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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

*Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity
City of Santa Fe
Santa Fe County
Chick-fil-A of Santa Fe
Santa Fe Veteran's Alliance
Ascent Bible Church
KSWV Radio (99.9 FM)*

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

*The community at large - County of Santa Fe, New Mexico
Los Campanas Community Endowment Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation
Roadrunner Chapter - Military Officers Association of America
The Nugent Foundation of the Ayco Charitable Foundation
American Legion Post 1
American Legion Post 12
Smith's Inspiring Donations*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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R & R for Vets Inc is a Section 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts to R & R for Vets Inc. are deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state income tax purposes. Under U.S. tax law, R & R For Vets Inc has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. *R & R for Vets Inc's federal tax identification number is 81-4311655.*

WHAT DOES R & R FOR VETS INC ACCOMPLISH?

R & R for Vets is committed to providing assistance to veterans or their surviving spouses in need who require help. Effective communication plays a vital role in making sure that our community is informed about the veterans who have served our country and are in need of our support. Therefore, our objective is to increase awareness and inspire our community to come together to thank those who served us.

For years, R & R for Vets collaborated with Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity on veteran projects. Since our previous report, our organization has contributed to Habitat's initiative aimed at repairing the roof for a veteran's widow before the arrival of the monsoon season. When nonprofits collaborate, they foster robust community connections.



**GIVING OUR AMERICAN HEROES IN NEED
THE GIFT OF
"A DRY HOME – A SAFE HOME"**

MISSION: To provide roof repairs, ramps, and interior repairs to veterans, or their surviving spouses, in need.

MAY-JUNE 2023 COMMUNITY UPDATES

VIGIL-SANCHEZ TRAILER PROJECT APPROACHES FINISH LINE

R & R FOR VETS extends sincere gratitude for community support towards the Vigil-Sanchez Trailer Project. We've witnessed an extraordinary collective effort throughout this journey. Everyone involved eagerly anticipates a scheduled date from the transport company to relocate the trailer to its final, permanent site.

Stay tuned for the forthcoming update from the Santa Fe New Mexican as the trailer reaches its permanent home.



The relocation turned out to be a surprisingly challenging task for us, inexperienced individuals. The accompanying image captures Jonathan Sanchez collaborating with a team skirting the trailer. To their surprise, a multitude of ants and sizable spiders emerged, encircling them during the process. Despite this unforeseen obstacle, they managed to complete the job successfully. As a result, the team is now fully prepared for the upcoming move.

Following the article published on April 30, 2023, in the Santa Fe New Mexican, our community demonstrated its support by sending donations to R & R for Vets, Inc., the designated non-profit organization overseeing the project. Surprisingly, along with their monetary contributions, individuals expressed a desire to contribute to the interior of the trailer through letters accompanying their checks. Moreover, we received numerous calls from people who wished to lend a hand with the project.

Once everything was in order, and we awaited the transport company to provide a move date, we reached out to those who expressed their willingness to help. Of particular interest was Jonathan's 5-year-old daughter, who captured the attention of many. Her bedroom is now fully furnished, and a significant portion of the kitchen has been completed. However, we still require a kitchen table and flatware. As for the living area, it remains completely empty. If you have any items you can donate, please get in touch with Pam Scotty at pamscotty2@gmail.com. Your generosity towards this family is immensely appreciated.

Kroger Empowers Customers to Support Non-Profits with Linked Loyalty Cards!

The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact, and charitable giving at the national and local levels. One of the ways in which they do this is through its **Smith's Inspiring Donations** program. This makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Smith's and swipe your Shopper's Card.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1. Establish a digital account. Participation in Smith's Inspiring Donations requires a digital account. If you've already set up an account, just link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all your transactions go toward the organization of your choice. **YOUR DONATION DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU CHOOSE R & R FOR VETS, INC.**
2. Log into your digital account. Look for your organization (*R & R for Vets Inc.*) Input the name or NPO number (*81-4311655*) of the organization you want to support. Pick the right organization from the list and click "Save." Your selected organization will be visible in the Smith's Inspiring Donations segment of your account.
3. **THANK YOU:** Our organization will receive these funds. All future transactions using the Shopper's Card number linked to your digital account will contribute to the program, at no extra cost to you. Smith's Inspiring Donations pledges to give 0.5% of all eligible expenditures to organizations that customers have connected to their Rewards Card.



"THANK A VETERAN FOR THEIR SERVICE" On Tuesday, June 6th, at 8:30 AM, KSWV Radio (99.9 FM), sponsored by the Santa Fe Community College-Veterans Legacy Grant Program, R & R for Vets, and Century Bank, two-tour Vietnam veteran Ken Dettelbach and Steve Martinez, Director of SFCC VLGP, collaborated as co-hosts, discussing the Santa Fe Community College Veterans Grant Program. Steve also highlighted the honorable contributions to military service by the Martinez family. Dettelbach provided an update on the latest projects of R & R for Vets. We extend an invitation for you to join us for this informative veteran program on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:30 AM. If you happen to miss it, don't worry! You can listen to the podcast available at www.kswvradio.com.

THE PHILLIP QUINTANA FIRE RESTORATION PROJECT

To "begin with the end":

"In a time of feeling there is no hope, R and R for Vets came and gave us hope. A section of our home is being restored, and it all began with a new roof. Winter came with rain, snow, and wind. This is how we felt mentally. With the new roof, we were able to see sunshine. Thank you, R&R for Vets. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH! God Bless you." - Phillip and Dianna Quintana – posted in the Spring 2022 Community Update.

Included also in our Spring 2022 Community Update, we shared photos (*below*) depicting the extensive fire damage suffered by the Quintana family property, which held three wings and had a historical significance dating back 200 years. Fortunately, one of the wings was successfully reconstructed.



The ongoing tale of reconstructing the wing that was saved continues. On May 31, 2023, R & R for Vets, accompanied by Larry Socea, Quintana Project Coordinator - Ascent Bible Church, paid a visit to the Quintana property. Dianna and Phillip graciously welcomed us and conveyed their profound passion for life, community, their extraordinary family heritage, and their unwavering faith in God. During our time with them, we gained a profound understanding of the immense suffering caused by the fire and how it has deeply impacted their lives. Their journey of progress is undeniably remarkable. Included below are photographs showcasing the rebuilt structure, though only a fraction of the original adobe construction remains intact.



Photo one represents an incomplete reconstruction of the area affected by the fire. Photo two illustrates the completion of the first project for the Quintana, which involved installing a new roof with the help of donations to R & R for Vets from the Santa Fe community. Photo three exemplifies the ongoing process of interior reconstruction.

On September 1, 2023, at the yearly Kiwanis Burning of Zozobra event, R & R for Vets will unveil a three-minute documentary that captures the enduring impact of the devastating fire on the Quintana family and their remarkable journey of survival.