes. The families who exit successfully do so by earning income through employment or scholarship and using it to provide for their housing, utilities, and basic living supplies. Additionally, we provide support, programming and opportunities for increased success and building assets for our alumni.

SERVICES PROVIDED



HOUSING

- furnished apartment
- transportation assistance
- household supplies
- phone/internet service
- diapers
- case management



EDUCATION

- GED prep
- vocational training
- college
- Life Skills
- financial literacy
- children's literacy
- child care
- laptops



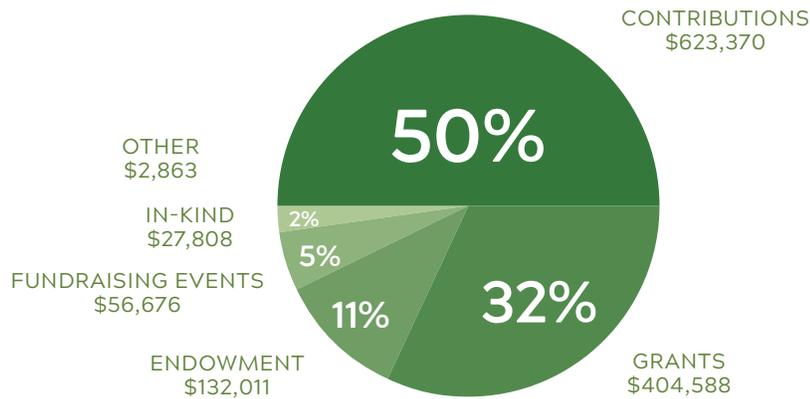
COMMUNITY

- cohort model
- alumni support
- evening activities
- volunteering
- community accountability
- family center
- playground
- community gardens
- resources

COST SAVINGS

The city of Albuquerque estimates the annual cost per homeless person is \$42,790, including medical, jail, and emergency shelters. At Saranam, the annual cost for housing and education is \$11,299 per person and \$35,704 for a family, allowing for an annual savings of \$31,491 per individual.

2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

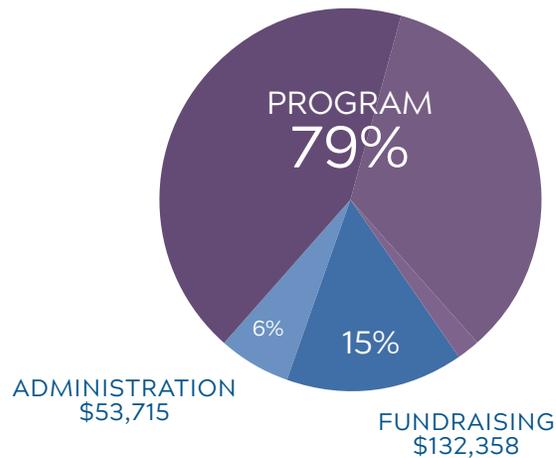


TOTAL REVENUES **\$1,247,314**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$892,597**

AVERAGE COST
PER FAMILY
\$35,704

AVERAGE COST
PER PERSON
\$11,299



PROGRAM EXPENSES

43%	HOUSING	\$381,510
34%	EDUCATION	\$303,993
2%	OTHER PROGRAM	\$21,021

The Frances Thaxton Ash Endowment covered all fundraising expenses, so for every \$1 contributed, \$0.94 goes directly to program!

DID YOU KNOW?

WE CAN ANALYZE LONGITUDINAL DATA TO BETTER TELL OUR LONG TERM IMPACT

As part of the process for validating our unique model, we have undergone substantial evaluation and updates to our internal systems. This year, we purchased a new client database. While we have always tracked our data and outcomes, this addition will enable us to improve following, analyzing, and synthesizing our data. We will use the results to better tell the story of the impact we have on families over time.

HOUSING COSTS INCLUDE

Rent
Apartment supplies
Stocked kitchen/pantry
Personal hygiene supplies
Cash allowance
Transportation
Background checks
Drug tests
Telephones and utilities
Internet

