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Annual Report 2003

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Casa Esperanza Annual Report 2003 by Mary Ann Howard, 2003 Board of Directors Chair

One of the hardest obligations I have as Board President is the writing of this annual report. There is so much to tell and so little time and space.

Once again our Mike Moore Memorial Golf Classic was a rip-roarin' success as we moved the event back to its origin at Tierra del Sol Country Club in Belen. Fred Moore and his crew again outdid themselves and as a result added \$13,000 to the Casa coffers. Mark your calendars now and don't miss next year's outing – June 12, 2004.

Our car program continues to be a real leader in our fund raising efforts. Thanks to Taron Reeves for his leadership. The new radio ads are top quality and most impressive.

This year we added a new event to our efforts, Caja de Esperanza Fiesta – Box of Hope. Unpainted Furniture donated 50 beautiful hope chests, half of which were then given to local artists to decorate (the other half were held back for the 2004 event). These boxes were incredible! The event was held at the Wool Warehouse and was an evening of music, food and auctioning of the hope chests. Bob Padilla did his usual excellent job as auctioneer and KOAT news anchor, Marisa Maez, served as our mistress of ceremony. The event raised over \$16,000. Caja de Esperanza Fiesta was spearheaded by Jody Contreras, one of our board members. She and her entire committee deserve multiple "kudos" for a great evening and a job well done. We



Tillie Shaw(l), Executive Vice President for the Clovis Board of Realtors, receives this year's Amigo Award from Casa Esperanza board president Mary Ann Howard (r). The award was presented during the awards ceremony at the CBR's Annual Golf Scramble to benefit Casa Esperanza. Tillie was honored for her many years of dedicated support for the house. She is without a doubt the head cheerleader for Casa Esperanza!

look forward to next year's event, scheduled for April 2, 2004. Other events benefiting Casa this year have been Coca Cola Employee Fair, 500 Nights, Wild Oats Wooden Nickel Program and others. Yes, we've had a busy and productive year!

Our Su Casa Ambassador program has finally started to gel. The staff, with the help of Jean Block Consulting, put together a great piece of promotional material about the program and has distributed it to communities statewide. The objective of the Ambassador Program is to create more awareness of Casa in

communities outside Albuquerque, as our residents are families from around the state who must be here for treatment. If any of you reading this article would like to participate in our Ambassador Program by representing your community, please give us a call.

This year, our Amigo Award was given to Tillie Shaw of Clovis. Tillie is the Executive Vice President of the Clovis Board of Realtors and a member of our Ambassador program. In 1987, Tillie organized the first fundraiser for Casa when it was still only a dream in progress. Largely through her efforts

2004 Board of Directors

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DIRECTOR'S PAGE by Eileen Cook

TILLIE SHAW

Tillie Shaw is the Executive Vice President of the Clovis Board of Realtors. Tillie Shaw is the principal organizer and head cheerleader for the CBR's annual golf scramble to benefit Casa Esperanza. Tillie Shaw is also 80-something years old and will tell you exactly how old when you visit with her. The Clovis Board of Realtors will not let Tillie Shaw retire, and neither will Casa Esperanza.

Oh, believe me, she has tried to retire. Several times, as I understand it. But it just cannot be done. I am certain that CBR cannot begin to imagine daily life without Tillie. And we cannot conceive of a time when Tillie isn't there to champion our cause at every turn. She has meant and continues to mean too much to us. Because Tillie does nothing halfway.

She has been a friend to Casa Esperanza since before the construction groundbreaking. She helped organize her colleagues in Clovis to launch the first ever fundraiser in support of Casa – a golf scramble and art auction and dinner, if I recall – to kick off a statewide capital campaign. That was in 1987, and the Clovis Board of Realtors has sponsored an annual event every year since that time. Tillie has been very busy.

The money raised has been significant (\$56,600!), but the awareness raised has been immeasurable. Because of Tillie and her friends, most folks in Clovis are very aware that there is a home away from home in Albuquerque, that people from Curry County can find a haven during a time of crisis. Tillie is an outstanding goodwill ambassador for Casa Esperanza, no doubt about it. In fact, Tillie *is* an Ambassador – part of Casa Esperanza's *Su Casa* program, a statewide outreach effort established to get the word out, to let people know that we are here and ready to help. Tillie is a perfect choice, for she never misses an opportunity to sing Casa's praises.

