

# Community Resources

The information provided here is not complete, and not specifically promoted by the Picacho Hills Property Owners Association, but supports all community service and charitable activity. We are happy to provide a short description and contact information.

Please [contact us](#) if there is another organization that we may add to this list.

## **Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley**

<http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/ascmv>

The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) is Dona Ana County's only open admission municipal shelter. ASCMV provides services such as return to owner (RTO), adoptions, affordable spay and neuter, affordable rabies vaccinations, affordable microchipping, and licensing.

The Mission of the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley is to provide safe shelter for all lost, mistreated, and abandoned animals of the Mesilla Valley and surrounding communities. The Center (ASCMV) utilizes all avenues available to it in placing each animal into a safe, loving, and permanent home whenever possible. We strive to meet highest standards of humane animal care and to promote responsible pet ownership through public education and outreach.

## **Community of Hope**

<http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org/index.html>

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope is an alliance of agencies that addresses homelessness and poverty in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The professional directors and staff of each agency are dedicated to helping clients obtain services that meet basic human needs and offer life-changing opportunities such as education, counseling and job training.

Its mission is to provide and operate a single facility for alliance agencies that will enhance efficiency and provide for the delivery of services in a more effective manner. Mesilla Valley Community of Hope provides this unified delivery of services while maintaining the independence of the organizations of the alliance.

**Jardin de los Niños** <http://www.jardinlc.org> or

<http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org/jardindelosninos.html>

To create new possibilities for homeless and near-homeless children and their families through loving child care, education and the use of community resources.

**Casa de Peregrinos** <http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org/casadeperegrinos.html>

A non-profit emergency food program designed to provide basic, nutritional food boxes and a supportive atmosphere to individuals and families unable to purchase nutritional groceries due to an emergency or unforeseen crisis. It is not an indefinite source of relief.

**El Caldito** <http://www.elcaldito.com> or <http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org/elcalditosoupkitchen.html>

Our mission is to prepare and serve meals free of charge to individuals, children and families without regard to race, creed, gender, ages, sexual orientation, handicap, religion, veteran status, income, or national origin. El Caldito provides a complete, nourishing meal, using available provisions, to all who come to our door. Hunger and need are our only criteria.

**St. Luke's Health Care Clinic** <http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org/stlukeshhealthcareclinic.html>

Provide limited, temporary healthcare services to meet the physical needs of adult homeless, non-working and working persons who do not qualify for established plans of health care aid. These services are at no cost to the qualified adult patient, and are without regard to religion, sex, race, age, handicap or national origin, and with the criteria being a genuine need for such services and an inability to obtain health care elsewhere.

**Community Foundation of Southern NM** <http://www.cfsnm.org>

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico serves as a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. A key purpose of the foundation is to build permanent funds (endowments). Serving 26 agencies in Dona Ana County, the agency will have a constant source of funding that will help them respond to emergency needs as well as plan for the future.

**Doña Ana Literacy** <http://www.readwritenow.org/>

Literacy Volunteers of Doña Ana County is a volunteer tutoring program that is a component of the Adult Basic Education Division of Doña Ana Community College. Our non-profit organization utilizes trained volunteers to provide FREE one-on-one tutoring to adults who want to improve their basic reading, writing or English language skills. We give preference to the least educated. Instruction is individualized and based on the real-life needs of the learners.

**First Step** <http://www.firststepcenter.org/index.htm>

The mission of the First Step Center is to provide outstanding healthcare to all women and children in need of our services, no matter their cultural, financial, social, or medical condition. First Step Center provides quality healthcare for women and children. First Step Women's Health offers outstanding prenatal care, delivery of your baby, follow-up after the birth, as well as routine

gynecological services. First Step Pediatrics provides primary care for newborns, children, and adolescents, including sick care, well child checks, and sports physicals.