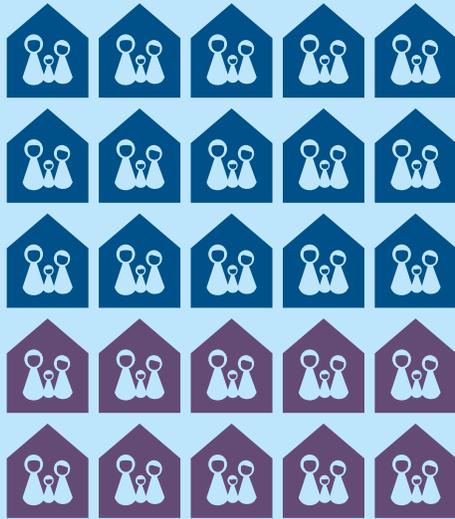
EDUCATION COSTS INCLUDE

Contracts for instructors
Fees and supplies for on-site classes
Scholarships for tuition, fees, books, supplies
Computers
Child care
Children's programming

2019 AT A GLANCE

Saranam has served 132 homeless families, including 272 children and 152 adults, during our sixteen years in operation. Families successfully exit the Saranam program having met three or more of our measures of success, indicating that they are able to be fully self-sufficient. This includes the ability to pay for their housing, utilities, and other living expenses. Our program boasts an 77% success rate. Seven families successfully exited our program in 2019!

DEMOGRAPHICS



25
FAMILIES
TOTAL

10 NEW
FAMILIES



27 ADULTS

26 FEMALE
1 MALE

AGES:
5 | 18-24
22 | 25-64



52 CHILDREN

29 UNDER THE
AGE OF 6



DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES

1 GED

4 Nursing Assistant certificates

2 passed national Certified
Nursing Assistant exam

2 Patient Care Technician
certificates

1 Dental Assistant certificate

1 passed National Certified
Dental Assistant exam

OUTCOMES

10 FAMILIES
EXITED THE
PROGRAM

7 left successfully
meeting at least
3 measures of
success

*One family had a health crisis so severe that they
needed to leave the program weeks after it began.*



COURSES OF STUDY
IN PROGRESS

Bachelor of Science or Arts:
Criminal Justice, Psychology

Associate of Arts or Science:
Business Administration,
Liberal Arts, Nursing,
Psychology, Sociology

Accounting and Nursing
Assistant certificates

PIMA Medical Institute:
Pharmacy Technician

HOW DO WE MEASURE SUCCESS?

- 1 Has the family moved into **STABLE HOUSING**?
- 2 Have the adult members of the family significantly improved their level of **EDUCATION**?
- 3 Are the adult members of the family **EMPLOYED**?
- 4 Have the adult members of the family significantly improved their **ABILITY TO MANAGE LIFE**?
- 5 Have the parents improved their **PARENTING SKILLS**?
- 6 Have the adult members of the family **ADDRESSED THE MAJOR BARRIERS** to their family stability?



Housing

Am I Safe?



Every day, parents experiencing homelessness must focus on and plan for where their children will sleep that night, how to keep them safe, and how to feed them.

Because they are often on the move and usually lack access to a kitchen, feeding their children means relying on food that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked. The entire family experiences high levels of stress, and often feel unsafe and vulnerable. ***This is why we start with housing.***

Each family is instantly safe. They have control over their immediate environment. They choose who enters their space. They no longer have to worry if their children will be safe while sleeping. They have a stocked refrigerator and working stove—and all the tools they need to cook nutritious meals. They have access to quality schools and childcare, all within walking distance.

Once these basic needs are provided, the adults and children in Saranam can begin to relax. They have the time and energy to focus on themselves: their health, their education, their futures. Beginning on their very first day, they have a community of families surrounding them. They have other adults to talk to, they watch out for each other's children, and they rely on each other for support.



DID YOU KNOW?

VOLUNTEERS WORKED 759 HOURS PREPARING APARTMENTS FOR NEWLY ARRIVING FAMILIES

During the summer, more than 151 Saranam volunteers worked 759 hours preparing apartments for newly arriving families. Furniture, accessories, and household items are collected year-round and stored in a warehouse for this purpose.

Volunteer decorators “shop” in the very organized warehouse for furnishings, including linens, pictures, and dishes. The decorator groups spend several weeks setting up the bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, and living room in each apartment. They add personal touches that transform each apartment into a home. Many

people and groups provide baskets of toiletries, paper goods, first-aid equipment, infant and toddler kits, and cleaning supplies for each apartment. The day before the new families move in, volunteers go shopping to stock the families' refrigerators and pantries.

Each month, another team of volunteers shop for basic living goods, including household supplies, toiletries, and diapers.

Apartments are customized for each family and have a minimum of 2 beds with bedside tables, 2 dressers, toys, a couch and coffee table, a kitchen table, dishes, small appliances (coffee maker, crock-pot, etc.), linens, a desk and chair, decorations and a tv.





