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On the Cover: 10 year old Raffi
Also featured: 7 year old Jaco Gent

What do you love most about dancing?

Raffi: The feeling when you get out on the dance floor.
Jaco: The energy it gives me.

What have you learned through dancing with others?

Raffi: I learned how to express myself.
Jaco: Supporting each other.

How old are you?

Raffi: 10 years old
Jaco: 7 years old

What school do you attend? What do you love about your school?

Raffi: I attend La Mariposa Montessori. I love the animals the most.
Jaco: La Mariposa Montessori and friends
Editor's note: La Mariposa Montessori has horses, pigs, chickens and more on its campus.



Who inspires you to breakdance?

Raffi: My friend Tika!
Jaco: B Boy Faro and B Girl Ale

What do you want other Tumbleweeds Mag kids to know about you?

Raffi: I like reading and writing too.
Jaco: I love to Break!

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

Raffi: End littering the ocean!
Jaco: I would stop Antarctica from melting.

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ON THE COVER: 10 year old Raffi Paglayan loves to breakdance at Santa Fe Breakin' Academy, Santa Fe's very own School of Breakin and Hip-Hop Culture. Raffi attends La Mariposa Montessori School and loves the animals on campus. Photo Kitty Leaken.

ARTWORK IN THIS ISSUE: Tumbleweeds Magazine partnered with Art School Santa Fe, Dragonfly Art Studio, JF Mazur Studio and Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) to share children and teen artwork. Art School Santa Fe offers courses in numerous genres including illustration, creature design, fantasy art, comic book drawing, animals, landscapes and cartooning. Dragonfly Art Studio is a place where kids and adults develop their creative talent in a fun and stimulating environment. JF Mazur Studio offers children's art workshops and private painting classes. SFPS has a dedicated Arts Education Department that offers a comprehensive, culturally responsive, standards-based program of art education to K-12 students. See more artwork on our website, TumbleweedsMag.com

Notes from Jen

It's a New Season

By Jen Paul Schroer

Oh my gosh!

Summer is coming to an end, and this back-to-school season has me stressed. Friends were waking up early and waiting in line for hours to enroll their kids in after-school care at Genoveva Chavez Community Center, only to discover that it decreased its capacity. This left many parents and grandparents scrambling to find an alternative. The unexpected, abrupt closure of Santa Fe Waldorf School rocked the community and social media. Parents were desperately searching for another school at the last minute, and the community mourned the loss of an educational treasure. Turquoise Trail Charter School purchased and distributed clear plastic backpacks and lunchboxes to every kid at its back-to-school night, mandating every kid use them. I totally understand the precaution, given the teenager who brought a gun to school last year, but dang; it freaks me out. The thought of school shootings keeps many parents up at night. And on the lighter side, please don't get me started on the required school supplies!

The back-to-school season chaos will always be difficult for families, teachers,



Ryker out the door for his first day of Kindergarten.



Making sure we get a family photo done each year is Justin's commitment.

and school administrators, but it also comes with so much joy. My 5-year old son, Ryker, came home from school and told us all about the sounds that vowels make and how the letters S and H are brothers and they tell people to "shhhhh" at the library. Aviva, who is 3 years old and started an early childhood program at Ryker's school, came home and told us all about her new best friends Tomás and "the girl with brown hair." It is super cute.

In the midst of all this chaos, guess what I decided to do? I accepted a new job the week before school started. For the past four and a half years, I've worked at the Tourism Department, best known for the New Mexico True brand and publishing *New Mexico Magazine*. Best job ever, folks! I worked with editors, designers, program specialists, marketing gurus, creative artists, and more. After the pandemic, this small but mighty team led one of the strongest tourism economic recoveries in the world. The Tourism Department's work is often held up nationally and internationally as the gold standard and something other destinations should aspire to. I loved the work. I loved our team. I loved our industry partners throughout the state. My heart was full.

Unbeknownst to me, a new passion was growing inside me the last couple

of years. I took on health-related special projects throughout the pandemic, and after, I continued working on social service projects. A year ago, we lost my father-in-law too soon, which might have been preventable if he had accessed a particular test for preventive care. (Grandparents—request a calcium test for the heart! Most health insurance companies do not cover it, but it could save your life.) Two years ago, Justin and I bought *Tumbleweeds*, and I've been learning more and more about our community challenges and needs. Recently, I started to help my aging parents navigate our troublesome healthcare system.

So when I was offered a new position at the Aging and Long-Term Services Department, I surprised myself when I accepted; it felt right even though I never imagined my career taking such a sharp turn. I was deeply honored to be entrusted with protecting adults from maltreatment, connecting seniors and those with disabilities to resources, and being a voice for some of the most vulnerable populations in our state.

Deep breath! You know the feeling when you get when you buckle yourself in on a roller coaster and it starts climbing up, up, and up to that first massive drop? It's a mix of fear, excitement, and anticipation. You have to put your blind

trust in the safety of the operations, the engineering, and that seatbelt-harness thing. This was the feeling pumping through my body when I officially accepted the position. But what made it even scarier was that the tourism team I deeply trusted and respected were not getting on this ride with me.

As I reflected on leaving the tourism team, I was scared that I was failing them by leaving. I did my best to empower the leadership team, put a strong acting executive in place, and collaborate with them on a transition plan, but it all happened so fast. We held an all-staff meeting and I shared my heart and gratitude with everyone. The Tourism Department had many successes over the past four years, and it was because of the talented team who chose to work collaboratively and committed to a unique level of excellence that made the department second to none.

Change is hard for everyone, and as I walked into the Aging and Long-Term Services Department carrying a box overflowing with my office stuff, I realized the team here must be nervous, too. They didn't know me. I didn't come from the healthcare industry. I am not sure what was racing through the minds of 252 employees, but I am so grateful they gave me a warm welcome. Understandably, leadership transitions can feel unsettling and it usually brings change. My job is to make tough calls; there will be team members who will not agree with my direction. But I truly believe that we will come together to improve the lives of our fellow New Mexicans in every corner of the state. It will, however, take some time.



Aviva was ecstatic to join her brother at his school this year. One drop off, one pick up! 🌞

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Even through all this chaos, change, and pressure, Justin and I needed to deliver on our passion project, *Tumbleweeds*. Magazines have tight deadlines and require a lot of coordination among a diverse team. Thank you to the entire *Tumbleweeds* production team because I was not as available or timely as I usually am through this round. And a special thank you to the very talented Cody Johnson who has done the graphic design for the magazine layout over the Past two years. He was instrumental in bringing *Tumbleweeds* back to print, and his design was awarded first place for page design of a magazine by the NMPW. This Fall issue is his last *Tumbleweeds* design. (And yes, we are looking for a new designer for the Winter issue. Contact me if you are interested in learning more.)

This Fall issue includes our popular family-friendly Calendar of Events (page 28), a special Health and Wellness Directory (page 17), and inspirational life stories from our contributors. Momma Kiki is back with an article that brought me to tears, tears of joy that renewed a sense of hope (page 8). A brave New Mexican mom, shared her journey of shepherding her blended family through a marriage and the deeply personal experience of parenting a step-child through a mental health crisis (page 12). Also featured is an incredible testimony of how a service dog helped a young adult manage his autism and Turrets, giving him a new sense of independence and comfort (page 20).

To all the families in Northern New Mexico, we will get through the back-to-school transition. Our daily lives flow through seasons, some more difficult than others. Before you know it, we will be gathering in the Plaza eagerly counting down for the holiday lights to be turned on for the winter season.

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." — Alan W. Watts

Let's dance,

Jen



BACK TO SCHOOL

Spirit

To celebrate a new school year, Tumbleweeds held the "Back to School Spirit" contest on our social media channels and asked our followers to tell us about their child's school.

Many followers nominated their child's school, and it was wonderful seeing the community support! Ultimately, **Deeana Castaneda** was chosen as this year's winner!

"We love Thrive Community School, the sense of community is so strong and Mr. Sean Duncan has such a great group of teachers and staff that really go above and beyond for all of their students," **Deeana wrote**. "The STEAM and social emotional learning curriculum really builds the students' curiosity and confidence."

Deeana's prize is a pizza party from Tumbleweeds for one class at Thrive Community School.



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Fostering: It Takes Two to Be Bananas

Foster Momma Kiki shares her journey as a new foster parent and all that comes with caring for children who have experienced more than most of us ever will.

By Momma Kiki

Foster / - verb

To encourage or promote

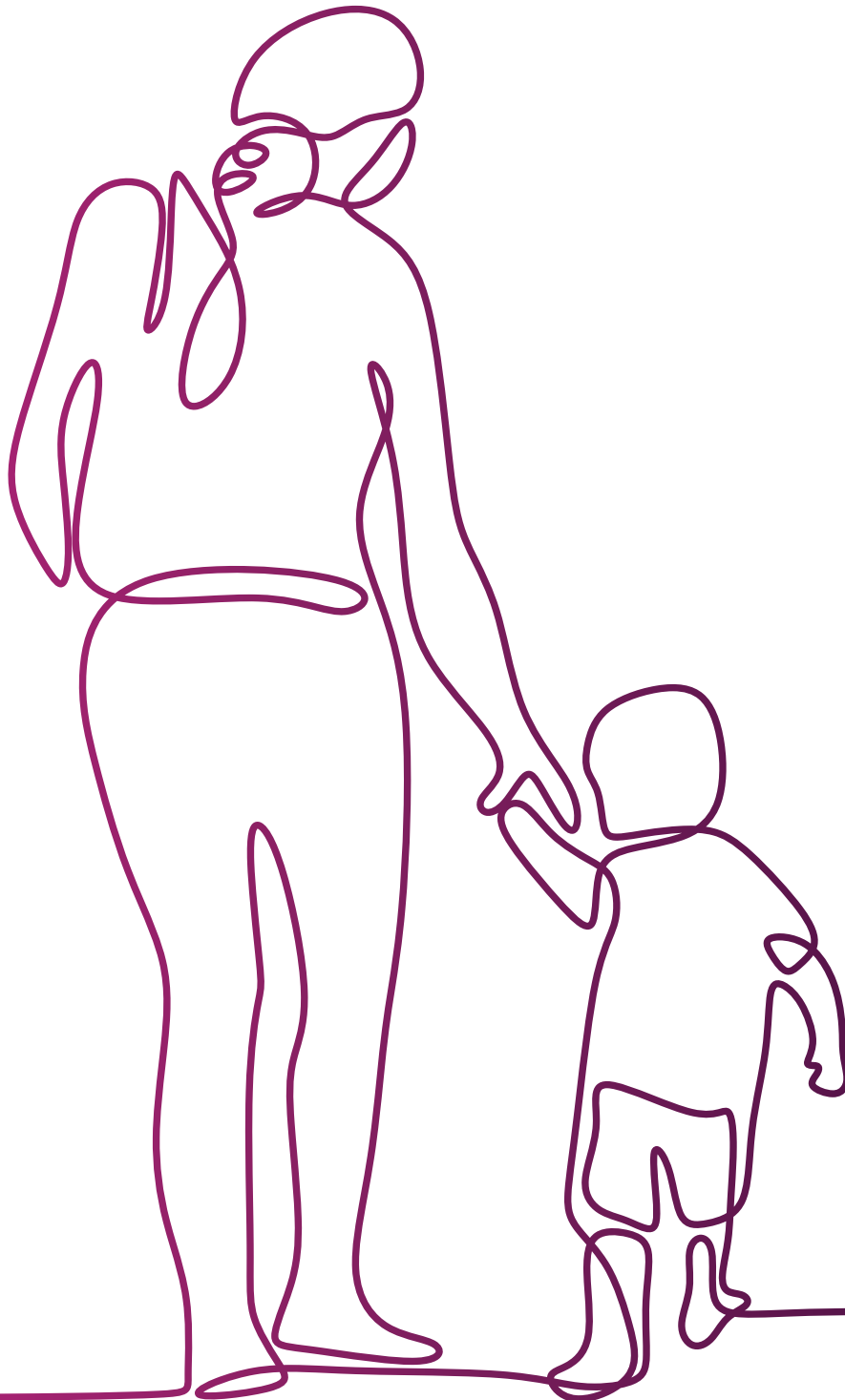
the development of.

