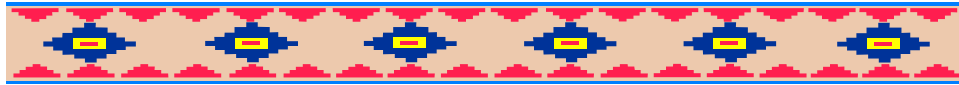


SUSAN'S LEGACY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER



Serving the needs of women with co-occurring mental and addictive disorders

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New Staff Members are here!

We are excited to announce several new staff members who have joined (or re-joined) us in the New Year.

Jenny Johnstone-Smith, our former Executive Director is with us once again. Jenny held this position from 2005 and 2007 and returns to Susan's Legacy after a two-year hiatus. Jenny brings a wealth of experience in non-profit development, with over 20 years in the human services sector. During this time she has administered domestic violence and sexual assault shelter programs and served on several task forces, state coalitions and state advisory boards for tobacco and substance abuse prevention and youth mentoring programs, as well as for domestic violence issues.

Jenny holds a B.S majoring in Human Resources Management and a M.A in Human Services Leadership from Concordia University. In 2004 she served as adjunct faculty Cohort Coordinator for the Dept. of Organizational Management and Communication, facilitating on-line learning for a graduate student cohort. On an occasional basis, Jenny has worked to train state domestic violence coalitions on the need to assess for traumatic brain injuries, often undiagnosed in domestic violence survivors.

Erma Sedillo, former Deputy Secretary of Corrections for New Mexico, has taken the position of Program Manager. Erma has been part of Susan's Legacy since we started, contributing her experience, skills, and insights as we have grown over the years. As the first woman to hold her position with the Corrections Department, Erma knows how to be a trailblazer on women's issues, and also understands the specific problems faced by many of our residents. The program is fortunate to have her.

Jesse Schulte has taken the new position of Senior Clinical Case Manager. He is a licensed professional mental health and addictions counselor with a BS degree in psychology and a MA degree in counseling from the University of New Mexico. He has earned national accreditation as a professional counselor with the National Board for Certified Counselors, which is the most prestigious credential program available in the world for clinical counselors.

Jesse has training and practice in mind-body medicine and behavioral management in diverse multicultural contexts. He has lived in the Land of Enchantment for about 15 years, and is currently studying for national accreditation to become a neurological biofeedback therapist.

Ali Calhoun, who was a valued case manager for us until she left last year, has also rejoined the staff. She has this to say about coming back to Susan's Legacy:

I am thrilled to be back at Susan's Legacy! It is so wonderful to be able to be a part of a program that changes lives so dramatically, I love helping women achieve their goals. I have worked in a variety of social service positions in Albuquerque, including CYFD. I have lived in Albuquerque for 25 years and have a husband and three children, a 16 year old son and two daughters, who are 14 and 10.

They join **Mary Frailey**, who has been a Susan's Legacy case manager since July of last year. She brings a wealth of experience from serving persons in a methadone program. As Jenny reports, "Mary jumps into solve problems. She is a team player, and always willing to learning new things."



Behavioral Health Services Day in Santa Fe



Jenny Johnstone-Smith, Erma Sedillo, and Fred Sandoval of BHSD in the Roundhouse during Behavioral Health Services Day.



Mary Frailey, SL case manager, explains our program to a visitor.



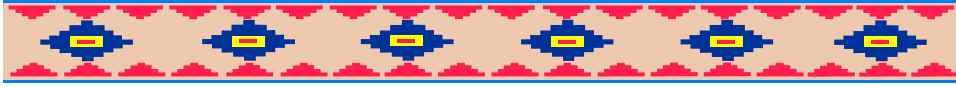
Jesse's Message

This start to a new and promising year at Susan's Legacy has imparted challenges and opportunities for our participants that correlate with economic obstacles nationally. The motivation to remain engaged with housing support services has been renewed through knowledge of the struggles of others.

Our participants are consistently encouraged to be proactive in their personal development. We share the pleasure of others' successes in the program. One participant, Myra, is making progress toward her occupational goals with job placement in Wings Ministry. The Wings Ministry brings families of prisoners, probationers, and former inmates together with caring Christian volunteers and helps to provide a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Myra is extremely grateful for this opportunity as Wings Ministry is a program that is close to her heart and fits with her intention to serve others in recovery. She hopes to use this opportunity as a stepping stone into a career that will sustain her mentally, emotionally, and physically.

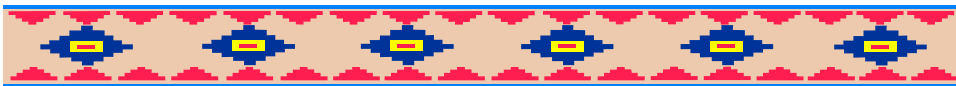
Myra also was newly elected to serve on the Board of Directors at Susan's Legacy, voicing new insights for program direction as it relates to genuine real-life participant

concerns. We are proud of her accomplishments at Susan's Legacy, and hope to nurture her progress.



Susan's Legacy Receives Piñon Recognition

Executive Director Jenny Johnstone-Smith, along with Treasurer Joy Emmons and Board Chair Anne Rose attended the Quality New Mexico luncheon April 2, where we were honored with the Piñon Recognition for Commitment. At Susan's Legacy we strive to provide quality service, and it's nice to be publicly acknowledged for our efforts.



Watch This Space!

We have exciting events planned for the year as well as updates on the women and children we serve. Check out our web site at www.susanslegacy.org for more information.



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