



2020 Envision Fund Grantee Highlights*

Casa Q



Casa Q's mission is to provide safe living options for LGBTQ+ youth and allies ages 14 to 18 who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. Casa Q provides residential and transitional living services in a home-like environment, complemented with comprehensive and individual case management. At Casa Q we are thinking long-term to build resiliency, self-determination, and self-efficacy for every young person that needs us. We are family and friends, supporting and strengthening our community through love and acceptance. We are celebrating and welcoming LGBTQ+ youth and allies.

Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico

TGRCNM has been serving the transgender and non-binary people of New Mexico since 2008, and we have operated a physical drop-in center since 2012. In that time, we have provided countless folks with meals, bus passes, HIV tests, help updating names and ID documents, and emergency financial assistance. TGRCNM was an integral partner in updating the NM law governing how the sex designation on a birth certificate is changed. And we have provided more than 1500 Transgender 101 trainings, to a wide array of audiences, including law enforcement, medical professionals, educators, employers, faith communities, behavioral health professionals, corrections, and more.



The Mountain Center



The Mountain Center (TMC) is a nationally recognized and accredited 501(C)3 educational and therapeutic organization that, since 1979, has been dedicated to promoting personal discovery and social change among youth, families and groups through the use of creative learning experiences in wilderness, community and cultural environments. We provide unique opportunities for people to transform their lives through remarkable experiences and adventures.

The funding from the Envision Fund is supporting one of our core programs The New Mexico Genders and Sexualities Alliance Network (NMGSA). NMGSA is a youth-led, youth-driven program that builds resiliency, positive identity development, self-efficacy, mental health and positive coping skills among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, Two Spirit, and straight allied (LGBTQ2S+) youth ages 13-24 through peer training, peer support, and leadership development.

H2 Academic Solutions Scholarship Fund

H2ASSF provides support to youth and their families in the form of tutoring assistance, intervention education programs, STEAM, food boxes, gas cards, hygiene products, clothing, and some vehicle repair.

H2ASSF provides 35 free meal to the general public five days a week. We provide a food box to an average of 10 families per week. Gas cards are \$10 and are provided up to once a week to the community for as long as we have them available. All other items are provided as needed or requested. We also search out items for families.

H2ASSF currently works with 14 youth to provide free tutoring/intervention educational services. These services can be accessed in Belen and Los Lunas.

In the summer, H2ASSF offers free STEAM camps to up to 20 youth a week for 20 hours a week. This is not only a great opportunity for the youth, but also for parents we cannot afford childcare services.

The newest project that H2ASSF is undertaking is a teen center in Belen. This would be open to 10-17 year olds and all services provided will be free of charge. We are currently working with the City of Belen on a building and gathering pledges of support. We are excited by the number of community partners wanting to volunteer time to hang out with teens and provide services.

Wise Fool



Wise Fool's programs focus on inclusion within a creative and safe environment with a diverse mix of voices. Our flagship programs BUST! fosters openness and acceptance of diversity by prioritizing self-identity as women, trans, or gender non-conforming, by making space for all body abilities. As well as, Teen BUST! a two-week camp offered to low-income girls, non-binary, and at-risk youth who are nominated by teachers and counselors. By boosting the creative expression, both programs build social-emotional skills, expand self-confidence, and foster trust and teamwork. The participants ultimately become part of our vibrant Wise Fool community, and more resilient and able to shield against life's perils.

Wise Fool New Mexico was established as a nonprofit organization in 2000 by a collective of queer women exploring puppetry and circus arts as a vehicle to promote social justice and healthy communities. Since then, Wise Fool has reached thousands of youth, adults, and families with circus classes and camps, creating over 30 original productions such as Circus Luminous, CircAspire, Ignite, BUST, and countless youth circus shows. Wise Fool's applies social circus arts as a tool in youth development and empowerment, and offers programs in Santa Fe and while touring extensively across the US and abroad.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico

For 51 years Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico has improved the lives and outcomes of at-risk youth in New Mexico through our award-winning one-to-one mentoring services. This has been made possible by thousands of volunteers, donors, and advocates who have generously given their time, talent, and financial support.



**Big Brothers
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Our Vision: that all children achieve success in life.

Our Mission: to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Analysis of our programs shows that Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring program is the single most effective way to help vulnerable youth achieve success and reach their potential. Compared to others their age, boys and girls who are matched with a Big Brother or a Big Sister are:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 81% have a desire to avoid risky behavior
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 91% of our Mentor 2.0 students graduated and have gone on to college or technical training after high school
- 97% of our mentees advanced to the next grade

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Mexico has created fundamental, positive change in the lives of 10,000+ children over the last 51 years. Currently, we have 1600 active mentees and mentors we serve.

We invite you to join us to defend the potential of our youth. For more information to volunteer, make a financial investment in our programs, or get involved with one of our events, go to our website or visit us on Facebook: bbbs-cnm.org

Solace Crisis Treatment Center



While sexual violence is an increasingly common topic, there is little focus on LGBTQ+ people and prevention strategies that can simultaneously prevent future acts of violence while increasing protective factors for our communities. We provide curricula for LGBTQ+ youth focused on increasing self-efficacy around healthy sexuality, defining enthusiastic consent for relationships that don't fit into straight and cisgender norms, and unpacking hyper-masculinity in a queer and trans context.

Human Rights Alliance Santa Fe

The mission of the Santa Fe Human Rights Alliance (HRA) is to educate, engage, encourage, and celebrate LGBTQ+ inclusion, pride, and acceptance for all people.



Our Current Goals:

- Create a meaningful dialogue with the LGBTQ community of the Santa Fe area in order to respond to their needs
- Respond to the LGBTQ needs of this diverse community through outreach and program support
- Provide a voice for human and civil rights legislation
- Implement, monitor and evaluate HRA programs which include The Shoulder We Stand On - Our Proud History, Q-chat - Q-link

Resolve



Resolve teaches violence prevention programs with an anti-oppression lens, which means we address homophobia and transphobia (and other forms of oppression) in all our programs. Our work creates safer communities for LGBTQ+ youth and adults by giving them skills to prevent violence in their lives and advocate for themselves and others; and by increasing supportive environments through bystander education and policy work. Through school-based programs and collaborations with community organizations, Resolve programs reduce violence and increase safety for LGBTQ+ individuals.

NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

We are the local affiliate connection to a national community of religious organizations and faithful individuals dedicated to achieving reproductive justice. Through education, organizing and advocacy, we seek to elevate religious voices wherever faith, policy and our reproductive lives intersect.



*Please note that stories are posted upon receipt. We are still waiting for remaining grantees to submit their stories. Updated 3/9/2021