



# Annual Report

FY 21-22

Interfaith Community Shelter Group, Inc.

July 2021—June 2022

Dear Friends of the Shelter,



American writer Hugh Prather once said, *Just when I think I have learned the way to live, life changes.* During the 21-22 fiscal year, the Pete's Place family experienced, endured and conquered some of the greatest challenges—and

changes — we have ever faced. Among them: the retirement and then sudden death of Joe Jordan-Berenis, the Shelter's beloved Executive Director — and the relief of successfully recruiting his hand-picked replacement, Korina Lopez; the emergence of homeless encampments along Harrison Road and the challenge of enacting strict policies to encourage people to move elsewhere, ensuring the safety of our guests, neighbors, volunteers and staff; and

the work of trying to rebuild programs that had to be halted during the height of the pandemic.

Despite it all, the Interfaith Community Shelter staff and board have adopted a strategic plan brimming with optimism for a future that provides a greater volume and variety of life-stabilizing services for the most vulnerable members of our community. We have reaffirmed our mission, strengthened efforts to provide our guests the resources they need to stabilize their lives and created a plan that includes even more outreach with a greater array of safety-net services to help them attain the ultimate goal of finding permanent housing. Korina started full-time in January and has been charged with taking the Shelter to the next level, while maintaining the spirit of compassion and excellence that have been a hallmark of the Shelter's existence. We believe she is up to the task.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Korina Lopez  
Executive Director

Beverly Kellam  
Deputy Director

## By the Numbers: ICS Services Provided July 2021—June 2022

PROGRAM	Overnight Shelter Number of People	Bed Nights Provided	Meals Served	Clothing Items Provided	Showers Provided
Seasonal Overnight Shelter (SOS)	1,143	17,410	47,875	19,852	2,193
Women's Summer Safe Haven (WSSH)	172	2,909	8,851	13,351	1,780

## In Memory of Joe Jordan-Berenis, July 28, 1946—October 3, 2021

*"If you save a single human life, it is as if you saved an entire world. I can't imagine how many lives and worlds Joe saved, and how many more he enriched along the way."*

— Rabbi Marvin Schwab



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## From the Desk of Korina Lopez, Executive Director



As I reflect on nearly a year of being a member of the Interfaith Community Shelter team, I feel blessed that one of Joe's final decisions was to encourage me to consider replacing him at the helm. Pete's Place not only provides lifesaving services for the most vulnerable members of the Santa Fe community, but the Shelter also is a community in and of itself. It is a community of unsheltered individuals struggling in ways

most of us can't imagine, a community of staff who dedicate themselves to serving people who are struggling, a community of volunteers who give their time and energy to sort through donations, clean showers, cook delicious and healthy meals, check in guests in the evening or for day services, and most importantly socialize with our guests, making them feel welcome and acknowledged.

While there have been some challenges, we are proud of our continued commitment to serving people who are homeless and vulnerable. With efforts made by our amazing and supportive board and our committed staff,

Harrison Road has been cleared and cleaned. Every day, our diligent case managers connect guests with our Partner Providers who offer wrap-around services, and they help low-income individuals and families with rent, utility, and other necessary assistance to help them avoid becoming homeless. ICS continues to build relationships in the community, expanding collaborations with Partner Providers and engaging new volunteers in our efforts to serve our guests. I now clearly understand Joe's dedication and love for the shelter, its board, staff, volunteers, and guests. I am thankful for the blessing of being part of this amazing organization.



## FY 21-22 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

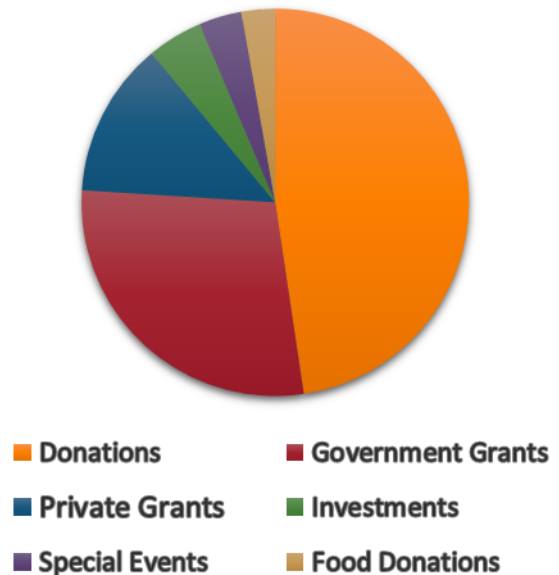
INCOME	
Donations	\$761,703
Special Events	\$56,923
Government Grants	\$453,268
Private Grants	\$207,500
Investments	\$74,190
In Kind Donations and Building Lease	\$105,790

EXPENSES	
Seasonal Overnight Shelter (SOS) and Year-Round Day Services Program	\$677,802
Women's Shelter	\$160,395
Administration	\$158,740
Fundraising	\$60,666

### Individual Donations Matter!

At Pete's Place, we love our donors, and for good reason. Donations from individuals, faith communities, civic groups and private foundations comprise almost half of the Shelter's income. Our partnerships with the City, the County, the NM Behavioral Health Services Division and FEMA are also critical to the Shelter's mission, as are the many relationships we have developed over the years with private grantors, such as the Community Health Funder Alliance and the Thornburg, Frost, Kind World and Doris Goodwin Walbridge Foundations. Donors are the wind in our sails; they make it possible to serve an extremely vulnerable population, and our goal is always to be good stewards of the funds they have entrusted to us.

### Sources of Income



### Increasing Shelter Services a Reason for Strategic Investing

In early 2020, the ICS Board of Directors decided to create a small reserve to cushion against negative financial shocks. They also decided to invest in expanding Shelter services, as the effects on the homeless population of the pandemic and Santa Fe's housing crisis become clearer. As a part of the Shelter's 2022-2025 strategic plan, management will be evaluating various options, in partnership with the City, the County and various major funders, for what those services will look like. They will include more outreach and more life-stabilizing wrap-around services for our guests with the ultimate goal of finding them a permanent place to call home.