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Otero County 211 Teams Up with SHARE New Mexico



Angela Randall and Michelle Brideaux, UWOC

The [United Way of Otero County](#) (UWOC) is building its 2-1-1 helpline from the ground up and partnering with [SHARE New Mexico](#) to help connect Lincoln and Otero county residents with resources.

Like 2-1-1 lines across the country, the OWOC 2-1-1 helpline will provide information and referrals to people in need of help, Angela Randall, 2-1-1 & volunteer coordinator for the United Way of Otero County, said. The 2-1-1 line is open between the hours of 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday, and serves Otero County and Lincoln County.

“SHARE New Mexico and the United Way of Otero County are sharing the work of creating a comprehensive, up-to-date community-based directory,” Randall said. Taking advantage of the UWOC’s “feet on the ground,” Randall is contacting service providers in the county to sign up with SHARE and update their organizational information in SHARE’s Resource Directory.

Other groups sharing resource lists with 211 include Love, INC., Alamo Senior Center, Otero County Community Health Council, and the Otero Hunger Coalition.

The United Way of Otero County is Randall’s host organization as she completes her fellowship with “[The Mission Continues](#),” a nonprofit leadership program that supports post-911 veterans reintegrating back into civilian society.

Here’s How YOU Can Help

You can help OWOC serve Otero and Lincoln County residents by posting and updating your organization’s profile on [ShareNM.org](#). Help ensure that our shared [Resource Directory](#) is up-to-date and that residents connect with the right community resources.

Check out other resources on the Otero County page. Quick links take you to timely and relevant information and resources for county residents. See what’s happening on the Otero County community calendar and add your community events.

And Here’s How SHARE Can Help You

Team up with SHARE to create YOUR community Resource Directory. Rather than duplicating efforts, which can be costly to create and maintain, SHARE invites you to partner with us to create and maintain New Mexico’s most comprehensive and up-to-date resource directory. We are better together! For more information on how SHARE can help you with your resource directory, contact Wendy@ShareNM.org

Apply for a FREE Video for Your Nonprofit!

Now until August 19, your nonprofit can apply for a Project Awareness grant on ShareNM.org.

[Project Awareness](#) is a Leadership Albuquerque Initiative that provides nonprofit organizations with FREE online videos. The videos are custom-created by students at Central New Mexico Community College ([CNM](#)).

This is without any cost to nonprofits. [Apply](#) on ShareNM.org before August 19, 2016. Three to five nonprofits will be awarded a Project Awareness grant.

Tapping Student Talent



Donna Diller, Dean of Business and Information Technology at CNM, said that Project Awareness is a win-win-win situation that benefits students, nonprofits and the community.

Students decide which nonprofits are awarded the grant. This helps students to learn interpersonal skills, teamwork, communication and how nonprofits give back to the community.

“We felt like the community piece was important, for students to learn about nonprofits and ways to give

back,” Diller said. “It’s an important part of the community.”

Students review the applications at the beginning of the fall semester and spend the next year creating the videos. Some do the videos as part of a class curriculum, others as part of an internship.

After the grant winners are chosen, students work with the nonprofit to create the video, giving them experience working with customers.

“It gives our students a hands-on opportunity to do a real-life project using the same skills they’re learning in the classrooms,” Diller said.

Diller gives credit to Leadership Albuquerque for creating Project Awareness and bringing organizations like SHARE New Mexico, CNM and DATA together.



Apply Online at ShareNM.org

Don’t miss the opportunity to get a FREE video made for your New Mexico nonprofit! To apply for a Project Awareness Grant, you’ll need to login or create an account at ShareNM.org. Once you are logged in, you can see [instructions](#) and view our [available grants](#) in our common online grant application. Questions about our online common grant application? Visit our [blog](#) to learn more about how it works.



Check Out Our Updated Food Page

Volunteers from Kids Cook!, Roadrunner Food Bank, the Get Healthy

Collaborative, the Downtown Farmer’s Markets and the Rio Grande Food Project are working together to make the [SHARE Food & Hunger page](#) a “go-to” resource for New Mexicans who are working to make sure all of us have access to nutritious, affordable food.

“With the limited resources available to address New Mexico’s food and hunger issues, it is imperative we not only know what other organizations are doing but actually work collaboratively to create greater impact,” Mary Meyer, Director of Kids Cook!, said.

With that in mind, the team invites you to read and respond to their [“call to engagement.”](#) And if you are interested in joining the SHARE Food and Hunger team, please contact Wendy@sharenm.org, and we will put you in touch.

Summertime Activities for Kids and Families

PBS Kids' Writing Contest

Calling all kids, K-3! Enter your best illustrated story in the [New Mexico PBS Writer's Contest](#) now for a chance to win cool prizes. Four First Place winners get a professional video made of their story. Get your [entry form](#) and postmark it by July 31st. You can check out last year's award-winning entries and their videos here: [2015 PBS Kids Writers Contest](#). Good luck!

FREE Family Passes

Public libraries throughout the state are offering free Family Passes to NM museums and historic sites. Borrow the pass for up to one week and get free admission for up to 6 people at any of the Department of Cultural Affairs' museums and historic sites. [See the list here](#).

Summer Food Programs

USDA summer meal sites can be found throughout the state of New Mexico. Find a USDA summer meal site at [SummerFood.org](#) by searching the interactive map.

Farmer's Markets

The [NM Farmers' Marketing Association](#) supports farming and locally produced foods in every New Mexico community. [Find a farmers market](#) near you.

Double the value of your EBT dollars with [Double Up Food Bucks](#) at participating farmers' markets and at La Montañita Coops in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Gallup.

For Even More Ideas - Read New Mexico Kids!

New Mexico Kids! family magazine is filled with detailed listings of activities for children, teens and their parents, grandparents and teachers. Each issue contains articles filled with practical tips and ideas for raising our children. Read the latest copy of New Mexico Kids! [online](#).

Stay Safe in Very Hot Weather

As temperatures are rising statewide, the NM Department of Health reminds residents to protect themselves from the risk of heat-related illness. "We ask everyone to take precautions and to check on their family, friends and neighbors who may be especially vulnerable to extreme heat," said DOH Secretary Designate Lynn Gallagher. See DOH's [health protection tips](#).



Help Design SHARE 2.0

SHARE New Mexico has been live about 3 years now. We appreciate the support, active participation and contributions made by our SHARE community members. Now we are in the process of designing *SHARE 2.0: The Next Generation*. Our goal is to continue to provide New Mexicans with an easy-to-use, "first-stop" community space for sharing information supporting action to improve our communities. Because SHARE is built for and by you, we need your input. Please take a few minutes to complete our [short survey](#) and tell us how SHARE can be more useful to you and the good work that you do.

Join the SHARE Community. SHARE New Mexico is built by and for New Mexicans. That means we all rely on each other to help keep our SHARE website active and updated. The more information we share and the more connections we make, the more all of us will benefit.

[Register](#) on SHARE and [sign up](#) for our eMail List! **Update your organization's information in the [SHARE Directory](#). Post your community events on the [SHARE Calendars](#). [Send us](#) your comments, questions, and suggestions.**



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