/Dad / - noun

Dad is another term for father. A father is a biological term, whereas a dad takes on the role as a child's parent. A dad is there for the child, and is one of two parental figures in a child's life.

Foster care is a wonderful experience, no doubt about that. But it is also hard, takes time away from other things, and is emotionally stressful. I knew at a young age that I wanted to do nothing more than to become a foster parent and help children who needed someone to care. I began this journey when I felt ready, after I experienced college, traveled the world, and found myself in a financially stable place and knew it was time. My family was supportive but was worried that it would be a lot to take on as a single mother. At 32 years old, I had endured many relationships; some were promising and some were never meant to be. But I decided that despite being single, I was ready for foster care.

The process of becoming a licensed foster (resource) parent took me eight months to complete, which required a pair of two-hour-long home visits, coursework, a background check, interviews with my family members, and a deep dive into my entire past. They asked questions that have never been asked, they asked questions about things that were hard to talk about, they asked it all because they had to. When I received my license, it was an exciting and yet scary moment. I was given the opportunity to help others. Although my family was 100% supportive and willing to help, it did not change the fact that I was still going to be a single mother.



Around the same time of receiving my foster care license, a friend had insisted that I go out on a group date for an event, in which she was setting me up with one of her guy friends. I was a little nervous and uncertain if that would be a good idea, since I was possibly going to be taking in children. I thought about how could I have time for a new relationship with kids, would he even be open to the idea of being around kids, and what would he think about me being a foster parent. I went through it over and over again, and decided that it was just going to be one fun outing with friends, nothing more. That evening was not what I expected; it was fun, exciting, and oddly enough, he and I had a great time. So much so that we decided to go out again, just us two, later that week. During our first date, it was apparent that we had a lot in common, and I felt a connection immediately. We spent the next two weeks hanging out almost every day, meeting up after work for a quick drink and having dinner here and there, which led to him making me homemade grilled cheese and soup at my house.

So yeah, somehow I fell for a guy knowing that my life could change at any moment. But I couldn't help myself. And he was open to the idea of me having kids and stated he wasn't going anywhere when that day came. But in my head, I thought we'll see about that when it actually happens. The night of the homemade grilled cheese and soup, I got a phone call from CYFD around 6:30 P.M., asking if I was able to take in two brothers, ages 6 and 2. As I asked questions about the boys and stayed on the phone, my guy began to clean up

the kitchen. By the time the conversion was over, he had everything put away and waited for me to hang up. I put the phone down and looked at him. Before I could say anything, he said, “I will go and let you get ready for them. Make sure you eat your food.” He stood up, gave me a kiss on the cheek, and headed out the door. I began cleaning up the room and bathroom they would stay in, and about an hour later I heard the doorbell ring. It took me a minute to open the door, but no one was there, just some grocery bags. I grabbed them and brought them inside. They were filled with kid snacks, food, and kid bathroom items. As I went through the bag, I received a text on my phone. It read, “Figured you needed a few things.” It was from my guy, and in that moment I felt love.

The boys finally arrived, and I took a week off from work to get them settled. I found out a few days later THAT they had a teenage sister; she came to me eight days later. It was New Year's weekend, and I had already planned a trip to Colorado with my siblings and had already invited my guy. I called him, knowing there would be no way he would want to spend New Years with my family and stay with three kids. Before I could even ask, he started the conversation with, “Are you all packed for our trip?” I stumbled on my words and asked, “You still want to go, even with me taking the kids?” Without hesitation he answered, “Yes, it's going to be so fun for them. We can take them sledding and build a snowman. I'm sure they would like that.” I was speechless, I honestly did not know how to respond. So we went as planned with my siblings and their families, his two best friends, and three foster children. And it was fun, like he said. A little awkward for everyone, but still really fun.

From that first trip, 18 months have come and gone and we are still managing to have fun together as a family. Yes,

you heard me right: a family. My now husband and our three children—one teenager, who we are now legal guardians of, and two rambunctious little boys whose care plan has changed toward adoption. My guy stuck around for every hard moment, for every major change or decision. He stood by my side and became a licensed foster parent himself. He has read books before bed, played catch outside, changed diapers and taught a three-year-old how to pee standing, communicates continuously in a much calmer voice than myself to a teenager about why we care. He has become their dad. A man who is willing to be there for these three kids no matter what. Someone who chooses to stand by my side through the most difficult times, and the times where I question this lifestyle. I began this journey knowingly accepting to be a single mom, but because of him I never had to. He has been there from the beginning, and I couldn't imagine doing it without him.

I know this issue we were supposed to dive into the court appearances, parental visits, therapy sessions, doctors appointments, and home visits, but I felt it important to talk about the dads, so stay tuned for all that next time. For now, I hope this article puts a spotlight on all the dads out there who never chose foster care but came along for the ride to support their significant other. You are the true heroes of this journey, and you make it so that we can help these children.

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Foster Momma Kiki grew up in a loving home right here in Northern New Mexico. A home that openly took in children and teens throughout her upbringing. She learned from her parents the selfless act of caring for others. She currently lives with her husband and three foster children, ages 16, 8, and 4. You can reach her at fostermommakiki@gmail.com.



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Family Travel

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Steam through gorgeous aspens on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad
By Joy Meadows

An autumn ride on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad is a bucket list adventure that every New Mexican and Coloradan should experience. Avoid all the leaf-peeping traffic and get on board the C&T to immerse yourself in autumn colors as you travel where there are no roads, across mountainsides of aspens, above rocky gorges, and through sun-dappled meadows.

Consistently ranked by the readers of USA Today as one of the nation's top scenic train rides, the C&T is also the highest, longest, and most authentic steam railroad on the continent. This National Historic Landmark is a museum on wheels, owned by the states of New Mexico and Colorado to preserve travel by historic coal-fired steam locomotives just the way it was when the railroad was built in 1880.

In the fall, the C&T steams between Chama, New Mexico, and Antonito, Colorado, through tens of thousands of colorful aspen trees, twisting and turning for 64 miles through Rocky Mountain wilderness steaming along in comfort as the golden aspens gleam in the crisp autumn air. Trains cross state borders 11 times, steaming through tunnels and over high trestles, along the edge of deep canyons, and up to the summit of Cumbres Pass, 10,015 feet above sea level.

There are more than two million acres of aspen trees in Colorado and New Mexico—one billion trees that if placed together would cover Rhode Island and Delaware. Aspen trees in the Rocky Mountains grow from 6,500 to 10,500 feet in elevation. Although many factors

make leaves turn color, as a general rule the higher the elevation, the sooner the leaves turn gold. That means that over a period of time, you can often see a variety of shades of color on one mountainside, with deeper golds on top at 10,000 feet, blending to pale yellow in the 8,000-foot range. Since the C&T runs from 7,863 feet to 10,015 feet at the top of Cumbres Pass, you can expect to see pretty fall aspens in varying shades all along the route—a breathtaking sight that makes a ride on the C&T highly sought-after in the fall.

Arrive early so you can visit the yard and watch the engineers and firemen get the locomotive ready for your journey up into the Rocky Mountains. They will blow whistles, let off steam, and move the engines to take on coal and water for the trip. The conductor will give orders to shunt cars into the proper arrangement, as others bring on the food and beverages for the passengers. It's great fun to walk around the yard and watch the trains being prepared, just as they were in 1880 when the railroad first opened.

The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad has been featured in nearly two dozen films. The unspoiled Western scenery along the route and the railroad's distinct narrow gauge steam engines bring interest and authenticity to the screen. Some of the films featuring the C&T include: *Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade*, the Oscar-nominated *Wyatt Earp*, *A Million Ways to Die in the West*, and *Hostiles*, which featured C&T trains and Chama Depot in the last four minutes.

There's no doubt that kids love trains, and the C&T brings out the kid in all of



The Cumbres and Toltec steams across trestles as it winds its way along the 64-mile route between Chama, New Mexico, and Antonito, Colorado.



When riding the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, you can move around the train and aren't restricted to your seat. Venture outdoors into the gondola car or ride between cars, holding on to the railing as you come around long curves, taking in the views ahead. Photo credit: Jim O'Donnell



Trains bring out the kids in all of us. Photo Credit: Kevin Sherrow

us. Younger passengers can take part in the Junior Engineer Program, designed to foster a love for the C&T in youth ages 5–18. The fun and educational activities booklet will teach young passengers about the history of the railroad, how trains work, jobs on the railroad, and more. Booklets can be found at the C&T both in the depots and onboard the train. The program was created by the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

The C&T runs through October 21, 2023, departing from Chama and Antonito. There are several trip options,

including full and half-day—and even a few special departures. Fall rides are extremely popular and are selling out fast, so book early to avoid disappointment at cumbrestoltec.com.

Joy Meadows is an avid hiker, history lover, and mother of three. She handles public relations for the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad and believes every New Mexico and Colorado resident should experience a ride on the train, which is jointly owned by the two states.



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One Family's reflection to hopefully inspire you to keep going, because it's all worth it.

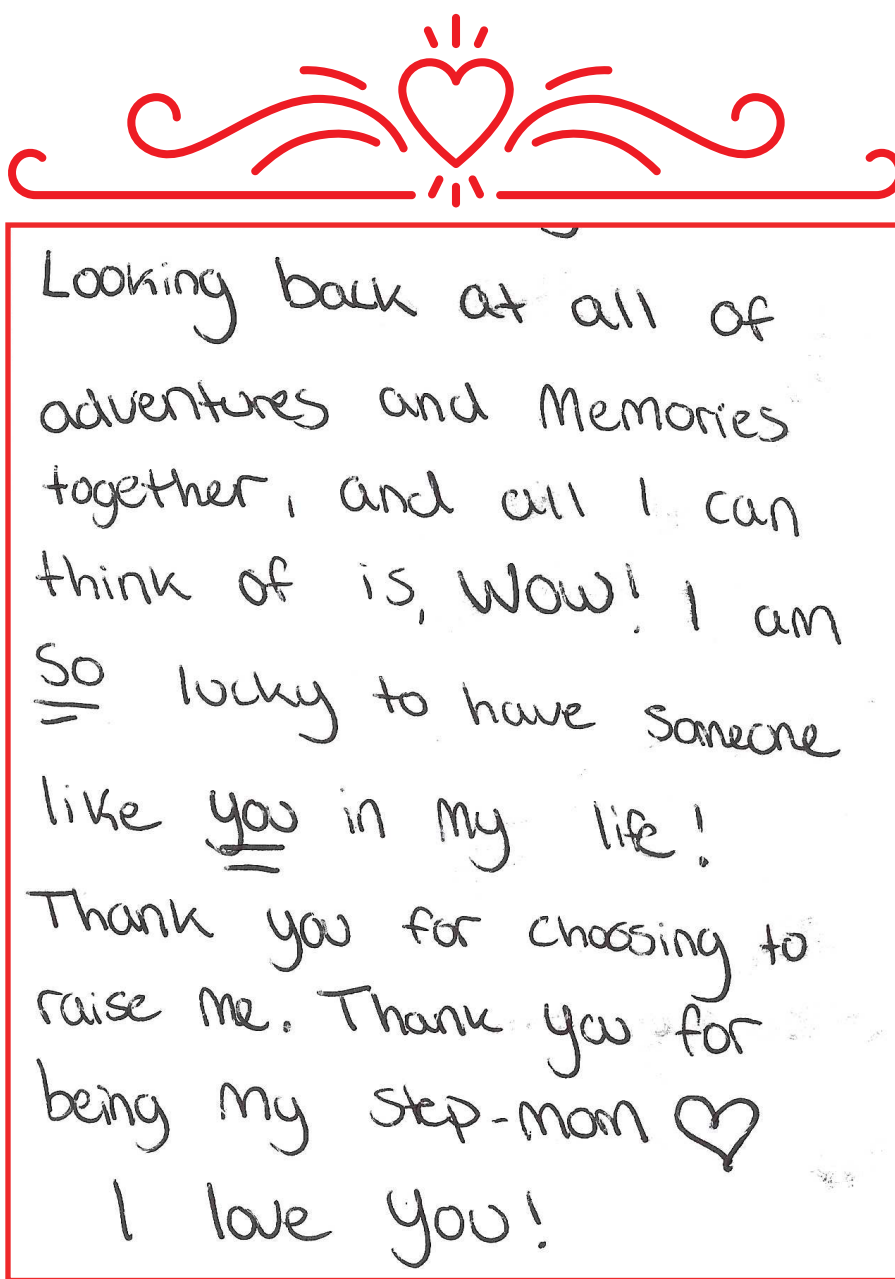
By E. Quinones

We are a blended family.