HOMELESS MOTHERS

are more likely to **experience domestic violence, mental illness, substance abuse**

are 10 times more likely to experience **Domestic Violence** than married counterparts

have 3 times the rate of **PTSD**

have more than twice the rate of **major depressive disorders and substance abuse**

have **poorer health outcomes**

have **poorer nutrition**

HOMELESS CHILDREN

Including low income homeless vs. low income housed

have higher levels of **emotional and behavioral problems**

have increased risk of **serious health problems**

have twice the rate of **chronic and acute illnesses**

are more likely to suffer from **developmental delays**

have higher incidence of **mental health issues**—twice the risk of anxiety

have **lower academic performance** and attainment

have **learning disabilities** identified later

have **higher school mobility** (changing schools)

are more likely to **repeat a grade**

are **less likely to graduate** high school

have **poorer nutrition/increased food insecurity**

have increased exposure to **family and community violence**

preschoolers are 2/3 more likely to have **behavior problems**—aggression, anxiety, depression, inattention, hyperactivity

“When I got the call to say I was accepted, it was such a humbling experience to have someone ask me “what do you and the kids need?” I was always the main one to provide all of the kids needs and barely being able to make it. When Jennifer asked me if I wanted a crib for the baby, I was shocked! On my own, I could never afford to buy my baby a crib.

When I first saw the apartment, I was speechless. I was once again humbled by the detail and that someone took the time to make it so special. There were things in each room that fit each of us. It was like someone sent a group of angels to set it up. Everything was perfect and we all had beds and more than we could ever imagine. My kids were like my babies again when they saw their rooms.”

—Saranam Family

DID YOU KNOW?

Families take their whole house of furnishings with them when they leave.

Education

Doors Opening

Equally important to a stable present is a secure future.

Through education, parents grow their potential as providers, problem-solvers, and advocates for their children.

ADULT ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL

Saranam's Adult Education Program includes an assessment of current academic skills, GED preparation, and individualized academic instruction for those students who have a GED or high school diploma. On average, each Saranam student receives more than 250 hours of academic education in their first year. Classes are mandatory for all Saranam adults during the first year in our program, unless already enrolled in college level academic courses at an accredited institution. In addition, life skills classes are offered throughout the first year of the program to help clients sustain and further develop their roles as parents, community members, and potential employees.

ADULT LIFE SKILLS

Fall semester curriculum guides participants to identify higher educational goals and prepares them to pursue those ambitions. This provides the foundational understanding of topics they will most likely encounter once they are attending college classes in the Spring.

Spring semester curriculum builds upon the Fall semester by exploring their capacity to express themselves through presentation. Through self-reflective writing assignments and in-class presentations, Spring semester aims to build confidence in articulating ideas and experiences. These classes are held in the mornings to allow participants to attend afternoon classes at the accredited institution of their choice.

Summer semester curriculum consists of Employability Skills, offered in the morning once a week. This class provides an overview of important skills needed to attain employment, as well as opportunities to practice those skills. Participants practice resume and portfolio building, job searches, job interviews, and collaborate on team-based research and presentations. As with Spring semester, participants are expected to be enrolled in summer classes at the accredited institution of their choice.

These classes are part of an integrated curriculum designed to prepare our parents to transition into being full-time college students by Fall of their second year at Saranam.

Education = Increased Income

Because Saranam understands how important education is for stability, education is a core component of the program.

› The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that individuals with a high school diploma or GED earned, on average, an additional \$9,000 during 2017. Earnings increased by an additional \$3,000 for those individuals with some college experience, with a further \$3,000 increase seen in those who obtained an Associate's degree.

› In addition to the increased earning potential, individuals with a high school diploma saw a 2% decrease in unemployment rates, and the unemployment rate decreased an additional 1% for those individuals possessing an Associate's degree.





CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Just as education is key for adult growth and success, at Saranam we know a robust child education component is also needed. By focusing our education on both adult and children, families get what they need to create a legacy of economic stability and overall well-being that passes from one generation to the next.

The importance that a parent's education, economic stability, and overall health has on a child's trajectory is well documented. Likewise, children's education and healthy development inspire and encourage parents to set the entire family on a more secure path.

We work from and towards the needs of both the parent and the child, using research, education, and personal experience to determine what to include, change, or reform in our program.

Children's education and programming includes:

› Focus on Supporting Literacy and Academic Success

- Weekly reading
- Individual tutoring
- Weekly literacy

› Family Life Skills

- Weekly Life Skills activities mirroring adult programming

All programs are facilitated by dedicated, consistent volunteers enabling the children to form relationships with trusted adults. Research consistently shows that children with stable relationships with people outside of their family have better educational outcomes.