In recognition of her long and dedicated support, the Casa Esperanza Board of Directors selected Tillie Shaw as this year's best friend to the house and awarded her the 2004 Amigo Award. I am tickled pink and so pleased to see this award go to such an exceptional woman.

Let Us Be of Service

Nearly 16,000 families have called us home since we opened our doors in 1992, and our nightly occupancy runs high, especially during the weekdays. If they can, our families prefer to go home over the weekends for a much need respite from their daily treatments. You can imagine how good it must feel to be at home for those two or three days – like a gift. Truly. To be out of the Albuquerque traffic and confusion and away from doctors and hospitals - to perhaps find some peace of mind – to be at home. However, families who must stay with us, particularly those here on an extended basis, really do feel at home.

In fact, many families stay with us for long periods of time, both families of cancer patients and others as well. If there is space available, we welcome families dealing with traumas, high-risk pregnancies, transplant waiting lists, and catastrophic illnesses. Of course, we are primarily here to serve cancer patients and their families, and that mission is unchanged – those in active cancer treatment remain our priority. But if we have the room on hand, we offer our marvelous house to all who need us.

For instance, we had a family from Tuscon in the house recently, the parents of a college student who was severely injured in a car accident on her way to Colorado. The family stayed with us for three weeks, during which time they suffered through the long wait, wondering if their cherished daughter would recover from brain and other serious injuries. At the end of their sojourn with us, the father came by and said, "I now know the difference between what is real and what is not," and added that his eyes had been opened to what our families face each day. Before his experiences at Casa, he had no idea that such houses existed – places that are not a hotel or motel, but a home. In appreciation of the difference Casa Esperanza makes in the lives of many, the family donated a seven night's stay for a family in need, enabling us to make a difference in yet another life.

**First Place for Best Brochure
(operating budget over \$100,000)**

**Awarded to
*Casa Esperanza***

**National Association of Hospital
Hospitality Houses
September 11, 2003**



Gloria Dines from the notebook of Angelica Medina, Guest Services Team Member

The facts about Gloria Dines are these: She was born near the center of the state, in Hillsboro, Grant County, in 1942. She was raised with three brothers and two sisters, and she graduated from Hot Springs High School in Truth or Consequences. After raising six children on her own, she married Harvey Dines, and they now live in T or C. Together, they have twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Like most of us, Gloria loves to decorate her home and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. And like most husbands, Harvey loves the outdoors, especially the mountains. They are devoted to their church, the New Testament Baptist Church in T or C. In other words, life was pretty normal. Then Gloria adds that without her strong faith and beliefs, her cancer treatments would be much harder.

Yes, Gloria has cancer. Colon cancer. And it has been very hard.

Gloria was diagnosed with cancer in August 2002. As you might expect, it came as devastating news, and neither she nor Harvey knew what to expect. They were told that Gloria would need both chemotherapy and radiation, words that frightened them. Both chemo and radiation. For at least six weeks, and probably for months after that.

If that weren't bad enough, Gloria's doctors told her that she would need to go to Albuquerque for her treatments. Leaving home, being away from all their support systems – friends, family, church, his job, her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels – was going to be very hard for Gloria and Harvey. But they learned about a place in Albuquerque called Casa Esperanza, a home away from home for cancer patients and their family members. They learned about hope.

Gloria needed all the hope and help she could find to help her get through the hard times. She walked into Casa, she says, and everyone treated her with warmth and respect. She was delighted to see that the staff was caring and “wonderful.” She added that “...at Casa nobody cares what you look like, you just get treated as an equal. Casa has been a blessing, along with residents and staff.” She thanks everyone for their kindnesses and caring ways of treating people, especially people facing cancer or any other tragedy in their lives. “Casa is really a home away from home,” says Gloria, and thanks God for leading her to this house.



