



December 19, 2025

# Tukhe'ti



*Christmas Mass will be at 9:00 AM  
on December 25th, Christmas Day  
at  
Santa Clara Catholic Church.*

*These rituals create comfort  
and a sense of belonging that  
after year.*

### *Letter to the Community*

*I hope this newsletter finds you in the best of health and spirits and looking forward to a bright new year. This year has had its ups and downs with all the changes coming from Washington, but the Pueblo has remained resilient and continued to accomplish projects in support of our people.*

*We pray the future brings stability in the economy and that we can move forward with all our planned efforts in behalf of the Pueblo.*

*We have been honored to serve as your Governor and Lt. Governor and appreciate the support that we have received this year.*

*Please stay strong and healthy and look forward to a year of blessings.*

*Respectfully,*

*Governor, James Naranjo and Lt. Governor, Charles Suazo*

*Each tree  
glowing tree  
- tells a  
th*



The Office of Vital Statistics and Enrollment would like to provide an update to our community regarding Tribal Enrollment. We have been collaborating closely with the Tribal Council Members to establish the rules and procedures, as well as the anticipated date for the reopening of tribal enrollment. We are awaiting approval from the Southwest Region Office (SWRO) of a revised resolution from our Tribal Council Members outlining the requirements for applicants. Upon receipt of this approval, we will distribute a notice to community members via the newsletter, our official website, social media channels, and email to subscribers. Furthermore, this information will be prominently displayed on each marquee located within the pueblo.

**What to expect?**

Once tribal enrollment begins, the Office of Vital Statistics and Enrollment will distribute applications requiring the applicant to provide a signature. This application outlines the required documents and information to be submitted with it. Additionally, a unique identifier will be assigned to each application to support our filing system.

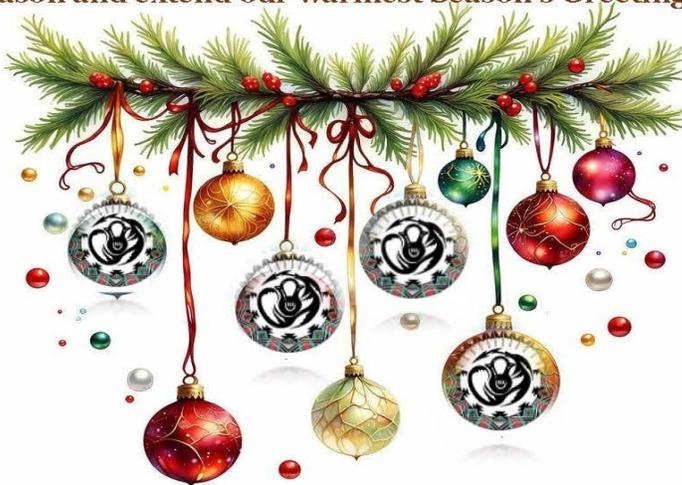
**What happens when I submit my application?**

Upon submitting your application, all required documentation must be provided to our office, along with the \$100.00 application processing fee (**non-refundable**). Please note that we only accept money orders for this fee. All necessary documents must be submitted at the time of entry. If your application is incomplete, it will be returned to you until all documentation is submitted, signed, and dated.

Once we receive a sufficient number of applications, we will schedule a meeting with the Tribal Council to review the submissions. You will receive notification of your application status by postal mail. You will then be told your outcome status.

**If you have any questions about your status as an applicant, enrolled member, or non-member resident, or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the OVSE staff.**

**The OVSE Staff would like to wish you all a joyous holiday season and extend our warmest Season's Greetings.**



**OVSE Staff:**

**Tracilee Gutierrez,  
Director**

**Corrine J. Padilla,  
Enrollment Clerk  
II/Data Entry Tech.**

**Bethany K. Gutierrez,  
Program Assistant**

**Louis A. Naranjo,  
NMR Clerk**

**Office Hours:**

**Mon.-Fri.**

**8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Lunch:**

**12:00 to 12:45 pm**

**Afternoon Hours:**

**12:45 pm to 4:30 pm**

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Enrollment/Non-Member  
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# TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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*Director: Suzette Shije • Budget Analyst: Austyn Salvador*

## PUYE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, the final inspection for Puye Road Culvert Replacement Project was conducted and opened for public access that afternoon. In attendance were the Tribal Sheriff, SCP Transportation Staff, FHWA Tribal Coordinator, BIA Transportation Engineer, NMDOT, Red Plains Professional (RPP) Engineers and Field Inspector, and GM Emulsion LLC Construction Project Team.

