

# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

# memo

DATE: May 14, 2015

TO: Advisory Board Members

FROM: In-Home Support Services Committee  
Theresa P. Trujillo, IHSS Supervisor *T.T.*

SUBJECT: Committee Status Report

April units of service are as follows:

- Homemaker – 864.75 hours to 110 seniors
- Respite – 1033.5 hours to 48 caregivers
- Equipment - 57 units
- Nutritional Supplements –124 6-packs (31 cases)

Units of service were over by 84.5 regarding Homemaker hours and over by 167.5 for Respite hours for April totaling 252 hours over for In-Home Support. Year to date, we are **over** in Homemaker hours by 321.5 hours and **over** in Respite hours by 13 hours. IHSS providers took off a total of 208 hours in April in addition to 4 hours that were granted for Good Friday afternoon for a total of 264 hours off.

One Respite Care Provider will be on Family medical leave for three or more weeks beginning Friday, May 15.

We will have a Caregiver Support Group/Session on Friday, May 29, 2015. Our presenter will be Star Sanchez from Gentiva Hospice. Please see flyer on back of memo.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.



**City of Santa Fe  
Division of Senior Services**



Please join us for a  
Caregiver Support Group

**“Caring for the Caregiver”**

Presented by:  
Star Sanchez, Gentiva Hospice  
Chaplain Bereavement Coordinator,

Friday, May 29, 2015, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center  
1121 Alto Street

This session will provide education and emotional support to adults who deal with stress associated while providing specialized care for homebound individuals. Navigating through the web of Alzheimer's while extending a supportive atmosphere, so caregivers can comfort each other in meaningful ways, while getting some relaxation.

Refreshments will be provided, new faces welcome,  
we look forward to seeing you!

For reservations, please call Theresa Trujillo at 955-4745



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**Date:** May 28, 2015

**To:** Senior Services Board of Directors

**From:** Melanie Montoya, Volunteer Programs Administrator 

**Re:** Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion (FGP/SCP) Programs

The following are some program highlights:

- Staff has recruited three new Senior Companion volunteers in the past month. The new volunteers have been assigned clients on our current waiting list.
- Foster Grandparents have completed the school year. Staff is in the process of compiling data to show how the one-on-one services that the volunteers provide help the children succeed. Fifteen out of the 30 volunteers will continue to volunteer in the summer and the rest will take a well-deserved break until the new school year begins.
- The Volunteer Celebration event held on May 5<sup>th</sup> was very successful. The volunteer programs were only able to pull off the event due to the assistance that we received from the Division of Senior Services Staff: Nutrition, In-Home Support, Activities and Transportation.
- Dan Mitchell, along with the RSVP staff, will be traveling to Fort Worth, Texas to participate in a National Volunteer conference held the second week of June. Staff attending will bring back information to share with other staff.
- Melanie completed the grants for the next fiscal year for Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs. We anticipate receiving our formal contracts in the next two weeks, so that staff can process them and have them approved by the Finance Committee and City Council.
- Our next scheduled mandatory in-service meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. The meeting will focus on all aspects of Social Security, including allowed benefits and the new way to access benefits and information on-line.

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Melanie at 955-4761. Thank you.

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**Date:** May 2015  
**To:** Senior Services Board of Directors  
**From:** Triston Lovato, RSVP & Community Relations Administrator *TLY*  
**Re:** Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

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**The following are some program highlights for RSVP:**

- A new volunteer station has been established, Solace Crisis Treatment Center. They had previously shown some interest in becoming an RSVP partner, but now it is official. They need client services volunteers to assist people who may be experiencing distress, anxiety or other symptoms of traumatic stress in addition to people who visit the Center to access forensic services, therapy, advocacy, and outreach services. They will also train volunteers to help with their crisis hotline.
- RSVP submitted its annual progress report at the end of April to our federal funder. There was a cumulative total of 456 volunteers who served between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015. Overall, RSVP is on track with its performance measurement goals and will work to improve in the areas that need improvement.
- The volunteer programs hosted the 2015 Mayor's Senior Volunteer Celebration on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The event featured a mariachi group, an all ages folklorico dance group, a dance with band Cuarenta y Cinco and delicious food. Seniors seemed to enjoy the event and we have received some positive feedback on it.

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Triston Lovato at 955-4760. Thank you.

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Date: May 26, 2015

To: DSS Advisory Board Members

From: Thomas Vigil, DSS Program Administrator

Subject: Transportation/Nutrition Committee Monthly Report

## **Transportation Monthly Report**

- In April 2015, DSS staff provided a total of 4,159 rides to seniors.

## **Nutrition Monthly Report**

- In April 2015, DSS provided 10,868 meals-on-wheels to DSS clients.
- In April 2015, DSS provided 5,560 congregate meals.

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Date: May 29, 2015

To: Senior Services Board of Directors

Fr: Cristina Villa, DSS Program Coordinator

Subj: Senior Olympics

The Senior Olympics Committee met on Wednesday, May 13th at Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center Board Room. State Games will be held on June 3-6. Cristina is unable to attend games this year. Liz will be leading the athletes at the Parade of Athletes on Wednesday night. Committee Member Maureen as a severe illness and will not be returning back. Now the Senior Olympics Committee has a vacant opening for a new committee member. Committee has approved for Cristina to get a cell for the athletes to contact her. The committee also will be donating \$50.00 to the Wounded Warriors Association in honor of our former member/athlete Bruce Tobin.

Next meeting will be on Friday, June 19th at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center Board Room.