Gloria and Harvey Dines at Casa Esperanza

Gloria is “delighted that there are such people in this world.” She imagined that having cancer meant the end of her life, and though cancer has definitely changed her life, she says having a place like Casa and people who care makes cancer a lot easier to deal with. At Casa, Gloria has met people who are far sicker than she, but notes that they face their ordeals with strength and courage. The residents here offer such amazing comfort for one another. They talk and provide much needed support – enough support so that each and every one of them may more easily cope with the hardship of their illnesses.

So life has changed radically for Gloria and Harvey. But they are very much at home here and especially like the chef that comes to Casa on Tuesdays and cooks for all the families. It is another wonderful opportunity for families to break bread together and to share their days with one another. Gloria says that it feels like being at home with a great big family.

Save the Date

2nd Annual

***Caja de Esperanza Fiesta &
Hope Chest Auction***

April 2, 2004, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Wool Warehouse, 1st & Roma NW

CASA ESPERANZA, INC.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003 ¹

Revenues

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| NM Dept of Health | 122,417 |
| Room Rentals | 159,329 |
| Car Donation Prog. | 36,518 |
| Fundraising (net) | 60,708 |
| Contributions | 59,629 |
| Investment Income | 13,045 |
| Other Income | 3,206 |

Total Revenue ² \$454,852

Expenses

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Program Services | 306,468 |
| Administrative | 123,776 |
| Fund-Raising | 27,132 |

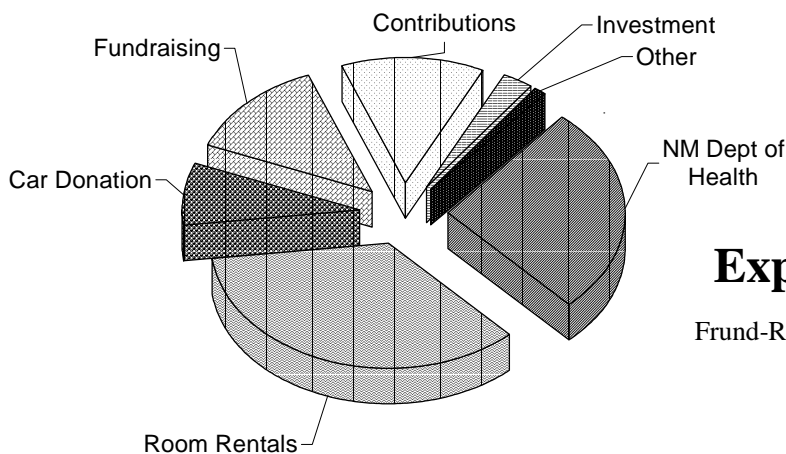
Total Expense \$457,376

¹ Casa Esperanza, Inc. changed its accounting system for reporting purposes to a modified cash basis.

² Casa Esperanza received \$70,970 in In-Kind gifts in 2002-2003, not reflected in total revenues above.

Copies of the full 2003 audit for Casa Esperanza, Inc. and Casa Esperanza Endowment Foundation are available from the organization office. (see page 8 for contact information)

Revenues



ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003

Revenues

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Investment Income | 8,173 |
| Contributions | 5,535 |
| In-Kind Contributions | 9,675 |
| Other | 200 |

Total Revenue ³ \$23,583

Expenses

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Investment Expense | 3,211 |
| Office & General | 1,842 |
| Insurance | 1,323 |

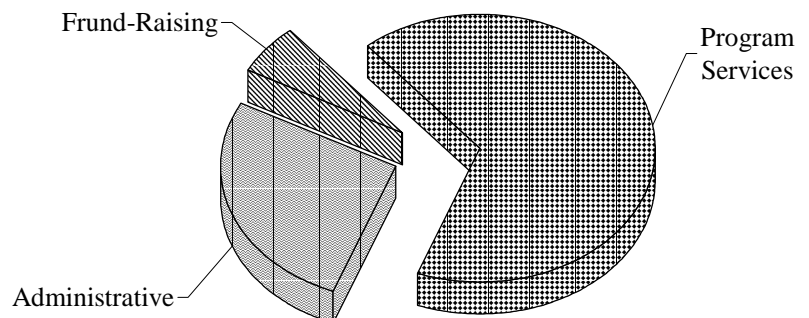
Total Expense \$6,376

³ The Endowment Foundation received four parcels of land to hold for investment purposes. Value: \$9,675