Well, we are now. In our early years, I would often comment, "The reality of trying to blend a family is like trying to blend oil and water." In the early 2000's I met my spouse. We had our first conversations at the lost and found of our children's elementary school. We were both divorced and had kids from multiple past relationships. At that time, we were both taking a break from relationships. We were each in therapy and working on ourselves. We had that in common from the beginning. Combined, we had 5 kids under the age of 11 (ages 2, 7, 8, 9, and 10) and we had three other parents in the mix.

When we decided to give our relationship a go, we went into it with eyes wide open. We knew it was going to be a challenge, especially since the kids didn't ask to be put into this situation, and definitely none of them wanted additional siblings. We were honest with our kids about us being in therapy. We spoke with our therapist early on about the dynamics of the kids, and he agreed to serve as our family therapist also. We made sure that the kids had independent access to the therapist, too.

I'm sure you can see the teenage years coming, right? As we moved into adolescence, hormones were everywhere. The other parents had multiple opinions on nearly everything: school, friends, driving, curfew, etc. We worked really hard to navigate it all. Often reminding ourselves that one day soon, they will all be grown and we will only have each other. Were our relationship goals strong enough to get us through these turbulent times? We truly hoped so. We were working hard individually, collectively, and collaboratively, but the obstacles seemed so big that sometimes it was hard to know for sure.



Sweet gratitude shared on my birthday.

About four years into our relationship, life had become very real. Each of us had lost a parent to fast illnesses. We were advancing in our professional careers and that demanded our attention. And, one of our kids was really going through some tough times. We didn't know the extent of things right away, but ultimately we were faced with drug experimentation/use, self-harm, lying, stealing, sexual exploration, failing grades in school, and hanging out in questionable social groups, plus the interpersonal dynamics between all the kids. "Why is this one getting so much attention?" "They are doing it just for attention!" "You like them more than me!" "They aren't even your biological kid, let their parents deal with them!" And so on.

The bottom line was that one of our kids was having real mental health challenges and we needed to help them. Because that's what we do, right? Even when they don't want it. Even when the other parents fight against it. Even when the schools tell us they are doing all they can. We fight for our kids because they deserve the opportunity to find the tools to help them navigate their own challenges. And, they will keep these tools with them for the rest of their lives.

We went through a few very tough years. During this time, we navigated suicide attempts, admission to mental health hospitals, running away, and a lot of fear masked by anger. I'm here sharing our story with you to give you hope. To let you know that it is worth it. And, to assure you that you are doing the right thing by fighting for your kid—biological, step, or chosen. It's hard, and sometimes it feels like you aren't making an impact. But please know that your efforts are worth it.

Here are five bits of wisdom I want to share with you from the other side.

1. Trust your instincts. If you feel like something is not right, look into it.

- And, keep looking into it. Keep your eyes open and use your discernment.
2. Enlist professionals. Keep searching until you find the right ones for YOUR kid, not someone else's. Have your kid interview three therapists alone and let them choose which one they want to see. It's about your kid, not you. They need to buy in. It's OK to fire a therapist, doctor, friend, or family member.
 3. Trust that in the end, it will work out. Give without expectation of getting anything in return. Give them tools. Give them love. Teach, don't enable. Many times this looks different than you might think. Agreeing to admit your child to a mental health hospital is actually helping them. They will thank you for it later—ours did. Think of your kid and not about what bystanders may say as they express their judgment from afar. You are the only one that knows all that your family is going through.
 4. You can only do so much. We had to face a hard reality at one point: maybe our kid needed to hit rock bottom. We couldn't stop it. It was like sitting at an intersection and watching a crash in slow motion. It was awful. But we pledged to be there all the way, and we would

We fight for our kids because they deserve the opportunity to find the tools to help them navigate their own challenges. And, they will keep these tools with them for the rest of their lives.

- help them pick up the pieces if they wanted us to. They had to want us to be there, because forcing ourselves onto them wasn't working.
5. Evaluate your relationship with your spouse/partner/significant other. You are role models for your children, all of you. Your kids are watching you. And, even though they are going through their things, they are watching how you are responding. How you, as a couple, are responding. And, how their other parent(s) are responding. They are taking this all in, and it will inform

how they navigate their own adult lives. Live the life you wish for your children. Put on your oxygen mask, because without it you are not able to help your children in the way they need.

I'm happy to say that nearly 20 years later our relationship is strong. We still have the same therapist. Our kids are in their twenties, and they have their individual relationships with each other. Some are closer than others. Some are working hard to figure out their next steps in life. In the end, they know they can call upon each other, and the person

on the other end will respond. I can confidently say that we have blended our families together, but I like to refer to us simply as one family. Our family is unique, diverse, and really special, just like yours.

As for our kid that was facing teenage mental health challenges, they are still working on their wellness. They are in college and hold a really impactful job. And, we are really close. I recently had a birthday and the card they gave me said, "Thank you for choosing to raise me." That small statement of gratitude seemed to fill any holes of doubt that were in my heart. I made a difference. I was the person they needed in their life, even though many times it felt like I was banging my head against a brick wall. It was all worth it. Hang in there!

Written by E.Quinones. This is a true story and reflection from the author, who has asked to remain anonymous. Their story is written to be inclusive of all gender identities.

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Voces de la familia



Unas veces es más fácil que otras



Reflexiones para inspirar a los padres a seguir adelante - vale la pena
By E. Quinones

Somos una familia

combinada. Bueno, ahora lo somos. Al principio, yo solía decir: “La realidad de ser una familia combinada es como tratar de mezclar aceite con agua”. Al principio del siglo conocí a mi esposo. Conversamos por primera vez donde se guardan los objetos perdidos en la escuela primaria de nuestros hijos. Ambos estábamos divorciados y teníamos hijos de varias relaciones anteriores. En ese entonces, los dos estábamos tomándonos un descanso en nuestras relaciones. Estábamos en terapia, trabajando en lo nuestro. Desde el principio tuvimos eso en común. Entre los dos teníamos cinco chicos menores de 11 años (de 2, 7, 8, 9 y 10 años), con otros tres padres en la mezcla.

Cuando decidimos empezar nuestra relación, lo hicimos con los ojos bien abiertos. Sabíamos que sería retador, especialmente porque los niños no habían pedido ser puestos en esta situación y, definitivamente, ninguno quería más hermanos. Fuimos honestos y les dijimos que ambos estábamos en terapia. Hablamos con nuestro terapeuta al principio sobre la dinámica de los niños y estuvo de acuerdo con ser el terapeuta de la familia también. Igualmente, nos aseguramos que los niños tuvieran acceso independiente al terapeuta.

Estoy segura que se pueden imaginar que se nos acercaba la etapa de la adolescencia. Al alcanzarla, lo de las hormonas estaba por todos lados. Los otros padres tenían diferentes opiniones prácticamente acerca de todo: escuela, amigos, manejar, horarios límite, etc. Trabajamos realmente duro para navegar por todo esto. Con frecuencia nos recordábamos que pronto crecerían y sólo nos tendríamos el uno al otro. ¿Eran nuestras metas en la relación lo

suficientemente fuertes para navegar estos turbulentos tiempos? De

verdad, esperábamos que lo fueran. Trabajábamos arduamente individual, colectiva y colaborativamente, pero los obstáculos parecían tan grandes que a veces nos era difícil estar seguros.

Como al cuarto año de estar en esta relación la vida se había vuelto muy real. Cada uno de nosotros había perdido a un padre por enfermedades cortas. Avanzábamos en nuestras carreras profesionales y eso requería nuestra atención. Uno de nuestros hijos estaba pasando por tiempos muy duros. No nos dimos cuenta inmediatamente del grado de las cosas, pero ultimadamente nos enfrentamos con el uso y experimentación de estupefacientes, autolesionamiento, mentiras, robos, exploración sexual, malas notas en la escuela y relaciones con grupos sociales cuestionables, además de las dinámicas interpersonales entre todos los niños. “¿Por qué le ponen tanta



atención a ellos?” “¡Lo hacen sólo por llamar la atención!” “¡Les quieren más que a mí!” “¡Ni siquiera es hijo biológico, deja que sus padres se encarguen de ellos!” Etc., etc.

Lo cierto es que uno de nuestros chicos tenía desafíos de salud mental reales y necesitábamos ayudarlo. Eso es lo que hacemos como padres, ¿verdad? Aunque no lo quieran. Incluso cuando los otros padres se oponen. Hasta cuando las escuelas nos dicen que están haciendo todo lo que pueden hacer. Luchamos por nuestros hijos porque se merecen la oportunidad de encontrar las herramientas que les ayuden a navegar sus propios desafíos. Y mantendrán estas herramientas el resto de sus vidas.

Pasamos unos años muy difíciles. En este tiempo, navegamos tentativas de suicidio, admisiones a hospitales de salud mental, fugas y mucho miedo escondido detrás del enojo. Comparto esto para que Ud. no pierda la esperanza. Para decirle que vale la pena y asegurarle que hace lo correcto al luchar por su hijo – biológico, hijastro o escogido. Es difícil y, a veces, parece que uno no hace ninguna diferencia. Pero, por favor, sepa que sus esfuerzos valen la pena.

Le comparto cinco sugerencias.

1. Confíe en sus instintos. Si siente que algo no está bien, investigue. No deje de investigar. Mantenga los ojos abiertos y use su discernimiento.

2. Busque ayuda profesional. Siga buscando hasta que encuentre la correcta para SU hija, no para alguien más. Que su hija entreviste ella sola a tres terapeutas y permítale que sea ella quien escoja con quién quiere trabajar. Se trata de su hija, no de Ud. Ella necesita estar invertida en ello. Y está bien si hay que despedir al terapeuta, médico, amigo o miembro de la familia.

3. Confíe que al final funcionará. Dé sin esperar nada a cambio. Déles las herramientas. Déles amor. Enseñe qué hacer; no apoye malos hábitos. Muchas veces eso es diferente de lo que uno pensaría. Estar de acuerdo en internar a un hijo en un hospital de salud mental es, en realidad, ayudarlo. Se lo agradecerá después – los nuestros lo hicieron. Piense en su hijo y no en el qué dirán de otros cuando juzgan desde lejos. Ud. es la única persona que sabe lo que su familia está atravesando.

4. Lo que uno puede hacer tiene un límite. Nosotros tuvimos que enfrentar una realidad dura en un momento: tal vez nuestro hijo tenía que tocar fondo. No lo podíamos impedir. Era como estar sentados en una esquina y mirar un choque en cámara lenta. Fue horrible. Pero juramos que estaríamos ahí todo el tiempo y que, si lo deseaba, le ayudaríamos a levantarse. Era cosa de que quisiera nuestra ayuda, porque forzarle a que la recibiera no iba a funcionar.

5. Evalúe su relación con su cónyuge/compañero/persona especial. Uds. son el modelo para sus hijos, todos ustedes. Sus hijos los observan. Aunque ellos están pasando por sus propias experiencias, observan cómo responden ustedes. Observan la forma en que ustedes, como pareja, responden. Observan la forma en que sus otros padres responden. Lo absorben todo y les servirá para navegar sus propias vidas adultas. Vivan la vida que desean para sus hijos. Pónganse la máscara del oxígeno ustedes primero, porque sin ella no podrán ayudar a sus hijos en la forma en que ellos lo necesitan.

Me siento feliz de decir que casi 20 años después, nuestra relación es fuerte. Todavía tenemos el mismo terapeuta. Nuestros hijos ya están en sus años 20 y tienen sus relaciones individuales los unos con los otros; unas más cercanas que las otras. Algunos están tratando de figurar los siguientes pasos en su vida. Al final, saben que pueden contar los unos con los otros y obtener respuesta. Con confianza puedo decir que hemos combinado a nuestras familias juntos, pero quiero referirme a nosotros simplemente como una familia. Nuestra familia es única, diversa y, realmente, muy especial, como la suya.