### **Habitat for Humanity/ReStore**

<http://www.habitat.org/cd/frame/frameset.aspx?url=www.lascruceshabitat.org>

Habitat ReStores are retail outlets where quality used and surplus building materials are sold at a fraction of normal prices. Proceeds from ReStores help local affiliates fund the construction of Habitat houses within the community. Many affiliates across the United States and Canada operate successful ReStores—some of which raise enough funds to build an additional 10 or more houses per year.

ReStore specializes in new and used building materials, gently used appliances, furniture, as well as household and domestic items. Have something to donate, but can't bring it yourself? Call the ReStore, and we'll pick it up! Pickups are scheduled during normal business hours, and our driver has the right to refuse any items if they are not of good quality. In addition to raising funds, ReStores help the environment by rechanneling good, usable materials into use.

### **Hospice** <http://www.mvhospice.org/>

We are a non-profit organization in Dona Ana County providing hospice services in the home, in Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes and in our own facility, La Posada.

### **La Casa** <http://www.lacasainc.org>

La Casa is a non-profit organization providing comprehensive services, including shelter, in order to diminish domestic violence and abuse in all forms. Our services are available to ALL individuals, regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. We believe domestic violence and abuse can be overcome. We believe that dignity, social justice, safety, freedom from abuse and the pursuit of happiness are basic human rights for all, rights that can

only be realized with the active engagement of the entire community. In all our endeavors we affirm these rights without regard to race, creed, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other differentiating factors. We actively oppose all forms of violence and abuse including physical, psychological, emotional, verbal, sexual and economic.

### **Red Cross** <http://www.swnmredcross.org/>

(575)526-2631

1301E Griggs, Las Cruces NM 88001

### **Safe Haven** <http://www.zianet.com/safehaven>

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary(SHAS) is an organization designed to shelter abused and abandoned

pets. We also have many dogs and cats that have lost their loving homes when their owners died, divorced or moved. We practice a no-kill policy, so needy pets can have a place to call home, either temporary or permanent. All pets are sterilized prior to leaving Safe Haven. Those who are not adopted will live out their lives at Safe Haven in dignity along with love and respect.

Our current facility (Cronin Ranch) is located on three acres of land in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The ranch has kennels, a cattery, and play areas accommodating up to 21 dogs and 30 cats.

**Salvation Army** 1590 California Ave  
(575)524-1044 Las Cruces, NM 88001

**SCORE** (Service Corps of Retired Executives) <http://www.zianet.com/score.397>

A resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. Both working and retired executives and business owners donate their time and expertise as business counselors to help provide free counseling and low-cost workshops in their communities.

Las Cruces SCORE (Chapter 397) helps more than 300 small business people annually in Southern New Mexico realize their dream of starting or expanding their small business. SCORE can help you start or expand your business.

**Senior Services** <http://www.lascruces.org/publicservices/seniorprograms/default.shtm>

Our purpose is to help all to experience the joy inherent in life at any age. The 4 centers serve to assist and improve life for the elderly in the areas of good health maintenance, education, recreation, home care, mobility, community service and related informational services. Programs include: In-home services (Homemaker services, Meals on Wheels & Senior Nutrition Program, Caregiver respite services, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Resource Center), Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Senior Olympics and the Alzheimer's Association

**SNAP** (Spay Neuter Awareness Program) <http://snapnewmexico.org>

An organization to reduce pet overpopulation by preventing excess litters of dogs and cats. SNAP facilitates low-cost spay/neuters for pets coming from qualifying, low income households in Southern New Mexico.

**United Blood Services** 1200 Commerce Dr  
(575)527-1322 Las Cruces, NM 88011-8275

United Way of Southwest NM [http://www.unitedwayswnm.org/sub\\_page.php?num=23](http://www.unitedwayswnm.org/sub_page.php?num=23)

The United Way of Southwest New Mexico is the primary resource for giving, volunteering and advocating for our community â€• advancing the common good by affecting lasting positive improvements in the lives of the people of Southwest New Mexico. Links to 21 supported programs.