Casa Esperanza Endowment Foundation

| 2003 | Cost | Fair Value | Appreciation |
|----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Common Stock | 113,493 | 111,874 | (1,619) |
| US Gov. Oblig. | 46,073 | 47,198 | 1,125 |
| Cash | 24,004 | 24,004 | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Total Invst. | \$183,570 | \$183,076 | (\$494) |

Expenses





Memorials & Honorariums



July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003

Eugene Aalto
All Residents
Gwen L. Alston, CPA
Daniel J. Alvino
Francisco Ambuero
Doug Anderson
Martina V. Aragon
Debrajean Arvizo
Jacob Atterberry
Maryle J. Barber
Richard Baretinich
Charles Bedford
Emily Bergamo
Richard Bird
Juanita, Mary & Charles Blueeyes
Joe Brininstool
Margol Candelaria
Dan & Stacey Castille
Sky Connolly
Eileen Cook
Sue Copp
Warren Terry Cottle
James H. Curtis
Michael & Raesha de Ruiter
Debbie & Delbert G. Slaughter
Natalie Dineyazhe
Susan Dooling

Eva June Dutton
EGG
Mac Eichenberger
Lourdes P. Encinias
Howe Family
Michael Ford
Lt. Col. Herschel Forner
Linda Foster
Bessie Gallegos
Sandra Garcia
Theodura V. Garcia
Kitty Granillo
Bob Jefferson
Kyla Kelley
Arleigh Smith Kennedy
Ivan J. Ketterman, CPA
Jere D. Knight
Justine Lair
Jennifer Lazalde
Richard Lewis
August Albert Liedtky
Richard David Little
Betty Jo Louchs
Lovelace
Azelia Martinez
Lois Maughan
Alta McClelland

Peter McDonough
Bobbie McKee
June McKinley
Peggy Miller
Arturo Miramontes
Michelle "Mike" Moore
Betty Jo Morris
Wilma, Millie, Mother and Friends
Felix Munoz
Vanessa Nielson
Rudd Niles
US Dept of Energy OKSO/ADNF
Gary Oglesbee
Barbara Olivera
Buford Olson
Kitty Overdier
Margaret Owens
Rosario Palmer
Past Good Service
Patients of Casa Esperanza
Elsie Pino
Izayah Placencia
Barb Points
Robert and Leta Powell
Delbert G. Redfearn
Nick Ritcher
Pam Reid

Hugh Reilly
Agnes Resler
Jose Reyes
Curt Richter, Jr.
A. E. Kyong Roberts
Brittney Salmeron
Gilbert Santillanes
Dorothy Saul
Chris Schultz
Kathy Shanks
Tillie Shaw
John Shutt
Debbie Slaughter
Jeri Smith
Roy B. Spencer
Jewell Sutton
Neils Tonnesen
Dean & Shirley Tyndall
Viviana Vigil
Walter & Marie Vollbrecht
Fred Waltz
James Watchman
Bart & Lori Wensink
Walt Whittaker
Charles T. Wilder
Elwood (Woody) Wittle
Leigh Wright

Major Contributors July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Lifetime Friend \$30,000

Car Program LTC
Clear Channel Outdoor
Defence Avionics Sys Honeywell.
KNML -610 Radio

Keystones Circle-\$5,000

Albuquerque Monument
Clovis Board of Realtors
Coca Cola of Albuquerque
Coldwell Banker Metro, Inc.
Schwab Fund-Charitable Giving
St. Timothy UMC-VIM
UNM Foundation
Unpainted Furniture

Guardians Circle-\$2,500

Steve & Lori Aguilar
Imaging Concepts, NM
KKOB AM-FM Radio
KWBQ TV Channel 19
Masonic Charities of New Mexico
Presbyterian Healthcare Fdn.
Valencia County News-Bulletin
Zia Laundry, Inc.