En cuanto a nuestro hijo con los desafíos de salud mental, está trabajando en su bienestar todavía. Está en la universidad y tiene un trabajo de mucho impacto. Y somos realmente muy cercanos. Acabo de celebrar un cumpleaños y la tarjeta que me dio decía: “Gracias por escoger criarme”. Esa corta declaración de gratitud pareció borrar cualquier duda que hubiese en mi corazón. Hizo una diferencia. Fui la persona que necesitaba en su vida, aunque muchas veces sentí que me golpeaba la cabeza contra un muro. Valió la pena. ¡No desmaye!

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Expanding Produce Prescription Programs for Santa Fe Families

Food as medicine programs connect patients to healthy food.

By Carrie Thielen

Every Thursday afternoon

at Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center, families pick up a variety of fresh produce and recipes at the weekly food site. In the produce bag this week: carrots, squash, peaches, tomatoes, corn, tortillas, cucumbers, and kale, and recipes on how to use the produce in the bag. A parent who stops by every week shares that her son, who is typically a picky eater, is trying new food. "It is refreshing to get exposure to new foods. The program has helped us incorporate healthy food into our daily routine."

Northern Roots is a produce prescription program for patients who could benefit from access to healthy produce in Santa Fe and Española. Northern Roots provides 16 weeks of fresh fruits and vegetables, nutrition education, and connections to local food resources and nutrition assistance programs. The program focuses on pregnant women and families with children referred by their Presbyterian healthcare provider or a community health worker.

Since the start of the program in April 2021, Northern Roots has reached more than 400 participants. In surveys, 90% of participants said Northern Roots increased their ability to provide healthy food for their family and 100% would recommend the program. A grandmother raising her 16-month-old and 6-year-old grandchildren said she appreciates the mix of fruits and vegetables she gets each week, including things she wouldn't normally buy like chard and kale. Her younger grandson loves the fruit they receive each week, she said. Since participating in the program, this grandmother is now spreading the word among other grandparents raising grandkids.

Food prescription programs, also called food as medicine programs, enhance clinical care by helping to remove financial barriers to purchasing fresh produce, increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, lowering blood pressure and risk of heart disease, and improving food security. Food as medicine programs are being



Community health worker David Jackson and a Future Focus Intern at the Northern Roots food site. Courtesy Photo.

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Since participating in the program, this grandmother is now spreading the word among other grandparents raising grandkids.

implemented nationwide to address the connection between nutrition and the prevention and management of diet-related illness in the healthcare setting. Early research of food as medicine programs demonstrates lower healthcare costs and increased engagement in preventative clinical care.

It is well established that medical care is estimated to account for 10 to 20% of modifiable contributors that impact an individual's health, with the other 80% related to social factors (like access to food), and the physical environment (like availability of safe walking paths). In 2021, Presbyterian began universal screening of all Presbyterian patients for health-related social needs that include questions on whether they are experiencing food insecurity, lack of transportation, and other social needs. Identifying food insecurity can help providers better tailor care plans to a patient's needs. Patients who screen positive for food insecurity are then connected to food resources like federal

nutrition assistance programs as well as local food banks and pantries, as well produce prescription programs, like Northern Roots.

Lack of access to affordable fresh produce is a reality for many New Mexicans. In New Mexico, our overall rate of food insecurity is 12.9 %, and we have the highest rate of childhood hunger in the nation, according to Feeding America. Nearly 30% of New Mexicans live in what is called a food desert, which indicates a longer distance to the nearest grocery store and limited access to affordable healthy food. Presbyterian partners with MoGro, a nonprofit mobile grocery project, to source and deliver local and fresh produce year-round. Produce prescriptions are an opportunity for anchor institutions, such as hospitals, to invest in the local food economy by purchasing directly from local farmers and food retailers.

In addition to the weekly produce, Presbyterian partners with local community organizations to provide

resources to support nutrition, cooking skills and community resources. Local organization Cooking with Kids offers monthly food demos at the hospital food sites or Santa Fe Farmers' Market Del Sur during the summer months to provide hands-on nutrition education for the entire family. On food demo days, kids are lined up at the table chopping fresh basil for a pesto recipe or assembling a mango salsa. Research shows that when kids help prepare healthy foods, they are more likely to try and eat them.

“Providing fun, hands-on experiences with delicious, fresh food is such a great way for kids and families to get excited about healthy eating. Our partnership with Presbyterian lets us reach more folks in our communities and support our local growers,” said Anna Farrier, executive director of cooking with kids.

Much of Northern Roots' success is thanks to a hands-on approach from Community Health Workers, which coordinates the program. Community Health Workers is a trusted member in the community, with staff trained in basic health education and provide connections to local resources. In addition to providing referrals to food programs, such as Women Infants Children (WIC), local food banks, school nutrition programs, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP), we are expanding the reach of those referrals to perinatal supports, parenting resources, and home visiting programs in Northern New Mexico.

Alice Guerra, the community health worker located at Presbyterian Espanola Hospital, stated, “I love engaging with the kids and parents involved with the program while connecting them to resources they didn't know about and encouraging them to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into family meals and snacks.”

We are excited to continue to expand food prescriptions programs to reach more community members. We continue to adapt our programs based on patient feedback and understanding of the barriers to accessing healthy food unique to each community. As a health system, we know that food is medicine, and that people cannot be healthy without access to healthy food. It requires a coordinated response from many community organizations, with hospitals playing an important role in the effort.

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Community health worker Alice Guerra at the Northern Roots food site. Courtesy Photo.



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A Special Duo

The story of a service dog team's serendipitous match
By Emma Reynders



Picking Leo up to join the family. Courtesy photo.

My name is Chad Jeremy
Brink Jr. I am a disabled 29 year old. I suffer from autistic spectrum disorder, Tourette syndrome, and non-epileptic seizures. Due to this, I live with my mother, who has helped through many ups and downs with trying to get my disabilities at a manageable state. Throughout the year, my disabilities have gotten worse to the point that my mom suggested I get some four-legged help.
At first I did not want a service dog, even though I knew it would help me with several of my disabilities. I did not want to put as much work as I knew I had to, to train the dog so that he/she could take care of me. But in 2021, I visited my father for Thanksgiving, and while I was there we visited his best friend, Mike, to hang out at his house and visit his family who have not seen me in years. Mike has a service dog for his diabetes; his name is Blue. While I spent the night there, Blue decided to sleep next to me. It was the best night sleep I had in years. The next day, one of Dad’s friends said some things she should not have, and caused me severe anxiety along with making my Tourette’s near uncontrollable. Mike offered to have Blue sleep with me again, and I said no thank you. I could not sleep at all, until one of Mike’s cats came over, and he calmed me down enough to sleep. The next morning, I called my mother and told her the story. We both decided that I finally needed to get a dog and train him to be my service dog.

Mom started the search while I was finishing my visit with my father. She called me one morning to say that a member of our church helps breeders find homes for their puppies. One of the breeders was willing to give us a puppy for free if we were willing to do all the service dog training. I said yes that very instant, knowing that this was a great blessing that was put in front of me. I could not wait to get back home to see my new four-legged best friend. When I got home, I went to the house of one of our church members who has service dogs to meet the puppy that would change my life forever.
When I got there, the breeder brought out this big white fluffy puppy. I sat on the floor and without any prompting, he walked over and laid down right in my lap. At that moment I knew he was meant to come home with me. Leonidas, Leo for short, became the newest member of the family, and I was sure that Leo was special. It was not until one fantastic night that I realized how special he was.
My mom and I had Leo for about two months and were debating on when to get Leo trained to be my service dog. One Sunday night, I was taking Leo out for his nightly walk; everything was going well until I started shaking. I was beginning to have a seizure and as I fell to the ground, Leo—without any training—pushed me up against a chain-link fence so that I did not fall and hurt myself. I was able to get on one knee to stabilize myself, where I

proceeded to hold on to Leo as I shook. While I was convulsing, Leo kept licking my face to make sure I was still awake and aware of what was going on. After a while, Leo pulled me along to the nearby school, where I called mom to meet us. She came by and picked us up, and as I was explaining what happened, we both knew he was more than ready for training.

The church member who has service dogs gave me a few contacts of organizations that provide service dog training. One of the organizations was Dog Training Elite. I set up an appointment to do an in-home evaluation, where a trainer, by the name of Jeff Slack, showed us what we could expect from the training. We were both impressed and knew that DTE was the right choice for us. As the weeks went past, Leo took to all the training exceedingly well. When he was less than a year old, I would take him to stores and restaurants where we got to play my favorite game, guess how old my dog is. People would see how well behaved and big Leo was, and I would ask them how old they thought he was. They would

guess three or four and when I told them how old he really was, they were shocked. I would then tell them that it was all thanks to Dog Training Elite. Leo is now a fully certified service dog and has done amazing work with helping me manage my Tourette’s and seizures. Leo and I just went to visit my father and grandparents in Seattle for my birthday. Leo did an amazing job with the TSA, and everyone loved him on the airplane. In fact, the stewardesses gave Leo wings for his very first flight. While I was visiting family and friends, everyone was very impressed with both Leo and me, because it was clear that we both put the time and effort in so that Leo could be the life saver I knew he could be.

Chad Jeremy Brink Jr. is a disabled 29 year old who lives with his mother. He found a new sense of safety and peace when his service dog joined his family. His service dog helped him manage his autism and Turrets, which ultimately improved his quality of life.



Leo saying hi.. Courtesy photo.



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20 YEARS OF SERVING SANTA FE'S YOUTH WITH ★ EXCELLENCE AND OPPORTUNITY ★

First Serve New Mexico is celebrating a banner year with even more on the horizon.
By Karissa Martinez

In the heart of Santa

Fe, a unique and vibrant organization is celebrating a year filled with milestones. First Serve New Mexico (FS-NM) is currently commemorating its 20th year as an organization, positively impacting the lives of children through education, life skills, and tennis at no cost to students or their families. From academic tutoring to tennis instruction and beyond, FS-NM has evolved into a nationally recognized beacon for empowering youths. In the past 20 years, more than 1,500 students in grades 3–12 from 25 different schools in the Santa Fe area have participated in the life-changing experiences that the program offers. Today, FS-NM has more than 100 active participants, and the opportunities for them keep growing. Last month the organization broke ground on a state-of-the-art tennis and learning campus that the students will soon call home.

FS-NM was founded by Eleanor and Richard Brenner in 2003. The Brennens had a deep love for the city and a desire to give something back to the community. Eleanor, a former fashion designer, applied her meticulous eye to the organization and worked tirelessly as director and board president to improve the quality of the program. Eleanor's vision was not simply to provide free tennis lessons to kids, but to drastically change their lives by exposing them to new opportunities and experiences. On April 2, 2023, Eleanor lost her battle with cancer, leaving behind an incredible legacy and an outstanding after school and summer program that will continue its mission of service to the youth of Santa Fe. Prior to her passing, Eleanor appointed her trusted confidant,

Angelique Cook-Lowry, as the new board president to oversee the organization. Angelique, along with a dedicated team of FS-NM staff members, will continue this great work, leading and innovating the program for the next generation of First Serve students.

The organization has evolved since its inception. Initially, it started off small with about 12 students at two schools. In the early years, the program grew incrementally, slowly expanding its reach to new school sites and adapting its

model to meet student needs. At present, the program offers academic support in all subject areas, specializing in reading comprehension, math, financial literacy, etiquette, and interpersonal skills, in addition to intensive tennis training. The combination of these skills ensure that students develop into responsible and confident individuals. Although many recognize First Serve for their outstanding tennis players, it is really the education and life skills that are the heart of the organization's mission.

While FS-NM is certainly proud of its championship level players, what is of the utmost importance is the quality of character they develop along the way.

FS-NM staff, tutors, teachers, and coaches are all committed to expanding children's sense of possibility and inspiring them to strive for excellence in all areas of their lives. Thus, First Serve is not a "drop-in" program that kids come and go from, students make a commitment to attend, participate, and put forth their best efforts for a period of one full school year. FS-NM prides itself on educating the whole child for the whole year: academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

The mission does not stop during the summer months either, FS-NM keeps kids engaged when school is out. The program has historically offered an eight-week tennis intensive summer camp exclusively to its members, that is all students who completed the program in good standing during the previous school year. For the first time, in summer 2022, FS-NM allowed nonmembers to join the summer camp for two weeks. This trial period gave more kids the opportunity to experience the sport of tennis and the magic of First Serve. By opening up the camp to new prospective students, FS-NM has dramatically expanded its community impact. This summer alone, more than 200 students attended the First Serve summer program.