DID YOU KNOW?

Saranam families receive more than 600 total hours of LIFE SKILLS education?

400+ Hours of Adult Life Skills

200+ Hours of Children and Family Life Skills

IN THEIR FIRST YEAR, ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND FOUR HALF-DAY LIFE SKILLS CLASSES.

Our many offerings held on-site focus on the whole person such as Parenting, Effective Communication, College

Success, Nutrition, Financial Management, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, General and Sexual Health, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Personal and Family Values Identification and Mindfulness. By the summer, our adults are ready for the one morning per week Employability Skills class that prepares them for the world of work.

Our Community class, offered once a week, is dedicated to develop connections between parents and to the greater Albuquerque community. This devotes time to discuss issues and concerns within their group and to plan events. Community speakers are also invited to provide educational presentations to our adult students, in order to encourage them to utilize helpful resources.

Community

Everybody Needs Somebody



SARANAM FAMILIES GIVE BACK

As they complete their first year our parents begin volunteering in the greater Albuquerque community.

- › They choose an organization or cause that has meaning for them individually
- › No longer exclusively on the receiving end of things
- › Begin seeing how they can (and do) make a difference for others
- › Recognize that they have something valuable to offer

That's why we bring Saranam families in together once a year. That's why we function in the cohort model. Saranam families, live, attend classes, socialize and grow together. We know that community holds us accountable and provides support. Community makes us stronger.

Community is fun and feels good. Research also shows us that community connections and relationships between children and adults help with healthy brain development, improved social capacity and decreasing parental stress. We believe that the lack of community support systems is a key underlying cause of homelessness. At Saranam we strive to make sure that relationship building and community are an integral part of every aspect of our program.

We bring an entire class of families into the program at one time, and, beginning with orientation, build a peer group model that moves participants through the two-year program together. Families in our program live in the same apartment complex as neighbors, classmates, and friends.

This intentional community is a unique model for serving families who are experiencing homelessness. Together, families in our program experience new opportunities in the arts, environment, and other activities such as visits to museums and the zoo. They also enjoy gardening, cooking, socializing and learning together at the Weil Family Center, our hub for community and family programming.

We also provide families in our program the opportunity for connections to the greater community. Every day individuals, families, and organizations demonstrate the value of community through their generous gifts of time, talent, and energy to Saranam. Their actions introduce, model, and further reinforce the importance of community.



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKS WITH OUR FAMILIES

Every year Saranam connects our families with local crime prevention initiatives. As part of our family life skills programming, we invite the Albuquerque Police Department to provide informational sessions to our parents and their children about safety and security in the community. This includes instructions on how to call 911 and 242-COPS and exactly what to say, as well as activities for children that provide opportunities to interact with those who protect our community.



ALUMNI PROGRAM

Saranam Provides the Opportunity for Long-Term Family Stability

Saranam’s Alumni Program provides support to families after they have exited the program. Saranam staff and community engage with alumni families to provide emotional support, assistance with navigating through challenges, and referrals to community or job resources. Saranam holds events for alumni, including educational and community building and high level life skills classes.

Saranam has 120 families with 195 children and 119 adults who have exited our program and can participate in the Alumni Program.

By participating in Saranam’s alumni programming, our families are continuing the healthy living concepts learned and put in to practice while living at Saranam. The Alumni Program allows us into the lives of families no longer living under our roof and ways to continue providing support to make healthy decisions for their families. Saranam also provides families with additional resources and/or can make referrals to specific community support, as needed.

Each year, Saranam’s reunion allows past and present families to reconnect and share their stories with each other. To observe the families’ progress post-exit, we also ask families to complete a follow-up survey during the reunion. Not only does this survey allow us to monitor the success of the families after they leave our program, it allows us to monitor the success of the program itself.

THIS IS INCREDIBLE!

We have remained in contact with 75% of families who exited one year or more ago.

Of those families, 86% who left the program successfully remain stable after a year.

In 2019 the Alumni Program served 31 families– 32 adults with 40 children.

DID YOU KNOW?



A FORMER FAMILY WAS INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE

“Saranam is like a boot camp to get your life together. After spending my whole life in a cycle of domestic abuse, I was determined to change my path and become independent. After I left Saranam I was invited to the White House twice. I have recently moved to the Washington D.C. area and am able to better pursue my bigger dreams of creating change for those who faced challenges like me. I am studying Political Science and plan to run for office.