Cornerstones Circle-\$1,000

Albuquerque Title
Christine Clayton
Paul and Sue Daulton
Exxon Mobil Foundation
Harrison Contracting Co., Inc.
Laura Highfill
KHFM Radio
Kim McNulty, McNulty Zahm
Merit Distribution Services
Rhombus Professional Association
St. Chad's Episcopal Church
Talbot Agency, Inc.

Tierra del Sol Golf & Country Club
Michael & Johnese Turri
UNM Spring Storm
UPN 50
Wal-Mart Foundation
Women's Christian Service Society

Pillars Circle-\$500

Kenneth & Ingeborg Aalto
Albuquerque Newcomer's Club
Cardinal Healthcare
Virgil & Sue Copp
Faith Lutheran Church
Fox Creek Brn.-Youth Group, LDS
French Mortuary
Penny Griner
Jim & Glenda Harris
Kenlyn Hobley
Hope Worldwide, Inc.
Eddie & Mary Ann Howard
La Cueva High School
Mary Ida Matteucci
Pauline Murphy
NM Senior Women's Golf Assn.
Gloria Salazar
Sandia National Labs
Gerry Taylor
Stewart Title Co.
Trinity on the Hill Episcopal
Wells Fargo Bank of NM
Barbara Wiard
Keith Wilson

Partner-\$250

Carol Adamec
Tony & Esther Aguilar
Ellen Alexander
Auge's Dodge Chrysler Jeep

Kathy Ball
Barlow & Wilcox, P.A.
Lee Beckley
Notah Begay
Westly Begay
Shirley Bonds
Lorry Boyd
George & Shirley Brabson
Buffett Foundation
Dan Carpenter
Maurus Chino
John Clinch
Cosmopolitan Woman's Club
Del Norte High School AFJROT
Cheryl & Chanel Desjardins
Don Chalmers Ford
Double Tree Hotel
Richard & Kim Eagle
Georgette Endicott
C-21 Allied Realty
First American Title Co.
First Unitarian Church
Mark Friedman
Mark Funk
Matthew Gonzales
Greg Gowen
Greater Alb. Church of Christ
John Hardiman
Mark Hohnstreiter
Intel Mfg Sh1 Filx
Ana Nicole June
Claire Lissance
Lovelace
Melinda Lucero
Abby McCulloch
Ed Morgan

Lori Musil
Optimist Evening Club
Roberto Ortega
Ortho Biotech
Griff and Katy Pickard
Kim Rae
Raysteel Inc.
Christopher Reidel
Dina Romero
Rose's Southwest Paper Co.
Mark & Barbara Rudolph
Dee Sanchez
St. Luke's UMC Youth, VIM
S. Segal & Soifer
Cliff & Nancy Taber
Eric & Heather Thomas
Carol Tonnesen
Billy & Maureen Trujillo
US Dept. of Energy/ADF
Marilyn E. Wackerbarth
Owen Wells
Mildred Wittle
Chuck Zimmer

Casa Esperanza Endowment Fdn.

John & Evelyn Hellgren
Dean & Alice Irvin
Bill & Susan Littlefield
Abby McCulloch
Michael & Deborah McGuire
Thomas A. Mercer
William & Gloria Morton
Gerry Taylor
Michael & Johnese Turri
Jerry Valade
Doug Wagoner

LEAVE A LEGACY

Perhaps you have wondered how you personally might have a positive financial impact at Casa Esperanza, but you have assumed that only people with large wealth can be philanthropists. Well, that just isn't so.

Anyone who cares about a particular nonprofit can make a difference, regardless of income or wealth using a variety of methods, from leaving a gift in your will to transferring assets through insurance and trusts. Leaving a legacy is something you can do now or plan now for later.

To learn more about how you can help Casa Esperanza, plan now to attend a free presentation on Saturday morning, January 31, 2004. The seminar is sponsored by *Leave A*

Legacy® of New Mexico, a program of the New Mexico Planned Giving Council. You'll have the opportunity to learn from an estate planning attorney about why you need a will and how to name a nonprofit in your will, and you'll learn about various other estate planning methods from trusts to insurance.