A true testament to the First Serve New Mexico model is the huge milestone they achieved by winning the USTA (United States Tennis Association)/NJTL (National Junior Tennis & Learning) Chapter of the Year award for 2022–23. Out of 270 NJTL chapters around the country, FS-NM was selected for its high-



Two FS-NM Students Receive Championship Award at USTA Tournament. Courtesy photo.



2023 Summer Camp Fun Courtesy photo.

quality programming, consistency, and adaptability both on the court and in the classroom. It's worth noting that First Serve was one of very few after-school programs that continued to offer services during the pandemic. FS-NM offered both online tutoring sessions and small group tennis lessons and expanded the program during a time when many other children's programs closed or stopped.

In the fall of 2022, FS-NM hit another outstanding milestone by taking seven top high school athletes to the USTA National Tournament in Florida to compete amongst the greatest young tennis players in the country. Some of these student athletes have been a part of FS-NM since elementary school and are growing into role models for other students in the program. The next generation of First Serve students have even more to look forward to with the upcoming opening of our campus in 2024.

Thanks to an incredible partnership with philanthropists, Scott and Kimberley Sheffield, who are funding this project, the creation of the First Serve New Mexico and Forked Lightning Racquet Club will change the face of tennis in Santa Fe for years to come. As FS-NM continues to innovate and expand its reach, this new development will serve as a hub for both First Serve students and the broader Santa Fe community. FS-NM will continue to offer its outstanding program at the new

site, while people of the local community will be able to join Forked Lightning Racquet Club as members. The facility, currently under construction, will boast 12 tennis courts, 10 Pickleball courts, 3,000-plus square feet of classroom space, and more!

First Serve New Mexico is more than a tennis program; it is a catalyst for positive change, nurturing the youth of Santa Fe to become accomplished athletes, scholars, and citizens. With 20 years of committed service and a vision for continued growth, FS-NM exemplifies the power of community, sport, and education working hand-in-hand. As FS-NM embarks on its next phase, the energy and passion fueling this organization are palpable. The plans for 2023 and beyond are a clear indication that FS-NM will continue to serve, inspire, and transform the lives of Santa Fe's youth for many years to come.

For more information about First Serve New Mexico, visit firstservenewmexico.org or email info@firstservenewmexico.org.

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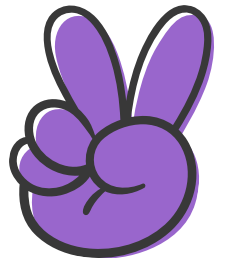
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MAKING PEACE IS MESSY W RK

Tomorrow's Women empowers young women to change the world.

By Alana Grimstad



Moms know messes.

Now that is a universal truth.

Cheerios-stuck-in-inaccessible-car-seat-crevasses kind of messes. Only-kid-in-the-class-not-invited-to-the-birthday-party kind of messes. And of course, scraped-knees-from-falling-off-the-monkey-bars kind of messes.

On a recent Sunday morning, I watched my two young daughters make absolute messes of themselves. The chalk-of-every-color-of-the-rainbow-covering-every-inch-of-skin kind of mess. As I looked around at where we were, and most importantly, *who* we were with, I thought about the messes of innocence, and also, painfully, the messes of our nightmares.

My children, clutching their sticks of chalk and hunched on the ground over the walkways of the Santa Fe Railyard, worked side by side with young women visiting from the Middle East. They're part of Tomorrow's Women, an extraordinary nonprofit that brings young women ages 15–17 from Israel and Palestine together in Santa Fe, where they meet—often for the very first time—and discover the humanity in each other. Israelis and Palestinians are neighbors, and yet their society is structured in such a way that they don't typically interact harmoniously in daily life. In fact, they mostly don't interact at all. That leads to the creation of prejudice, fear, stereotypes, and, to be blunt, hatred of one another. And as the years and decades roll on, so does the violence.

And yet on the other side of the world, in Santa Fe, groups of about 16 young women have gathered every summer for the Past 20 years to participate in Tomorrow's Women's peacebuilding camp immersions. The young women learn communication and leadership

skills like compassionate listening and authentic speaking. For three weeks they live together, eat together, do chores together, and explore together. They partner for a high ropes course, lean on each other while learning to walk on stilts, roam the local shops of the Plaza, and try for the very first time both green chile and compassion. The campers' cell phones are taken away (that's no small feat for a group of teenagers, let me tell you), and everyone speaks only English as a neutralizing element. The girls are totally immersed in their surroundings and each other.

The focus on team building and social activities helps the young women reach across the divide—both a figurative and literal one. There are actual walls separating their communities back home. “I didn't think much about the lives of Palestinians before. I've never

had Palestinian friends before,” shares 2023 Jewish Israeli camper Tamar. “Their stories are shocking. I feel like I now understand what it would be like in their shoes,” adds fellow Jewish Israeli camper Shai.

Instead of walls, Tomorrow's Women build bridges.

Deep bonds of friendship are forged as the young women experience personal transformations. They then head home with changed perspectives and ignited ambitions for peace. “I've never even met a Jewish person before. I've never spoken to one. I've only seen them from afar. They're completely different than I would have imagined,” says Palestinian camper Mera, who is from the West Bank.

This annual tradition called Chalk 4 Peace brings together local community members to meet and create alongside

the young peacemakers. To the sounds of raucous applause, Santa Fe mayor Alan Webber declared the day, August 6, Young Women Peacemaker's Day.

As I sat at the Santa Fe Railyard on that sunny Sunday afternoon, small chalky handprints embellishing my clothing, I couldn't help thinking of the messes these young women grew up experiencing: rockets flying overhead, personal stories of trauma and loss, crises of land and identity, discrimination, occupation, terrorism. Thinking of their messes, I immediately thought of, well of course, their mamas.

What courage these mothers (and fathers) must have to send their daughters across the world, many of them leaving home for the very first time, to sit down alongside the perceived enemy, with the intention of learning, hearing, and healing.



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*Instead of walls, Tomorrow's
Women build bridges.*

Tomorrow's Women campers bonding at Chalk 4 Peace. Courtesy photo.



Campers Inbar and Liri enjoying the chalky mess. Courtesy photo.

Tomorrow's Women began 20 years ago as the result of three visionary women: humanitarian Rachel Kaufman, artist and filmmaker Debra Sugerman, and Israeli peace activist Anael Harpaz. These women believed that the decades of violence and conflict between Palestinians and Israelis would never end if left to politicians and governments, and felt that empowered young women had the greatest chance of creating peace in their countries. Here's Debra reflecting on the organization's milestone anniversary: "If we can help one person from the opposite side treat the other as a human being in that one moment. Or we can have one teenager say to the old man who doesn't think it's possible, 'Don't give up hope. It's possible.' Then we've done our jobs."

The cornerstones of the program started and now continue with dialogue and art. The young women spend more than 40 hours in robust dialogue sessions with trained facilitators where they learn to really listen deeply and authentically speak their own truths and stories. Art is led by trained art therapists as a creative and powerful way to break down barriers and process the heavy work of this journey.

From the very beginning in 2003, Tomorrow's Women (formerly known as Creativity for Peace) was held up by the Santa Fe community. To this day, it takes about 100 volunteers and a generous community of supporters, partners, and donors to run the program.

When looking back at the past 20 years, the original campers, those pioneering teenagers who were forever transformed by their connections, have now become young professionals who are making a real impact on the world. Young women who have gone through the program go on to hold positions of power and influence. Many have become activists, human rights lawyers, teachers, mothers, and dialogue facilitators. One

woman even opened a mixed daycare for Arab and Jewish children, so those kids will never know a world without a friend from "the other side."

Tomorrow's Women believes that when equipped with the tools, skills, and confidence to lead, the power of just one extraordinary woman can transform conflict with strength and compassion.

When talking about the program's alumnae, I'd be remiss not to mention one beautiful and brave young woman, Bessan Abuelaish, who was tragically killed alongside her sisters and cousin when Israeli tank shells fired at their home in Gaza in 2009. I didn't know Bessan, yet I ache for her mother's horrific loss, a broken-heart-splintered-in-a-million-broken-pieces mess. The kind that can never be cleaned up.

There's a spectrum of messes.

In my home, we're full of messes. We love to do art projects and play in the mud. We all make a lot of mistakes. And, we talk often and openly about Tomorrow's Women. Here's how my children describe the organization in their own words. "You take Israelis and Palestinians and bring them to a camp and create peace because they are fighting and they have a really good time and they don't fight anymore." That's Sloane. She's 8. And here's my 5-year-old, Raya: "They learn how to be kind and don't hurt other people. They just can't give up, Mom."

They won't, dear girl, they won't.

Alana Grimstad is Tomorrow's Women's communications director and 2023 camp director. A former local television news reporter, Alana is honored to use her storytelling skills to bring voice to the courageous young women brave enough to travel across the world to Santa Fe in their quest for peace, equality, and justice for all people. Alana and her husband, Joel, live with their two (very messy) daughters in Santa Fe.



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2023 After School Program Guide



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AFTER SCHOOL AT SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER

The after-school program at the Santa Fe Climbing Center creates a stimulating environment in which climbers of all levels will push their physical and mental limits while having fun and exploring the world of indoor rock climbing. The challenges and climbing games led by our experienced instructors promote teamwork, confidence, flexibility, balance, problem solving, and more. Programs begin August 22 and meet once weekly for 8–9 weeks from 3:30–5 P.M. Classes are available for age groups 5–8 and 9–13, and cost \$180. Call 505-986-8944, email info@climbsantafe.com, or visit climbsantafe.com.

NEW MEXICO MUSTANGS GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

We are the only all-girls ice hockey association in New Mexico. We have ice hockey programs for girls and young women aged 5 through 19, for all skill levels from zero experience to competitive. Our season starts in mid-September and runs through February. Practices are held in both Santa Fe Genoveva Chavez Community Center and in Albuquerque Outpost Ice Arenas. Teams may play other local teams or Colorado Girls League teams. Call 505-695-0143, email president@nmmustangsgirlshockey.org, or visit nmmustangsgirlshockey.org.

SKATE SCHOOL SANTA FE

After-school and home school programs are now underway for all abilities ages 3 and up with indoor ramps for year-round fun at Skate School Santa Fe. Use our school boards and gear to get started; we also have a complete shop to help students properly gear up. Curriculum includes skateboard homework and exploring the history of skateboarding using our museum and video library. We also offer birthday parties, parents night out, and monthly events. Located at 825 Early St. #H in Santa Fe. Call 505-474-0074, email skateschoolsantafe@gmail.com, or visit skateboardsafety.com.

STAR AQUATICS SWIM TEAM

Santa Fe's newest swim team. We focus on water safety and building life skills at the Genoveva Chavez Center. We deliberately keep a low coach-to-swimmer ratio. Water Benders is our developmental group that practices two times per week. Aquastars is our competitive group that practices 3–5 days a week. Call 505-930-1007, email coachmiguel@staraquaticsnm.com, or visit staraquaticsnm.com.

Arts

ART SCHOOL SANTA FE

Art School Santa Fe (3600 Cerrillos, Unit 714D) integrates classical fine art methods with current themes. Students work on their own projects based on the individual's interest, age, and skill level. Classes focus on a variety of artistic genres, ranging from anime, painting, and fantasy to portfolio preparedness. Ages 6 and up: Wednesdays 4–5:05, 5:15–6:20 (ages 10+), Thursdays 3:45–4:50 and 5–6:05, Fridays 2–3:05, 3:45–4:50. Teens 12 and up: Fridays 5–6:15. Call 505-364-3256, email ronny@artschoolsantafe.com, or visit artschoolsantafe.com.

