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**SUSAN'S LEGACY IS HONORED IN A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL  
REPORT TO THE NATION**

ALBUQUERQUE- Susan's Legacy has been honored in a special report from The White House titled "The President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative in 50 States A Report to the Nation." This report gives statistical information on the federal government's (HUD) investment in each state by featuring one successful agency and client. Susan's Legacy and one of our clients were chosen out of every agency in New Mexico that receives HUD funding. Please refer to the web site for a complete copy of the report. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/fbci-states-0608.pdf>

Located in Albuquerque, the Mission of Susan's Legacy is to provide services to women with co-occurring mental and addictive disorders. We are a non-profit organization founded in memory of Susan Rose, a warm, intelligent young woman who struggled with and lost her battle against mental illness and drug addiction.

Susan's Legacy began serving the community in 2004 by providing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for homeless women with co-occurring and addictive disorders. Our organization's PSH program offers residents a safe and encouraging environment which facilitates a successful re-entry into the community. Strong peer support and highly trained professionals helps Susan's Legacy residents achieve their goals. Our clients are required to maintain certain program criteria, which include being clean and sober for a minimum of 90 days and passing a drug and alcohol test at admission and every month thereafter.

Honor of Hope Awardee Michele Horton chose to enter Susan's Legacy alone in order to focus on her addiction recovery, temporarily separating from her husband.

Michele, who once spent time in the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility, says that Susan's Legacy "gives a person the opportunity to establish themselves back in the community and to become a productive member of society so a person can pursue their dreams. Susan's Legacy provided a stable environment so I could pursue recovery and career oriented goals and also provided a stable foundation for us to restore our marriage." Michele and her husband reunited after Susan's Legacy allowed them to become the first married couple to live in the provided housing. Michele has since become a certified medical assistant employed at a local nursing home, and she also receives medical billing training through a local hospital.

This special recognition by "The President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative Report" speaks volumes about the success of Susan's Legacy's unique program and its support from the community. We currently have a long wait list with plans to expand. However, these plans are always dependent on increased funding and donations. Susan's Legacy is supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care through a sub-award from Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico. We also receive partial funding from the United Way of Central New Mexico and rely heavily on the generosity of our community. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SUSAN'S LEGACY VISIT [www.susanslegacy.org](http://www.susanslegacy.org)