Estate planning is for everyone! Call Casa Esperanza for more information on Leave A Legacy Day events or to speak with someone about how you can help ensure that Casa Esperanza is there for everyone who needs it.

And watch your mail for more information on the January Leave A Legacy Day!



YEAR END PLANNED GIFTING IDEAS

by Laurie A. Hedrich, Esq. Member, Casa Esperanza Investment Committee

In this year-end planned giving column, our focus is on the benefits of making current planned gifts. As we get ready for the upcoming holiday season, we hope that you will consider making a current planned gift to support Casa Esperanza in providing a convenient and affordable home away from home for New Mexico's cancer patients and their family members undergoing treatment at an Albuquerque health facility. You may designate your gift to be used for general purposes, to go to the area of greatest need, or for the permanent endowment of Casa Esperanza.

Making a Current Gift Using Cash. An outright gift of cash is the simplest and most popular type of charitable gift. It goes to work immediately. You receive an income tax deduction for the full amount of your gift. Example: You are in the 28% tax marginal tax bracket, a \$5,000 cash gift to Casa Esperanza will result in tax savings of \$1,400, so the actual cost of the gift to you is only \$3,600.

Making a Current Gift Using Securities. In most circumstances, making an outright gift of appreciated securities, stocks, or bonds will allow you to

receive an income tax deduction for the full amount of your gift at the same time you benefit Casa Esperanza, if you follow two simple rules (1) give appreciated securities, and (2) make the gift of these securities before they are sold—to avoid incurring the capital-gains tax. You should consult with your financial advisor to ascertain the advantages for your particular circumstances. Example: Suppose you are in the 28% tax marginal tax bracket, and make a gift of stock that originally costs \$10,000 many years ago and now has a market value of \$50,000. You save \$14,000 income tax (\$50,000 x 28%) and avoid \$6,000 in tax on the capital gain (\$40,000 x 15%). A gift of securities worth \$50,000 has a net cost to you of just \$30,000.

On the other hand, if you own depreciated stocks, you should consult with your financial advisor, as you may be better off selling the stock, and donating the proceeds.

Making a Current Gift Using Tangible or Real Property. Making a gift of real, tangible, or intangible property also allows you to realize personal tax advantages. Casa Esperanza will consider accepting gifts of personal residences, second homes, income property,

vacant land, collectibles, works of art, antiques, other items of tangible property, and intangible personal property such as copyrights, patents, and mineral rights, that have demonstrable value. An appraisal of the property's current market value, determined at the time of your gift, provides the basis for the amount of your tax deduction.

NOTE: The income tax charitable deduction that may be reported in any one year is limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for gifts of cash and 30% of AGI for gifts of appreciated property. In either case, any excess deduction may be carried forward for up to five additional years.

This information does not constitute legal, tax or financial advice and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional guidance. Casa Esperanza encourages you to seek professional legal, accounting, estate planning and financial advice to determine what impact your gift may have on your personal finances. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your financial advisers to design the most advantageous planned gift to meet your needs.

Great Holiday Idea!

Have you been in a quandary over what to purchase for that special client or employee? Or are you absolutely stuck on what to get for that mother-in-law or great aunt who has everything under the sun? Well, your list of holiday shopping decisions just got a whole lot shorter! We just may have the perfect solution to the annual dilemma of what to give that special friend, colleague or family member.

We are proud to present Casa Esperanza's fourth annual holiday ornament designed and created especially for our house. Cast in pewter, the 2003 ornament features a concho surrounding Casa Esperanza's logo house, trees and mountains, designed by Steve Spriggs of Enchantment Jewelry Corporation. The piece is truly unique.

This exquisite ornament comes boxed with a card enclosure and is ready for giving to those lucky names on your gift list. Supplies are limited, so hurry and submit your order today. You'll be doing a great service both to yourself and for those who depend on Casa Esperanza.