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ENTREFLAMENCO

EntreFlamenco Youth Outreach Program in Flamenco offers ongoing classes throughout the year. Participants ages 5 to 18 learn traditional flamenco dance curriculum as taught in Spain, dance etiquette, and performance opportunities led by award winning artists. Space is limited. Classes are free of cost. EntreFlamenco Santa Fe School of Flamenco is located at 135 W. Palace Ave, second floor, in Santa Fe. Call 505-209-1302, email entreflamenco@entreflamenco.com, or visit entreflamenco.com.

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J.F. MAZUR STUDIO

Fine art classes for levels K–12. After-school and homeschool sessions (ages 5–12) will be scheduled for Wednesdays from Nov 1 to April 24. Lessons in acrylic and canvas, watercolor, clay, printmaking, and more. Teen oil painting workshops (ages 12+) will be held Thursdays with various weekend opportunities. A detailed schedule and enrollment information can be found online. Class size is limited. Located at 1807 2nd St. in Santa Fe. Call 240-321-9212 or visit jfmazurstudio.com.



Group mural painting featuring Dragonfly Art Studio students.

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NDI NEW MEXICO AT THE DANCE BARN

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PASEO POTTERY

Paseo Pottery is in the Meow Wolf neighborhood. There are more than a dozen classes per week to choose from, including kids camps, one-time pottery experiences, and long-term beginners pottery classes in wheel-throwing, hand-building, sculpture, and jewelry making. Children and adults are welcome in all classes. Registration is ongoing. To register for classes and learn more about our charitable mission, call 505-988-7687, email info@paseopottery.com, or visit paseopottery.com.

QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Offering after school group classes for kids ages 5+ on guitar, ukulele, percussion, singing, and more. Join us for our fall session of classes beginning September 11. Group classes meet once per week for 10 weeks,

for beginning and intermediate students. Tuition is \$180–\$200, with tuition assistance available. Located at 1596 Pacheco St. Unit B-1 in Santa Fe. Call 505-278-0012, email hello@queenbeemusicassociation.org, or visit queenbeemusicassociation.org.

SANTA FE JEWISH CENTER CHABAD

Bring a 3,000-year-old heritage alive by giving your child a fun and exciting Jewish experience. The Jewish Kids Club is an after-school program connecting Jewish children and their families. Weekly meetups feature a variety of exciting activities including Jewish art, cooking, songs, hands-on learning, and more. Give your child a chance to discover the beauty and joy of Judaism in a way they have never experienced before. The Club meets on Wednesdays from 3:30–5:15 at the Santa Fe Jewish Center Chabad, 230 W. Manhattan Ave in Santa Fe. Call 505-983-2000, or visit santafejcc.com/kidsclub.

SANTA FE YOUTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

Providing music education in Santa Fe since 1994, the Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association has opportunities for your beginner, intermediate, and advanced music students grades 4–12 in orchestra, chamber music, mariachi, and jazz. With sliding scale tuition and instrument rentals, we make music education accessible for everyone. Intermediate and advanced players can audition for a non-beginner ensemble by visiting our website and scheduling an audition. Register before September 8 (September 15 with late registration fee of \$20) for our fall semester, or January 15 for our spring semester. Call 505-672-5565, email marilyn@sfsya.org, or visit sfsya.org.

Tutoring & Learning

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA FE/DEL NORTE

The Santa Fe Boys & Girls Clubs provides a safe, positive, and engaging environment and programs that prepare and inspire children to achieve great futures. Financial assistance is available. SFBGC also has a Club Teen Center located in the Santa Fe Place Mall. Teens can get help with homework and enjoy playing video games, pool, and air hockey. There's also a recording studio and podcast studio. Free snacks and drinks are available upon request. For Las Vegas call Lauren at 505-429-7702, for Santa Fe, call Brian at 505-204-0303, or visit bgcsantafe.org.

GIRLS INC. OF SANTA FE

Girls Inc. of Santa Fe provides girls (age 5–18) with life-changing experiences and real solutions to the unique issues that girls face. We provide girls the tools and support needed to succeed, including trained professionals who mentor and guide in a safe, girls-only environment, peers who share their drive and aspirations, and research-based programming. Girls learn to set and achieve goals, boldly confront challenges, resist peer pressure, and see college as attainable. Programming focuses on healthy living (Strong); academic enrichment and support (Smart); and life skills and independence (Bold). After-school transportation is available from seven Santa Fe schools. Call 505-982-2042 or visit girlsincofsantafe.org.

GIRL SCOUTS OF NEW MEXICO TRAILS

With troops for girls in kindergarten through 12th grade, Girl Scouts offers a safe space for girls to build friendships while exploring interests in STEM, arts, outdoors, community engagement, and entrepreneurship. Girl Scouts fosters personal development and leadership skills in girls through various activities, badges, and projects. Join an existing troop or start one of your own! Call 505-343-1040, email customer-care@nmgirlscouts.org, or visit nmgirlscouts.org.

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The Santa Fe Children's Museum offers fun for the whole family with 35+ immersive exhibits, weekly programs, guest facilitators, and more. For details, please see our museum calendar. Located at 1050 Old Pecos Trail in Santa Fe. Call 505-989-8359, email children@santafechildrensmuseum.org, or visit santafechildrensmuseum.org.

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September

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

1-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.
The power of music and song are used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. 505-955-4863, santafelibrary.org

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR

1-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
Española Public Library hosts a children’s story time every Friday. 505-747-6087, cityofespanola.org

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

1-Sep | 6–7:30 P.M.
MAKE Santa Fe is opening their space to the public for tours every Friday night. They’ ll host a Q&A session to answer any questions about the space, tools, membership, costs, etc. makesantafe.org

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

2-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.
Outdoor musical fun for children ages 0–6 and their caregivers! Music and Movement (M&M) is great for brain and body development. M&M uses songs, scarves, bells, rhythm sticks, and more to count, clap, sing, jump, and wiggle together. Los Alamos Library system offers M&M four times a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at Mesa Public Library, and Wednesdays at White Rock Library. laconm.libcal.com.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

2-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.
The power of music and song are used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. 505-955-2830, santafelibrary.org

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

2-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.
Using fun music and stories, early preschool-age children will exercise their young bodies and minds in a relaxed and joyful environment with their special adult at the Santa Fe Public Library Main Branch. First and third Saturdays. 505-955-6781, santafelibrary.org

SANTA FE FIESTA DE LOS NIÑOS

2-Sep | 10 A.M.–4 P.M.
Kids games, hands-on activities, and live youth entertainers are highlights of this event at Rancho de las Golondrinas. golondrinas.org

STORY TIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
Children ages 3–5 years old are invited each Saturday to attend story time in the lower rotunda of Mesa Public Library. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program’s focus. losalamoslibrary.org

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

2-Sep | 2–4 P.M.
Scientists and STEM instructors visit the Santa Fe Children’s Museum to conduct experiments, explorations, and demonstrations. Free with admission. 505-989-8359, santafechildrensmuseum.org

DAWN ’TIL DUSK DAY

3-Sep | ALL DAY
Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours from sunrise to sunset on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros will be free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site’s visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas. nmculture.org.

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

3-Sep | ALL DAY
Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art. newmexicoculture.org

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALISTS

4-Sep | 9–11 A.M.
Engage in developmental activities with your children and ask questions of the Las Cumbres staff, specialized professionals who can answer questions and connect families to additional support. Focus is on young children ages 0–6 with social-emotional or developmental concerns. Art, sensory, and other activities designed to address developmental milestones and enhance caregiver-child relationships will be provided. 505-795-4774, lascumbres-nm.org

NATURE PLAYTIME

4-Sep | 10–11 A.M.
An opportunity for toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers to explore the Pajarito Environmental Education Center and explore the natural world. Each playtime features outdoor play, sensory exploration, and activities focused on a theme in nature. Dress for the weather, we will be outside year-round. Admission is free. peecnature.org

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

4-Sep | 6:30–8:30 P.M.
A free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers. Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. Hosted virtually on the first Monday of the month. lafsn.org

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

5-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

5-Sep | 10:15–11 A.M.
Babytime is best for ages 0–2 and their caregivers at Mesa Public Library. Library staff share songs, bounces, and rhymes to help babies develop early literacy skills. It includes focused play and free play. losalamoslibrary.org

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

5-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children. 505-955-2828, santafelibrary.org

AFTER-SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

5-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
Practice your creative skills at the library with themed art sessions. Art is beneficial for building creative problem-solving, out-of-the-box thinking, expressiveness, and a rich imagination. 505-955-6837, santafelibrary.org

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

6-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

6-Sep | 10–11 A.M.
The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow. This program is held every Wednesday. 505-955-6837, santafelibrary.org

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK BRANCH LIBRARY

6-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
Children ages 3–5 years old are invited each Wednesday to attend storytime at White Rock Branch Library. Storytime is meant to teach and affirm early literacy concepts, songs, and fun with kids who can listen to a few books and are starting to put the world together in story form. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program’s focus. losalamoslibrary.org

TODDLER TUNES

6-Sep | 10:30–11 A.M.
Children and parents sing and dance together, while Lauren Marcus shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Every first Wednesday at the Family Strength Network. 505-662-4515, lafsn.org

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG

6-Sept. | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
Get those kids singing, moving, and shaking! Teacher Sarah-Jane leads classes through a variety of engaging music games and sing-alongs. Mondays at Queen Bee from 10:30–11:15 A.M.; Wednesdays at the Railyard Park from 10:30–11:15 A.M.; Last Saturdays at Randall Davey Audubon Center from 10:30–11:15 A.M.; and second Sundays (June–October) at Reunity Resources Farm from 10:45–11:30 A.M. queenbeemusicassociation.org/kids-sing-along



Featuring Dragonfly Art Studio’s student artwork from this summer.

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STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

6-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is held every Wednesday and is for preschool-age children. 505-955-4863, santafelibrary.org

WEE WEDNESDAYS

6-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

Santa Fe Children's Museum offers storytime for toddlers and special exploration and activities. 505-989-8359, santafechildrensmuseum.org

PLAY PICHENOTTE

6-Sep | 4–6 P.M.

Join Dave Victor Lagasse for a historical board game that is guaranteed to put a smile on your child's face. Pichenotte is a fun disk-flicking game that entertains children of all ages and helps with developing kids' motor skills. Every first Wednesday of the month. Free with admission to the Santa Fe Children's Museum. 505-989-8359, santafechildrensmuseum.org

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

7-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

7-Sep | 10:30–11 A.M.

Children ages 3–5 years old are invited each Thursday to attend storytime at The Zone at Mesa Public Library. Storytime is meant to teach and affirm early literacy concepts, songs, and fun with kids who can listen to a few books and are starting to put the world together in story form. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program's focus. losalamoslibrary.org

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

7-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

Hands-on gardening and nature-themed craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum every Thursday. santafechildrensmuseum.org

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

7-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children. Held every Thursday. 505-955-6837, santafelibrary.org

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

7-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

A yoga class designed specifically with young children in mind. Joyful movement and kinesthetic creativity are explored. Yoga mats are provided if needed. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Recommended for preschool and early school-age children. Held every Thursday. 505-955-4863, santafelibrary.org

FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS

7-Sep | 1–2 P.M.

Join the Santa Fe Fire Department for story time at the Santa Fe Children's Museum and then go outside to visit their fire truck. 505-989-8359, santafechildrensmuseum.org

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

7-Sep | 6:30–7:30 P.M.

A social storytime where parents can receive parenting information and chat with other parents. This program is for preschool-age children and their adults. Held every Thursday. A meal is provided on the first Thursday of the month. 505-955-2828, santafelibrary.org

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

8-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

FINE ART FRIDAY WITH ALAS DE AGUA

8-Sep | 2–4 P.M.

This collaboration with Alas de Agua gives kids a chance to explore a wide range of media including collage, painting, drawing, and sculpture as they learn about Santa Fe's magnificent culture and imagery. This activity cultivates critical thinking skills, hand-eye coordination, builds self-confidence, and ultimately the child will create masterpieces. Held at Santa Fe Children's Museum. 505-989-8359, santafechildrensmuseum.org

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

8-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

8-Sep | 6–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

9-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

9-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

9-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

9-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

CAN YOU DIG IT? AN ARCHAEOLOGY DIG FOR KIDS

9-Sep | 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

Unearth the wonders of the past at the Can You Dig It? program, an exciting hands-on archaeology dig designed especially for kids. Program is suitable

for children 5 and older. Parental supervision is required. Program is included with admission to El Rancho de Las Golondrinas, members and kids under 12 are always free. golondrinas.org

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

9-Sep | 2–4 P.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

QUEEN BEE'S KIDS SING-ALONG

10-Sep | 10:45–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

MEET-A-HORSE FAMILY FIESTA

10-Sep | 1–5 P.M.

