Jason Obtains Housing After Many Years

By Kevin Arthun, NMCEH

Our Albuquerque CoC outreach team first met Jason Martin** a number of years ago. Jason, an older gentleman with significant physical and mental health issues, was living in Coronado Park this fall. Upon meeting him again, Jason expressed a desire to be housed, and a collaborative effort began to find housing.

In a collaborative effort, Noon Day provided a homeless verification for Jason, while Healthcare for the Homeless provided a disability verification. Our team next coordinated with Heading Home to secure a hotel voucher for Jason in mid-September. Building on that, Jason was then referred to Catholic Charities, which quickly secured an apartment to accept Jason’s permanent supportive housing voucher. Jason’s interest in being housed, and provision of IDs and other info., was critical to the process. We are now happy to say Jason has been housed since the beginning of October!

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Meet Monet Silva, Incoming Executive Director

By Hank Hughes, Outgoing Executive Director

As most of you know, I will be retiring from NMCEH in the next month or so. I would like to introduce you to Monet Silva, who has been selected by the board to be the new Executive Director, after an extensive search. We are pleased that we found someone with such extensive experience who has a heart for helping people experiencing homelessness. Monet started on December 5, 2022, and I will overlap my time with her until she is comfortable in the role.

Monet comes to us from Common Cause New Mexico where she served as the Associate Director working on democracy issues, policy, and organizational growth. She brings more than 15 years of nonprofit experience to the organization. She has served in many roles in nonprofits such as events, development, programs, board development and executive director. Monet also worked as the Development Director at NMCEH member agency, HopeWorks (when it was St. Martin’s Hospitality Center).

Monet said, “I am excited and grateful to join such an amazing organization. I know the foundation that has been set by Hank, the board and all the staff and I look forward to being part of an organization that centers the lives of some of the most marginalized people in our state.”

Outside of the office Monet is committed to serving her community through board service and organizing. She currently serves as the board chair of Equality New Mexico. She is fluent in Spanish and is currently learning Japanese and Italian. She also loves cooking amazing vegan dishes, riding her Peloton and is learning to enjoy running.

NMCEH looks forward to moving ahead with Monet and all of you.

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Coming up: NMCEH Lobby Day at the Capitol on January 26, 2023

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Newsletter curated by Jen Boylan, Development Associate, NMCEH
Mary is Housed at Santa Fe Suites

By Samantha Vigil, Case Manager, St. Elizabeth Shelter’s Casa Familia

I am happy to share this recent success story with the community! Mary Rodriguez** was chronically homeless for years between New Mexico and Colorado. St. Elizabeth Shelter’s Casa Familia program is substance free and one major hurdle was that Mary used substances on a daily basis.

At first Mary struggled to find employment and was unsure about being housed. However, she ultimately made the decision to be housed and was able to get and remain sober. We were able to complete and submit her housing assessment and got her housed at Santa Fe Suites. To this day, she continues to success and has remained sober! Mary just bought a car and is trying to get into a management position at her job.

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