



THE BEACON

Barrett Foundation, Inc.

Summer 2005

June 2005

From the Executive Director

Dorothee Otero

I hope you are having a great summer! Things are going well at Barrett House and we are settling into our beautiful new building. The response from our visitors and clients has been very positive. Our women are delighted to have such a clean and healthy environment for their children. For several weeks we operated at our new capacity of 46 women and children. Although it's good to have that much space, it's also sad to see so many families homeless. As summer progresses, we typically see an increase in the number of women who need of our services. Many of you have been faithful donors for many years, and we appreciate your faithfulness. The new building with its larger capacity has drastically increased our operating expenses and your support is more important than ever.

I am pleased to announce that we now have a full-time Development Director, Mrs. Jill Criswell, CFRE. With the growing need for our services in the community it is imperative that we increase our marketing and fundraising efforts, and we are fortunate to have someone with Jill's extensive experience join our staff.

This year also marks our 20th anniversary of service to the Albuquerque community. We are proud of our history and growth in these 20 years. Our sincere thanks go to all of you who have made these 20 years possible – the volunteers who have given so generously of their time, thousands of generous donors, those who have provided services free of charge, and to our clients for acknowledging that what we do truly makes a difference.



Notre Dame Student Interns at Barrett

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Karen Langley is spending her summer getting a feel for what a life of service might be like. She is one of five University of Notre Dame students working as interns for charitable organizations in Albuquerque this summer. Karen, a sophomore from Short Hills, New Jersey, chose her service project, in part, to help her decide on a career. Although currently an anthropology major, she is considering a change to pre-med.

Karen spends four days a week as an intern for Healthcare for the Homeless, but lives and works evenings and weekends at Barrett House. Living in the shelter among Barrett House clients "has really put a face on homelessness," she says.

Each summer the Notre Dame Club of New Mexico provides a partial scholarship as well as personal support for the students who adopt service projects in NM. Their support allows students the opportunity to experience and more fully understand the important role of service in their lives. Karen has been a valuable addition to our staff, and we know she'll bring enthusiasm, intelligence and a heart for service to whatever she chooses as her life's work.

Sr. Dorothy Hansen, who celebrated her 50th Jubilee with the Order of St. Francis. Sr. Dorothy took her vows 50 years ago in Rochester, MN. She has been the Barrett House program manager since 1994, bringing her great good humor and her sensible management style to guide our shelter. The epitome of "tough love", she provides guidance and structure to each woman. Congratulations, Sr. Dorothy! **Eleanor Corrigan**, who has been a volunteer at Barrett House for 19 years. She and her husband came to Barrett House through their friendship with Brother Mathias. Eleanor says she looks forward to every Thursday morning and wouldn't think of missing. We are deeply grateful for her faithfulness to Barrett. **Cheryl Palmer**, a member of the board of directors since 2001, who is chairing Barrett's Harvest Moon Dinner & Auction for the 3rd year. Cheryl's cheerful nature, ready laugh, and indomitable spirit make her a hard person to turn down – whether she's asking you to be a sponsor or for a auction item. Thanks, Cheryl for making our annual Harvest Dinners a favorite event of the summer. See more about "Reflections of Albuquerque @ 300" elsewhere in this newsletter. . . . **Christ United Methodist Church** members for putting on a wonderful family event to benefit

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Letter from the President

Stanley Weinstein, ACFRE



It is an honor to serve as Board President of an organization as strong as Barrett Foundation. The work that Barrett Foundation does for homeless women and children is crucial. Women and children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population and the most vulnerable. They are also the people most likely to break their cycle of homelessness when offered supportive services.

Working with the Board and staff, I have identified three priorities for my term:

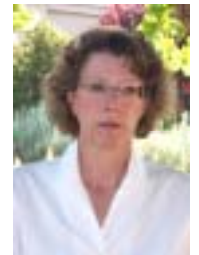
- ◆ Provide services to women and children in the most cost-effective manner possible.
- ◆ Complete a Strategic Long-range Plan that prepares Barrett Foundation for the challenges the organization will face in the years ahead.
- ◆ Strengthen the organization's resource development programs. Provide funds for ongoing programs and complete the capital campaign.

Our most pressing need encompasses all three of these goals. When we first planned our new Barrett House, we projected that we could raise \$1.5 million. And we did raise that amount. Unfortunately, during the same period, construction costs rose. So, we have an urgent need to raise an additional \$300,000 for our capital campaign. By raising this amount, Barrett Foundation can concentrate its resources on the needs of homeless women and children.

Thanks you for your support as we move forward with our mission to build strong futures for the women and children we serve.

Board Profile ... Stormy Ralstin, Vice President

As a lead programmer analyst for Honeywell, Stormy Ralstin knows her work will make a difference for people in the future, but she also wants to be involved with helping women in a more personal and immediate way. When Stanley Weinstein told her about the Barrett Foundation, she realized it was an organization that addressed two of her long time interests – affordable housing issues and the plight of homeless women. That made it easy to say “yes” when she was invited to join the board of directors.



One of the reasons Stormy is pleased to be on the Barrett Foundation board is the organization's commitment to helping women build better lives for themselves and their children. She sees the range of services and continuum of care as an important aspect of Barrett's work. She says, “I was very impressed with the Casa Verde program that provides affordable housing for women with mental illness, since it allows women to continue with the changes they have made at Casa Milagro, Barrett's transitional housing program.”

Stormy's commitment to greater understanding of homelessness and the challenges women face make her a great asset to the Barrett Foundation board of directors.

About Barrett Foundation...

Our Board of Directors:

President - Stanley Weinstein, ACFRE, S. Weinstein & Assoc.

Vice President - Stormy Ralstin, Honeywell

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Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. To attend, please call 246-9244 to confirm time and place.

Our Mission:

To provide housing and supportive services in a caring and compassionate manner to homeless women and children who are striving to break the cycle of homelessness.

Our Services:

Barrett House - Emergency shelter for homeless women and children.

Sr. Dorothy Hansen, Program Director 243-4887

Daisy Williams, Case Manager 246-0944

Bridges - Supportive housing for families and single women.

Ami Reese, Coordinator/Case Manager 246-0944

Casa Milagro - Transitional housing for women suffering from mental illness.

Gloria Kelliaa, Program Director 883-8870

Casa Verde - Permanent, affordable housing for women suffering from mental illness.

Debra O'Malley, AfterCare Manager

Barrett House Attic - Shop of new and used.

Anna Davis and Maria Avila, Co-Managers, 262-1073

Barrett Foundation, Inc.

Corporate Office/Grants/Fund Raising

Dorothee Otero, Executive Director 246-9244

Jill Criswell, CFRE, Director of Development

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Barrett House. Coordinator Ellen Genne and pastor Michael Brunk and their volunteers had team competitions, food, pony rides, activities and games for all ages – the most popular on that summer afternoon being those that involved water! Members and neighbors from the area made it a very successful fundraiser for Barrett.

Thank you donors! (January - May)

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For more information on this event, please contact Jill Criswell or Dorothee Otero at 246-9244

Reflections of Barrett Foundation @20

Dinner

Sheraton old town
6:30 Cash bar & silent auction
7:30 dinner

Fabulous Silent Auction

**Music for Listening & Dancing by
Linda Cotton and Band**

Reflections of Albuquerque @300

Barrett Foundation
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