Because of Saranam I’m stable and self-sufficient and am realizing dreams I never thought imaginable.”

–Totianna

Pearlina's Story

Pearlina entered Saranam with her three children after surviving a difficult upbringing with absent parents and later a violent partner who regularly emotionally and verbally abused her and their children.



At Saranam, each member of Pearlina's family found what they needed to heal and grow. Her daughters were transformed by the quality time they spent with their family and community. They loved when the families took time out of their busy schedules to take part in community activities and have fond memories of picnics and cookouts full of laughter.

For Pearlina, the biggest gift was the parenting classes. She learned how to model good choices and advocate for her kids. She was motivated to work hard by the changes she saw in her children. She became certified to work at a home healthcare agency and successfully exited the program into her own apartment.

A couple of years after their exit, Pearlina passed away unexpectedly but her daughters, now nearing the end of high school, are active in our alumni program. Their aunt, who took custody of the girls, encouraged them to get involved and they have been our most regular attendees ever since.

Being back with the community, her daughter Dione says, brings back so many memories of their mom and the time they had together. They have a special bond with everyone who joins—

both old and new alumni—and the support has buoyed them. It has also reminded them of the importance of Saranam's mission and inspired them to give some support back to the others.

In addition to enjoying community building activities like pumpkin painting and cake decorating, she and her sister have applied for alumni savings accounts through Saranam's partnership with Prosperity Works. She is torn between using the \$2,500 in savings for college or a car.

The example Pearlina set through her education continues to inspire her children. Dione says that she had always been discouraged by statistics showing the improbability of success after having a late start in life. But seeing her mom succeed made her believe it was a possibility and pushed her to try hard, both in and out of Saranam. She will graduate from high school this year and has scholarships to attend the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI). Her dreams don't end there. After her Associate's degree, her goal is to attend Northern Arizona University to serve others as a teacher, counselor or maybe even a social worker.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! THANK YOU!

DONORS, PARTNERS, FRIENDS, VOLUNTEERS

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteers in the United States are 63 million strong and hold up the foundation of civil society. They help their neighbors, serve their communities, and provide expertise. No matter what kind of volunteer work they do, they are contributing in invaluable ways. The national value of volunteer time was \$25.43 per hour. (independentsector.org).

775
UNDUPLICATED
VOLUNTEERS

4,897
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

\$124,531
VALUE

Some of the many ways volunteers were a part of Saranam in 2019

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Event planning and production | Hosting community activities and events |
| Life skills and enrichment activities | Landscaping and gardening work |
| Clothing drives | Making promotional materials and videos |
| Computer maintenance | Monthly supply shopping |
| Decorating apartments | Moving and setting up furniture |
| Donation pick-ups and sorting | Serving on Saranam Board and Committees |
| Guest lectures | Tutoring children and adults |
| Help with hospitality and office work | Warehouse sorting and cleaning |

2019 RETIREMENTS: SAYING FAREWELL

In August, **Sue Campbell**, our Family Services Coordinator retired after 8 years with Saranam. Sue's heart and warm smile touched so many lives at Saranam and because of her dedication we have seen the number of volunteers and engagement opportunities grow dramatically in her time with us.

In December, our Director of Development, **Sue Rzendzian** retired after 6 years of creative and compelling fundraising that made it possible for us to grow our mission and serve an increasing number of families in need of a path home. The ripples of Sue's work will be felt for many years.





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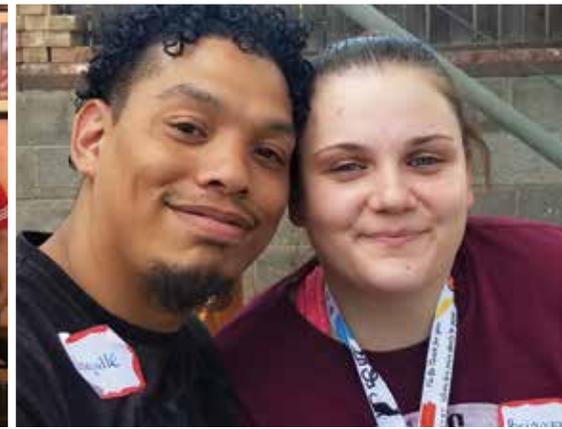
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The concept design for the expansion project includes 30 small homes, a playground, a gathering space, a community garden and parking. The 3.5-acre space will also include programming/classrooms, storage and office space.

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