On behalf of the Tribal Transportation Program, we greatly appreciate your support and cooperation throughout the construction phase of the project and with the closure of the road during this interim. Thank you!

### PHOTOS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT





**MISSION STATEMENT: THE ADULT DAY CARE CENTER IS TO PROVIDE A SECURE AND COMPASSIONATE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL REGIONAL COMMUNITY ELDERS AND DISABLED ADULTS.**

**VISION STATEMENT: STRIVE TO SERVE THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY ELDERS AND DISABLED ADULTS TO REACH THEIR OWN GOALS WITH DIGNITY.**

**ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM:** Santa Clara Pueblo Regional Adult Day Care Center (ADC) is committed to providing a caring and secure environment where the elderly and disabled are treated with the upmost dignity and compassion.

The program is set up to care for adults with special needs and those who would benefit from participating in activities that stimulate both the mind and the body.

The Santa Clara Pueblo Regional Adult Day Care Program is available to all eligible individuals from Santa Clara Pueblo, individuals from the surrounding Eight Northern Pueblos and from the local/Espanola community at large.

ADC has collaborated with the Senior Center to sponsor numerous activities, throughout the year.

ADC is currently taking applications for new clients; the daily program consists of exercise and activities that stimulate both body and mind. Both structured and unstructured activities are utilized to provide a broad framework where elders with varying needs, including Alzheimer's and dementia, can successfully function.

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY ADC:**

Daily planned activities that are designed to actively involve and stimulate the participants

Supervision is continuous and monitored by trained staff

Activities are very sensitive to cultural and traditional values

Assistance with personal care, i.e.; walking, eating, grooming, toileting, bathing and transfer

Nutritious hot meals and snacks

Transportation and assisted transportation as needed

Companionship

Disease prevention/health promotion activities and

Recreational activities to promote socialization

Should you have any questions please check out our web site, [spcadc.org](http://spcadc.org), or call 505-692-6324. ADC also has a vacant position available, anyone interested, please come join our team!!!!

Sending Blessings to all!!!!

Director, Mil Naranjo  
Case Manager/Administrative Asst., Tara Galbadon  
Activities Coordinator, Rechanda Tafoya  
Caregiver, Vacant  
Custodian/Caregiver, Luciano Naranjo



VETERANS DAY 2025



Visit with the Governor



NM Aging Conference in Glorieta, NM



ADC Halloween Dance 2025



Puye Trip 2025



SFIS Senior/Veteran Lunch

SANTA CLARA REGIONAL ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

CHR/Diabetes Program

615 Kee Street

505.692.6260

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From the CHR/Diabetes Program!

The CHR/Diabetes program continues to support and provide services throughout the community by home visits, blood pressure checks, transportation to health facilities for appts Espanola, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, IHS, etc. If any Transport request need to be made, you may contact our office at **(505) 692-6260, it is requested transport requests be made at least 5 days in advanced.**

Michelle Tafoya, Director

In 2025, we collaborated with many programs for usage of our new conference room such as educational sessions (Blood Pressure Academy, NM EPA Community Meeting, Cooking w Kids (KCS) with Rio Arriba Coordinator, to name a few). In the summers months we continued with health education sessions (Veggie wrap, meal prep, protein presentation-roasted chickpeas and sports science presentation) and healthy snack making with community members from the Department of Learning's summer program. Many of the staff have been certified with CPR/First Aid along with a few Interns from the DYL's summer program, booths were set up at the June 4, Child Find at KCS and June 30, Summer Kick Off. The youth had a "Cooking, baking after school Program" they learned how to make, cakes, blue corn cookies, green chili stew, tortillas, brownies, tamales and a fruit salad. We also had a Cancer Patient Navigation Session in collaboration with Christus St. Vincent's Cancer Center/Native Health Navigator, Shayna Grandbois and Theresa Clay-Public Affairs Liaison from IHS/Albuquerque Area Office. We have also been collaborating with the Senior Center, i.e. making feast day pies and cookies.