Meet friendly horses, ponies and donkeys through fun, interactive demonstrations! This is a free family event intended for kids of all ages with less horse experience. Explore the world of horses, ask questions, win door prizes! Part of the larger Chile Roast Horse Show taking place in adjacent arenas. nnmha.org

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALISTS

11-Sep | 9–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

11-Sep | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

11-Sep | 6–7 P.M.

The Family Strengths Network hosts this kinship-care support group on the second Monday of the month via Zoom. Connect with others who are navigating the challenges of raising a grandchild and learn about resources that can help. Although this group is geared to grandparents, any family that finds themselves in the world of kinship care is welcome. Registration is required. lafsn.org

TRANS + NONBINARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

11-Sep | 6:25–7:30 P.M.

Are you a parent, caregiver, or family member of someone who is trans/genderqueer/gender nonconforming? Do you want a space to connect with others? Second Monday of each month. lafsn.org

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

12-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

12-Sep | 10:15–11 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

12-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

12-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

13-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

13-Sep | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

13-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE'S KIDS SING-ALONG

13-Sep | 10:30–11:15 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

13-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

13-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

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DOCENT-LED TOURS OF NM GOVERNOR’ S MANSION

13-Sep | 12–2 P.M.

See museum fine art and furnishings from our state’ s Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and American cultural heritages in this beautiful and historic residence. Tours are by appointment only. A group private tour can be reserved on other dates as the schedule permits. Call Mansion Director Mary Brophy at 505-476-2800.

ADVENTURES IN STEM

13-Sep | 1:30–2:30 P.M.

Join us for kid friendly STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities hosted by STEAM Lab at Family Strengths Network, 3540 Orange Street. Children of all ages are welcome. 505-662-4515, lafsn.org

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

13-Sep | 1:30–3:30 P.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

14-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

14-Sep | 10:30–11 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

14-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

14-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

14-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

ANIME CLUB

14-Sep | 5:30–7:30 P.M.

This chill program provides snacks and a comfortable place with friendly people to watch two hours of anime every second Thursday at The Zone at the Mesa Public Library. Intended for kids in grades 7–12. Anime may be rated TV-14/PG 13. losalamoslibrary.org

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

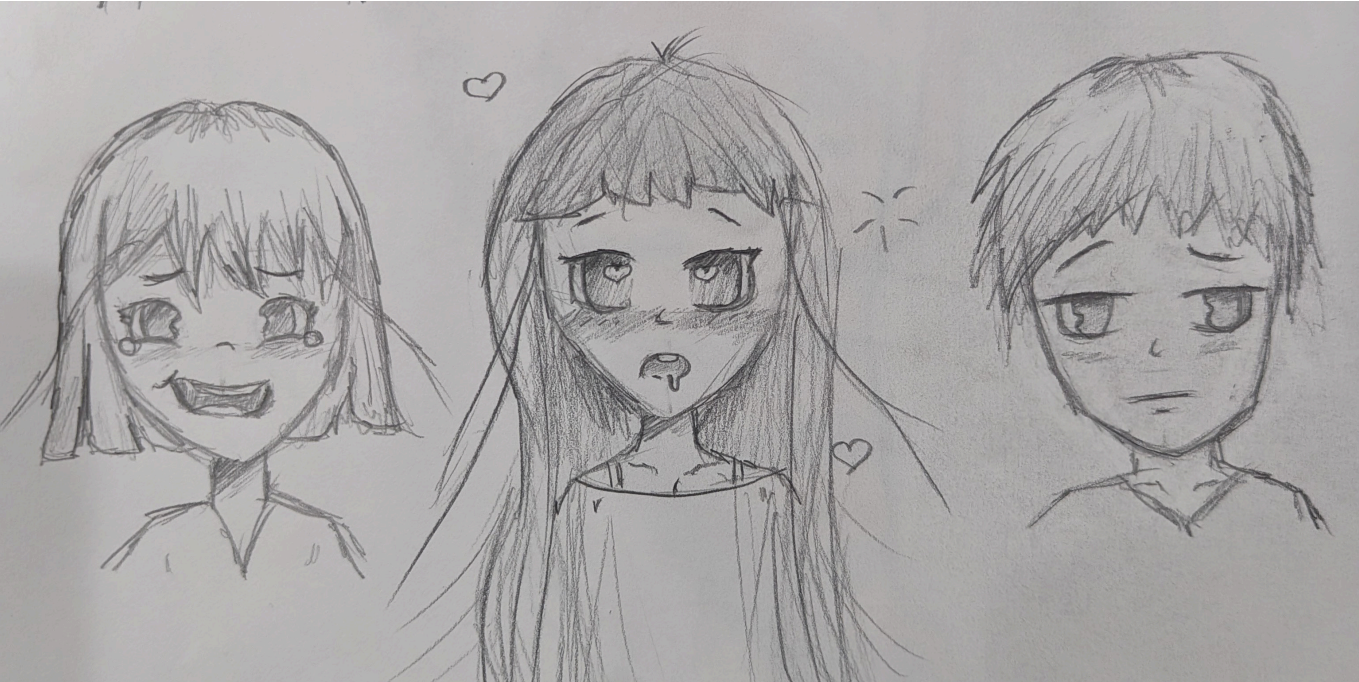
14-Sep | 6:30–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE

15-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.



Featuring Art School Santa Fe’s student artwork from this summer. By Natalia, age 13.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ART AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

15-Sep | 2–4 P.M.

Enjoy a fun afternoon craft session with Ms. Susan. All materials are provided. This event is for school-age children. 505-955-2820, santafelibrary.org

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’ S STORY HOUR

15-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

15-Sep | 6–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

15-Sep | 8–10 P.M.

A free showing of ‘ Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile’ at Cabezon Park in Rio Rancho. Movie begins at dusk. Bring blankets, folding chairs, and picnic baskets. Onsite restrooms are available. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted. If there is inclement weather, including wind or lightning, the event will be canceled. Weather cancellations will be made one hour prior. Movies are subject to change. 505-892-4499. tinyurl.com/yc7c4zrz

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

16-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

16-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

16-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

SANTA FE RENAISSANCE FAIRE

16-Sep | 10 A.M.–6 P.M.

Take a majestic journey back in time to the Kingdom of Golondrinas. Travel with the fairies to their enchanted village, cheer on the knights of the Order of Epona, laugh with Clan Tynker, play in the kids game area, eat delicious foods, dance to medieval music, and buy unique arts and crafts at New Mexico’ s premier Renaissance Fair. Kids under 13 are free. golondrinas.org

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

16-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART CLOSET OPENS

16-Sep | 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

Vital Spaces opens their Community Art Closet on the third Saturday of each month to provide free art materials to anyone who needs them, supporting everyone from kindergartners to professional makers. The Art Closet is stocked with a wide range of art supplies for all skill and age ranges. vitalspaces.org

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

16-Sep | 2–4 P.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BRAVE ANIMAL STORIES FOR KIDS / AUTHOR READING AND SIGNING

16-Sep | 3:30–5 P.M.

‘Brave Animal Stories for Kids: 50 True Tales That Celebrate God’s Creation’ is an author reading and signing with Shirley Raye Redmond in the lower-level rotunda of Mesa Public Library. Redmond will read aloud from her latest book and other recent works in the series. All ages are welcome. losalamoslibrary.org

SANTA FE RENAISSANCE FAIRE

17-Sep | 10 A.M.–6 P.M.

See Sept. 16 listing.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALISTS

18-Sep | 9–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

18-Sep | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

19-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

19-Sep | 10:15–11 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

19-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

SENSORY SENSITIVE DAY AT MEOW WOLF

19-Sep | 12–6 P.M.

Guests interested in a less stimulating experience can explore House of Eternal Return with special accommodations. Sound and lighting will be adapted to create a low-sensory experience and capacity will be limited. Sensory bags including noise-canceling headphones and sunglasses will be available at no charge. meowwolf.com

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

19-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

20-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

Fall Calendar - September

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

20-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

20-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

20-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

20-Sep | 1:30–3:30 P.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

21-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

21-Sep | 10–11 A.M.

Meets virtually on the third Thursday of the month. Meet with other parents who raise children on the spectrum. Vent, converse, learn, thrive together. All caregivers raising children with an Autism diagnosis are welcome. lascumbres-nm.org

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

21-Sep | 10:30–11 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

21-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

21-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

21-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

21-Sep | 6:30–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

22-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN' S STORY HOUR

22-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

22-Sep | 6–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

23-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

23-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

23-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

5TH ANNUAL NEW MEXICO PRICKLY PEAR FESTIVAL

23-Sep | 10 A.M.–4 P.M.

A celebration of everything prickly pear, this festival is filled with food, art, music, cooking demos, tastings, and vendor market. nmpricklypearfest.com

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

23-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

CAN YOU DIG IT? AN ARCHAEOLOGY DIG FOR KIDS

23-Sep | 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

See Sept. 9 listing.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

23-Sep | 2–4 P.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

POP-UP PLAYGROUND

24-Sept. | 11–3 P.M.

Children of all ages build the ultimate fort city out of recycled materials like logs, pallets, boxes, rope, and fabric. Join us for this free, fun-filled event in the open field at Santa Fe' s beautiful Railyard Park! railyardpark.org/pop-up-playground

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DROP-IN PLAYTIME WITH LAS CUMBRES SPECIALISTS

25-Sep | 9–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

25-Sep | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

26-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BABYTIME LOS ALAMOS

26-Sep | 10:15–11 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

26-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

26-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

SOLAR ECLIPSE SMARTS! AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

26-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

Learn about the upcoming solar eclipse, find out how you can view this celestial phenomenon, and make something cool to celebrate! 505-955-6780, santafelibrary.org.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

27-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

27-Sep | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

27-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE' S KIDS SING- ALONG

27-Sep | 10:30–11:15 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

27-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

27-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

DOCENT-LED TOURS OF NM GOVERNOR' S MANSION

27-Sep | 12–2 P.M.

See Sept. 13 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

27-Sep | 1:30–3:30 P.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

27-Sep | 3:15–4 P.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

28-Sep | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

28-Sep | 10:30–11 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

28-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

28-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

28-Sep | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

RANDOM FANDOM

28-Sep | 6–7:30 P.M.

Hang out time for 7–12th graders to make stuff, play games, eat, and talk on the fourth Thursdays of the month, except November and December. Held at The Zone at Mesa Public Library. losalamoslibrary.org



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& Take Art Activities

www.recyclesantafe.org

Fall Calendar - September/October

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
28-Sep | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
29-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR
29-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

SOLAR ECLIPSE SMARTS! AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
29-Sep | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
Learn about the upcoming solar eclipse, find out how you can view this celestial phenomenon, and make something cool to celebrate! 505-955-2820, santafelibrary.org.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE
29-Sep | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
30-Sep | 9:30–10:00 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
30-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY
30-Sep | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
30-Sep | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
30-Sep | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS
30-Sep | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

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October

DAWN ’TIL DUSK DAY
1-Oct | ALL DAY
See Sept. 3 listing.

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS
1-Oct | ALL DAY
See Sept. 3 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME
2-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS
2-Oct | 6:30–8:30 P.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
3-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS
3-Oct | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
3-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER-SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY
3-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
4-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY
4-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY
4-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

TODDLER TUNES
4-Oct | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG
4-Oct | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
4-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS
4-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
4-Oct | 1:30–3:30 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

PLAY PICHENOTTE
4-Oct | 4–6 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
5-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
5-Oct | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM
5-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY
5-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS
5-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS
5-Oct | 1–2 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
5-Oct | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
6-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR
6-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept.1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE
6-Oct | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.



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Fall Calendar - October

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS: INTO THE MAGIC
6-Oct | 7–9 P.M.