To order your Holiday Ornament (s) today, simply complete the information below and return this form with payment to: **Casa Esperanza, P.O. Box 40472, Albuquerque, NM 87196-0472. Ornaments will be shipped after November 1st, 2003.**

Please send me _____ Holiday Ornaments at \$18 each (plus \$2 per ornament for postage).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____



Check enclosed **or** ... Please charge my: Visa ___ Master Card ___ Discover Card ___ Am. Exp. ___

Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

After November 1st, you may also purchase your Holiday Ornament at Casa Esperanza, 1005 Yale NE, Albuquerque NM 87106. The office is open from 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday through Friday, 10-3 on Saturday and 2-6pm on Sunday. We also have a few 2000, 2001 and 2002 limited edition ornaments available for your purchase at \$18 apiece plus shipping.

All proceeds will benefit Casa Esperanza, New Mexico's house of hope and home away from home for families facing cancer.

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over these past 15 years, the Clovis Board of Realtors has raised over \$56,000 for Casa Esperanza. I had the privilege of presenting the award to Tillie at this year's annual Casa Esperanza Golf Scramble held at Chaparral Country Club in Clovis on September 25. Tillie's peers agree with me that no one is more deserving of this prestigious award than Tillie Shaw. More than anyone I know, she has been a consistent supporter of Casa Esperanza and its mission. Congratulations, Tillie!

Every time I walk in the door of this wonderful facility, I am overwhelmed by the love and commitment of our incredible staff and volunteers. These are the

folks who make it possible for our residents to maintain hope and faith as they face the fears and challenges brought on by cancer. They are what makes Casa such a special place and each deserves a special "thank you."

We have the best Board of Directors any non-profit could want. They are each dedicated not only to their individual professions but to Casa Esperanza. They are giving, supportive and energetic. This year we added new members to this group: Debbie Redford, Lynette Williams, Bob Stice, Gerry Taylor and Leo Moya. It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve with this amazing

group of folks. Thanks to each of you for your service to Casa Esperanza.

May God continue to bless our donors, our staff and volunteers, our board and Casa Esperanza!

Save the Date!

*7th Annual
Michelle "Mike" Moore
Memorial Golf Classic*

*June 12, 2004
Tierra del Sol Golf and
Country Club in Belen*

Our Mission

Casa Esperanza provides affordable housing for families facing cancer.

“NEWS from Casa Esperanza” is published three times a year by Casa Esperanza, Inc. in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Casa Esperanza (Tax ID #: 85-0356946) is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All contributions are tax deductible. Casa Esperanza does not telemarket, participate in door-to-door solicitation, or campaign via chain letters or e-mail appeals. Casa Esperanza receives a portion of its funding from a contract with the New Mexico Department of Health. Casa Esperanza is a participant in the NM Cancer Plan.

Member: National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses, a professional organization that promotes and assists not-for-profit programs that provide lodging and supportive services in a caring environment for families accompanying ill loved ones away from home. To learn more about NAHHH and other special places such as Casa Esperanza, visit www.nahhh.org.

Member: Albuquerque Cancer Coalition, an alliance of cancer support agencies, hospital treatment centers and governmental agencies to inform, to educate and to advocate on behalf of NM cancer patients and their families.

Member: Chambers of Commerce in Albuquerque, Belen, Clovis, Alamogordo, Los Lunas.

Member: Albuquerque Better Business Bureau.

~Donate your car, boat or RV to benefit Casa Esperanza. Call 1-800-513-6560 or visit www.donatecar.com and let them know you want to designate Casa Esperanza as the beneficiary of your donation.~

~If you receive more than one newsletter, please share it with someone who will find it interesting and useful.~

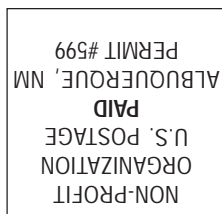
Casa Esperanza Staff

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Eileen Cook | Executive Director |
| Maryle J. Barber | Dir. Comm. Relations |
| Yvonne Gallegos | Guest Services |
| Mike Gallegos | Facilities Supervisor |
| Crusita Jaime | Guest Services |
| Mary Loyd | Bookkeeper |
| Angelica Medina | Guest Services |
| Jeanne Messer | Finance Manager |
| Serena Talamantes | Gst. Serv. Supervisor |
| Patricia Virgen | Guest Services |

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