T. Denise Chavarria, CHR/Generalist/Diabetes Case Manager

I just completed my 14<sup>th</sup> year with the CHR/Diabetes Program. I started my new role as a CHR/Generalist/Diabetes Case Manager last year in July, I keep up with my diabetic patients, with their medication intakes, doctor visits and through our monthly chart reviews which are done with the physicians at SFIH and SCHC.

I still provide transportation to all patients, per request, rather it be locally and/or to Santa Fe and seldomly to Albuquerque. I also pick up and deliver medications, per patients request. Home visits are scheduled on a weekly/bi-weekly basis to follow up on a patient's health issues.

We, the CHR/Diabetes Staff, assist in community activities and events that occur throughout the year, per request from the different departments of SCP administration.

Jonathon Tafoya, Community Health Planner B.S. Social Psychology

The Health Council is coordinated by Jonathon Tafoya, as the Community Health Planner, under the CHR/Diabetes programs. The Health Council is funded by the State of New Mexico's Department of Health (DOH) and overseen by the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils (NMAHC) whom is non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of New Mexicans



by supporting county and tribal health councils and advocating for health equity. The NMAHC aims to enhance the health of communities across New Mexico by strengthening the state's 38 county and tribal health councils. Established in 2010, the alliance focuses on three primary areas: Capacity Building by providing training, resources, and support to health councils to expand their capabilities and effectiveness in addressing community health needs. Advocacy by representing health councils in discussions with state agencies and organizations to promote public health initiatives and policies that benefit communities. Collaboration by fostering partnerships among health councils and public health stakeholders to enhance community health outcomes.

The Health Council is comprised of 6 department leads; CHR/Diabetes Programs, Department of Youth & Learning, Social Services, Behavioral Health, Tribal Courts and Police Department. The department directors and Health Council coordinator meet quarterly to go over plans and events happening for the Santa Clara Pueblo Community. The coordinator is responsible for developing the Community Health Initiative Plan (CHIP) to see which areas of focus the community needs and how each department can collaborate in disseminating information to the community. Throughout the Fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>), the Health Council collaborates with each department for events and programming to emphasize the importance of equity and inclusion in its work, recognizing that diverse perspectives strengthen its efforts to improve health outcomes.

**Florence Coriz**, CHR/Diabetes Case Manager

Can't believe we are already at the end of the year. It has been a wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year. Supervising our new Program Planner Mr. Jon Tafoya. The Second half of the year keeping up with home visits, transporting patients to appointments to Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Los Alamos, Espanola, and the Clinic. Monthly chart reviews with HIS Providers and doing blood pressure checks at the Senior Center. Assisting with several events within the community, community clean up, Cooking with Kids, assisting along with DYL for the cross country meet, Rabies Clinic, and summer youth activities with DYL. Attended the Statewide Community Health Conference, including the Workers Conference (CHW), Cancer Patient Navigation, Blood Pressure Academy, and Fema Online Training

Thank you and may you all have a safe and wonderful Holidays!

**Kristyn Salazar**, Administrative Assistant

Hello! Hello! I am Kristyn Salazar, going on 8 months with the department, I assist patients in scheduling transport and medication refill/pickups, daily operations in the office, recording expenses/requesting POs, and assisting with events and when needed. These past months I have attended Health Council Meetings and attended the NMSC CHR Quarterly meeting. Getting CPR/First Aid certified. Working with the youth baking, healthy snack making and health education classes.

Happy Holidays!



Veterans Day was commemorated on November 10th by the Adult Day Care Center.

About 20 Santa Clara Pueblo Veterans participated in the event. It was the best turn out to date.