Celebrate the magic of courage, love, and adventure at Disney On Ice at the Rio Rancho Events Center. Costumes are not permitted for guests 14 years and older. disneyonice.com

FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

6-Oct | 8–9 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

7-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

7-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

7-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

51ST ANNUAL SANTA FE HARVEST FESTIVAL

7-Oct | 10 A.M.–4 P.M.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

7-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS: INTO THE MAGIC

7-Oct | 11 A.M.–1 P.M.
See Oct. 6 listing.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

7-Oct | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS: INTO THE MAGIC

7-Oct | 3–5 P.M.
See Oct. 6 listing.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS: INTO THE MAGIC

7-Oct | 7–9 P.M.
See Oct. 6 listing.

51ST ANNUAL SANTA FE HARVEST FESTIVAL

8-Oct | 10 A.M.–4 P.M.
See Oct. 7 listing.

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG

8-Oct | 10:45–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS: INTO THE MAGIC

8-Oct | 11 A.M.–1 P.M.
See Oct. 6 listing.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS: INTO THE MAGIC
8-Oct | 3–5 P.M.

See Oct. 6 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

9-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

HOME PAGES: CHAPTER BOOK

9-Oct | 1:30–2:30 P.M.

Detailed book discussions and learning about the authors of award-winning chapter books geared toward homeschoolers ages 8–11. Meets at Mesa Public Library. losalamoslibrary.org

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

9-Oct | 6–7 P.M.
See Sept. 11 listing.

TRANS + NONBINARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

9-Oct | 6:25–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 11 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

10-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT-CHAT PLAY TIME

10-Oct | 9:30–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

10-Oct | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

10-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

11-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

11-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK BRANCH LIBRARY

11-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG

11-Oct | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

11-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

11-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

DOCENT-LED TOURS OF NM GOVERNOR’S MANSION

11-Oct | 12–2 P.M.
See Sept. 13 listing.

ADVENTURES IN STEM

11-Oct | 1:30–2:30 P.M.
See Sept. 13 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

11-Oct | 1:30–3:30 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

12-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

12-Oct | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

12-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

12-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

12-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

ANIME CLUB

12-Oct | 5:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 14 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

12-Oct | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE

13-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

FINE ART FRIDAY WITH ALAS DE AGUA

13-Oct | 2–4 P.M.
See Sep. 8 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR

13-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

13-Oct | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

14-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

14-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

14-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.



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Fall Calendar - October

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

14-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

SENSIBILITIES: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

14-Oct | 10:30 A.M.–12 P.M.
A hands-on, interactive learning experience for school-age children and their grown-ups to “see” the world through senses beyond eyesight. Held in The Zone on the lower level at Mesa Public Library. losalamoslibrary.org

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

14-Oct | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

16-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

17-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT-CHAT PLAY TIME

17-Oct | 9:30–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

17-Oct | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

17-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

17-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

18-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

18-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

18-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG

18-Oct | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

18-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

18-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

18-Oct | 1:30–3:30 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

19-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

19-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 21 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

19-Oct | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

19-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

19-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS

19-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

19-Oct | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

20-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR

20-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

20-Oct | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

21-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

21-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY

21-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

21-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART CLOSET OPENS

21-Oct | 11 A.M.–3 P.M.
See Sept. 16 listing.

TRUNK OR TREAT ESPAÑOLA

21-Oct | 12–4 P.M.
Celebrate Halloween with a car show, music, vendors, food, and trunk or treating for the kids at Plaza de Española. tinyurl.com/w8538z29

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

21-Oct | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

SANTA FE SPIRITS OF NEW MEXICO

21-Oct | 5–9 P.M.
Step back in time and encounter a diverse assortment of characters from New Mexico’s illustrious and often little-known past. Listen to their amazing stories and experience intriguing bygone events. Lit by lantern light and campfires, our wondrous historic site takes on a family-friendly but spooky Halloween atmosphere. golondrinas.org

NATURE PLAYTIME

23-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

24-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT-CHAT PLAY TIME

24-Oct | 9:30–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

24-Oct | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

24-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTERSCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY

24-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

25-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

25-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

25-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG

25-Oct | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

25-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.



Featuring Art School Santa Fe’s student artwork from this summer. By Mia.

Fall Calendar - October/November

WEE WEDNESDAYS
25-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

DOCENT-LED TOURS OF NM GOVERNOR’ S MANSION
25-Oct | 12–2 P.M.
See Sept. 13 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
25-Oct | 1:30–3:30 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
25-Oct | 3:15–4 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
25-Oct | 5:45–7:45 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
26-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
26-Oct | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM
26-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY
26-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS
26-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

RANDOM FANDOM
26-Oct | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 28 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
26-Oct | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
27-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
27-Oct | 2–4 P.M.
Prepare for Dia de Los Muertos with a craft project. 505-955-2820, santafelibrary.org

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’ S STORY HOUR
27-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE
27-Oct | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
28-Oct | 9:30–10:00 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
28-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY
28-Oct | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
28-Oct | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
28-Oct | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

CARLOS GILBERT ELEMENTARY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
28-Oct | 12–5 P.M.
Get ready for some spooktacular fun at Carlos Gilbert Elementary’s legendary Halloween Carnival! Carnival games, inflatable jumpers, DJs, local food trucks, raffles, family-fun games, costume contest, a haunted house, and more! Free event, open to the public. carlosgilbertptk.com

SCIENCE SATURDAYS
28-Oct | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

NEW MEXICO BELLAS 4TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT
28-Oct | 6–10 P.M.
Celebrate Halloween with free fun for the whole family—music, food, vendors, Trunk or Treating, costume contest, and a Haunted Alley. tinyurl.com/5c857hbb

TRUNK OR TREAT AT FOP
29-Oct | 12–4 P.M.
Live music, vendors, costume contest, games, Trunk or Treat, and free family fun at the Fraternal Order of the Police. tinyurl.com/5af7nubm

NATURE PLAYTIME
30-Oct | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
31-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

CHIT CHAT PLAYTIME
31-Oct | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS
31-Oct | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
31-Oct | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY
31-Oct | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

November

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
1-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY
1-Nov | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY
1-Nov | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

TODDLER TUNES
1-Nov | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’ S KIDS SING-ALONG
1-Nov | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
1-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAYS
1-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
1-Nov | 1:30–3:30 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

PLAY PICHENOTTE
1-Nov | 4–6 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
2-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
2-Nov | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM
2-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY
2-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS
2-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS
2-Nov | 1–2 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
2-Nov | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.



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BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
3-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’ S STORY HOUR
3-Nov | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE
3-Nov | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS
3-Nov | 8–9 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
4-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
4-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY
4-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
4-Nov | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS
4-Nov | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

DAWN ’ TIL DUSK DAY
5-Nov | ALL DAY
See Sept. 3 listing.

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS
5-Nov | ALL DAY
See Sept. 3 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME
6-Nov | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS
6-Nov | 6:30–8:30 P.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
7-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT-CHAT PLAY TIME
7-Nov | 9:30–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS
7-Nov | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
7-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY
7-Nov | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
8-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

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TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
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STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
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SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM
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See Sept. 7 listing.

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9-Nov | 5:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 14 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
9-Nov | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

RECYCLE SANTA FE ART FESTIVAL
10-Nov | 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival is dedicated to showcasing art created from discarded materials. The three-day event includes an art market, trash fashion show, art exhibits, and make-and-take art activities. Friday 5 to 9 P.M.; Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Sunday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. recyclesantafe.org

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
10-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

FINE ART FRIDAY ALAS DE AGUA
10-Nov | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 8 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’ S STORY HOUR
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TOUR MAKE SANTA FE
10-Nov | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

RECYCLE SANTA FE ART FESTIVAL
11-Nov | 9 A.M.–5 P.M.
See Nov. 10 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
11-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
11-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY
11-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
11-Nov | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

TABLETOP GAME DAY
11-Nov | 1–4:30 P.M.
Celebrate International Games Week November 7–13 by enjoying Tabletop Game Day at Mesa Public Library. All ages are welcome. Bring your own board games or choose from the more than 125+ board games the library owns. Held in The Zone at Mesa Public Library, around the youth services area. losalamoslibrary.org

Fall Calendar - November

SCIENCE SATURDAY

11-Nov | 2–4 P.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

**HOT WHEELS MONSTER TRUCK
LIVE GLOW PARTY**

11-Nov | 2:30–4:30 P.M.

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**RECYCLE SANTA FE ART
FESTIVAL**

12-Nov | 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

See Nov. 10 listing.

**HOT WHEELS MONSTER TRUCKS
LIVE GLOW PARTY**

12-Nov | 2:30–4:30 P.M.

See Nov. 11 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

13-Nov | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing

**GRANDPARENTS RAISING
GRANDCHILDREN**

13-Nov | 6–7 P.M.

See Sept. 11 listing.

**TRANS + NONBINARY FAMILY
SUPPORT GROUP**

13-Nov | 6:25–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 11 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS
ALAMOS**

14-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT CHAT PLAYTIME

14-Nov | 9:30–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

14-Nov | 10:15–11 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

14-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

**AFTER SCHOOL ART AT MAIN
LIBRARY**

14-Nov | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS
ALAMOS**

15-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES
AT MAIN LIBRARY**

15-Nov | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK
LIBRARY**

15-Nov | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’ S KIDS SING ALONG

15-Nov | 10:30–11:15 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA
FARGE LIBRARY**

15-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAY

15-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

**TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE
LIBRARY**

15-Nov | 1:30–3:30 P.M.

See Sept. 6 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS
ALAMOS**

16-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

16-Nov | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 21 listing.

**STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT
MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

16-Nov | 10:30–11 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

**SEEDS AND SPROUTS
BACKYARD PROGRAM**

16-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT
MAIN LIBRARY**

16-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

**YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR
KIDS**

16-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

**PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA
DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

16-Nov | 6:30–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 7 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES
AT LA FARGE LIBRARY**

17-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON ART AT
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

17-Nov | 2–4 P.M.

See Sept. 15 listing.

**ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’ S STORY
HOUR**

17-Nov | 3:30–4:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE

17-Nov | 6–7:30 P.M.

See Sept. 1 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS
ALAMOS**

18-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

**BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES
AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

18-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

**PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE
MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY**

18-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

**STORYTIME AT MESA PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

18-Nov | 10:15–10:45 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

**VITAL SPACES COMMUNITY ART
CLOSET OPENS**

18-Nov | 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

See Sept. 16 listing.

SCIENCE SATURDAY

18-Nov | 2–4 P.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME

20-Nov | 10–11 A.M.

See Sept. 4 listing.

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS
ALAMOS**

21-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.

See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT-CHAT PLAY TIME

21-Nov | 9:30–10:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

21-Nov | 10:15–11 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

**STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY**

21-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

See Sept. 5 listing.

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Fall Calendar - November

AFTER-SCHOOL ART AT MAIN LIBRARY
21-Nov | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
22-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY
22-Nov | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY
22-Nov | 10:15–10:45 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

QUEEN BEE’S KIDS SING-ALONG
22-Nov | 10:30–11:15 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
22-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

WEE WEDNESDAY
22-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
22-Nov | 1:30–3:30 P.M.
See Sept. 6 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
23-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

STORYTIME AT THE ZONE AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY
23-Nov | 10:30–11 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM
23-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY
23-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

YOGA AND MOVEMENT FOR KIDS
23-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

RANDOM FANDOM
23-Nov | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 28 listing.

PAJAMA STORYTIME / HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
23-Nov | 6:30–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 7 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY
24-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR
24-Nov | 3:30–4:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

TOUR MAKE SANTA FE
24-Nov | 6–7:30 P.M.
See Sept. 1 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
25-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
25-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
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PARENT AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT MAIN LIBRARY
25-Nov | 10–10:30 A.M.
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See Sept. 2 listing.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS
25-Nov | 2–4 P.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

NATURE PLAYTIME
27-Nov | 10–11 A.M.
See Sept. 4 listing.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS
28-Nov | 9:30–10 A.M.
See Sept. 2 listing.

CHIT-CHAT PLAY TIME
28-Nov | 9:30–10:30 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS
28-Nov | 10:15–11 A.M.
See Sept. 5 listing.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
28-Nov | 10:30–11:30 A.M.
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