Teen Court Completes Rio En Medio Mural Project

This project was headed by lead artist Kevin Allende and was created at the Rio En Medio/Chupadero Community Center with the help of Teen Court youth participants, and volunteers. The mural shows realistic colorful images portraying Northern New Mexico’s beauty, wildlife and native culture. Design border, separated by Native American grey tone patterns, and purposeful turquoise color, artistically flows through the patterns representing flowing water.

Established in 2009, the Santa Fe County Teen Court Public Art Program was developed in response to the graffiti problem in Santa Fe. Over the years, Teen Court youth have been involved in the development of the murals by working alongside and learning the artistic skill-sets from Santa Fe’s local artists.

Thank you to Kevin Allende the artist that created this beautiful mural and led the youth participants and volunteers. The mural images selected were inspired from the surrounding cultures and wildlife.
City, County Launch Joint Regional Film Office

Santa Fe Aspires to Build on Growing Film Industry

Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe announced the creation of a regional Santa Fe Film Office, a joint effort to grow and support film, television and digital media production and related activities.

Film industry veteran Eric Witt has been hired to launch the office, which will be housed at Santa Fe County. Witt oversaw the development and unprecedented expansion of the state’s film and media production from 2000-2010. During this time New Mexico grew into a world leader and innovator in these fields. “The film industry is creative, dynamic, innovative and inclusive – it’s a perfect fit for Santa Fe,” said Mayor Javier M. Gonzales. He added, “It’s also a fantastic chance to showcase our community to the world at large. Santa Fe and New Mexico in general have already built a strong reputation as a growing center for film, television and digital media. Working together through this new film office, with continued input from the Mayor’s Advisory Commission and others, is the key to maximizing the benefits we can see in economic growth and job creation.”

“Santa Fe County has specifically identified the film and digital media industries as places we want to grow in the coming years,” said Santa Fe County Commission Chair Miguel Chavez.

Continuing Chavez said, “It fits our asset-base, our infrastructure development plans and other land use targets, and it provides an increasing source of revenue and employment in the region. Our goal is to continue to support and growth of these efforts, which offer tremendous opportunity and pride for our citizens.”

This summer there are already half a dozen productions on the ground and shooting in Santa Fe, setting a record-breaking pace for 2016, and City and County officials anticipate more than $100 million in production spending in the region this year.

A dedicated film office, with full cooperation from the City and County, is the key to ensuring sustainability and long-term continued growth for this industry.

“As a region Santa Fe contains an incredible range of assets for film, television and digital media production, particularly for its size,” said Witt. “World-class crew, sound stages, outstanding educational and training institutions, globally-renowned cultural, arts and scientific communities, and a breathtaking setting. All of the things that make the Santa Fe area so attractive generally, make it attractive to these industries as well. As these resources exist jointly between the City and the County, it makes sense that they should jointly establish this office. I’m honored to be a part of this effort.” The regional Santa Fe Film Office officially commenced operation at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2016. You can visit the website at www.sffo.film
Santa Fe County public safety participated in the Edgewood Community Library Summer Reading Program. Many thanks to Santa Fe County Fire Med 70 Crew, Black Canyon Hand Crew, Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Department and the Santa Fe Regional Emergency Communication Center for participating in the program. This summer’s theme was sports, health and fitness and with the “kid friendly” combat challenge and physical training (PT) it was a great day! The Sheriffs Office (Deputy Girmendonk and Deputy Garcia) and the Regional Emergency Communication Center (Randy Vallejos and Amanda Macias) gave out some great safety information. Santa Fe County is looking forward to next year’s program.
Babies born at healthy weight are less likely to suffer from health and learning problems into adulthood. One of the priorities in the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan* is to reduce the number of babies born in Santa Fe County who are low birth weight, which is defined as below 2500 grams, or about five and a half pounds. In 2015, the Community Services Department launched a Low Birth Weight Prevention Initiative and partnered with La Familia and with Las Cumbres to ensure that Santa Fe County babies are born healthy.

The Low Birth Weight Prevention Initiative focuses on women who are most at risk for delivering low birth weight babies, including teenagers, women who are homeless, and those who smoke or use drugs or alcohol. Both La Familia and Las Cumbres began outreach campaigns and efforts to provide early identification, screening, assessment, pre-natal classes, and case management for at-risk pregnant women. One year into the initiative, we are already seeing promising results.

La Familia started a Teen Clinic at Santa Fe Community college, which more and more teenagers are attending for family planning services. Through posters, bus ads and a Facebook page, teenagers are coming to the Teen Clinic and attending prenatal classes. La Familia also initiated prenatal education tailored to reduce risks, and refers women to nutrition services and smoking cessation classes. So far, La Familia has had 134 women give birth under their program, and only nine delivered babies of low birth weight. That is 6.7 percent, much lower than the County’s baseline rate of 9.9 percent.

Las Cumbres tailors their ¡Que Cute! Healthy Baby Program to at-risk pregnant mothers throughout Santa Fe County. ¡Que Cute! emphasizes intensive navigation to needed services, “warm hand-offs” and coordination between partner agencies in order to best meet families’ needs and promote babies being born healthy. Las Cumbres has served 25 women, all very high-risk, including several women contending with homelessness. Ten mothers have given birth, nine to babies of healthy weight. The one baby born underweight was less than an ounce below what is considered healthy.

Santa Fe County Community Services Department provided $250,000 for this first year of the Low Birth Weight Prevention Initiative, and with promising results such as these will continue to fund the initiative into FY 2017.
County Assessor’s Office Expands Functions for Online Parcel Map Tool

Gus Martinez, the Santa Fe County Assessor, has worked diligently to increase online services. Many services are available online such as: Parcel Map Search, Online Live Chat, Protesting Online, Online feedback, and social media.

“We recently incorporated additional functionality to our parcel map tool that allows people to query and export our data for multiple parcels,” said County Assessor Gus Martinez. He continued, “It is essential to continue to expand services to help reach our constituents and have information readily available online to them.”

We encourage residents to visit our website and explore the online tools section, ask questions via the live chat, or leave feedback.

Congratulations To Carol Branch

Santa Fe County’s own Carol Branch, was Board member of the Year for Keep Santa Fe Beautiful. She is part of the Santa Fe County Community Services Department and organizes trail restoration, trail maintenance and community events. Carol has been key in the County Trail Days series, worked to create the education program with the Master’s Program, and the adopt-a-trail program. Thank you for all your hard work for Santa Fe!!!

From the County Manager

Santa Fe County wins three NACo 2016 Achievement Awards
Santa Fe County Santa Fe County was awarded the following NACO Awards:
2016 Achievement Award for its program titled “Biblioteca Amigos Library” in the category of Libraries.
2016 Achievement Award for its program titled “The Teen Court Program” in the category of Human Services.
Santa Fe County Cares Wellness Program - Manager’s 1 Million Step Walking Initiative” in the category of Employment and Training.

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2016 Achievement Award for its program titled “The Teen Court Program” in the category of Human Services.
Cab Ride Home
Santa Fe County DWI program offers the Cab Ride Home program every Friday and Saturday night from 5:30 p.m.—2:30 a.m. Cab rides are $5 a cab for 1 or 2 riders and $10 a cab for 3 or more. The Cab Ride Home program provides safe transportation to adults from a liquor establishment or residence/party to your residence within the Santa Fe City limits.

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SFC Adult Correctional Facility – (505) 428-3861

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