The National Guardsmen, stationed in the Espanola Area to assist with policing duties, also participated in the event. They led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and also played recordings of each of the military branch service songs.



The Adult Care Staff provided coffee break beverages and cookies, as well as gifted folding chairs to the Veterans. Intergovernmental Program contributed cookies and provided duffle bags and windbreakers to the Veterans.



Balloons representing family and friends who have served in the military were distributed to participants. Veterans, along side the Seniors, tribal leaders and members of the Community participated in the balloon release. It was a nice tribute.

# Kinship Caregiver

Kinship Caregiver Navigators are Here to Help You!

The Kinship Caregiver Pilot Program is a New Mexico initiative designed to assist kinship caregivers such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, other relatives, and fictive kin who are raising children whose parents are unable to care for them.

The program's core purpose is to provide support on a voluntary basis, helping caregivers find and use programs and services that meet the needs of both the children in their care and the caregivers themselves.

## Eligibility requirements for the applicant are as follows:

- is a Kinship Caregiver
- is 18 years of age or older
- resides in one of the participating counties (as of 11/1/2025, Rio Arriba, San Juan)
- voluntarily chooses to participate in the program, as evidenced by the participant's signature on a program agreement
- Not be receiving financial support for caring for the child(ren) from the Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD).

*Eligibility is not contingent upon immigration status*

## What do I need to apply for the Kinship Caregiver Program?

1. Valid state or federal government-issued photo ID

### What do I need to validate Kinship Relationship?

Proof of Kinship Relationship is required for participation in the program.

The following documents are available for download and must be completed, signed and provided to your assigned Navigator at your initial visit.

## . How do I apply?

### . Welcome to our Online Application - Kinship Caregiver Program!

- The Online Application is for interested applicants who would like to apply for the Kinship Caregiver Program for referral and case management assistance.

### . Apply NOW!

- Please see the link below.
- <https://www.aging.nm.gov/long-term-care/kinship-caregiver/>

Job opportunities for High School students at the Santa Fe Opera.

THE  
SANTA FE  
OPERA

## YOUNG TECHNICIANS PROGRAM

Areas addressed include scenic construction and painting, lighting and projections, properties, costuming and stage management along with the understanding of aesthetic issues in performance planning, design, preparation, realization and management of the production.

## YOUNG VOICES PROGRAM

Is to encourage, nurture and guide high school students exhibiting talent, desire and potential for singing classical music.

High School Programs | Santa Fe Opera <https://www.santafeopera.org/community/high-school-mastery-programs/>

**J.J. & THE HOOLIGANS**  
**29 JANUARY 2026**  
**TUMBLEROOT**  
**SANTA FE, NM**  
**6:30PM**

SCAN ME  
To Get Tickets

**A BENEFIT SHOW**  
Proceeds go to the Indigenous and Hispanic Youth Fly Fishing Camps!  
Doors: 6:30 | Music Starts: 7:30 | Tickets \$15  
Purchase Tickets Online or At the Door

TUMBLEROOT BREWERY  
SANTA FE, NM

NEW MEXICO  
TROUT UNLIMITED

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**Slots**

- Slot Systems Administrator\*\*
- Slot Supervisor\*\*

**Player Services**

- Main Banker\*\*
- Player Services Representative\*\*

**Food & Beverage**

- Server\*
- Bartender/Server\*
- Grab & Go Attendant\*
- Busser\*
- Line Cook\*
- Dishwasher\*
- Host/Hostess

**Marketing**

- Marketing Coordinator\*\*

**Hotel**

- Director of Hotel Operations\*
- Guest Service Agent\*
- Housekeeping Attendant\*

**Bowling**

- Bowling Attendant\*
- Operations Manager\*

**Golf**

No current Openings

**IT -On Site**

- IT Systems Admin\*\*
- Tier I Tech Support\*\*
- IT Manager\*\*

**Finance**

- Staff Accountant\*\*
- Construction Staff Accountant\*

**Surveillance**

- Surveillance Agent I\*\*
- Surveillance Agent II\*\*
- Surveillance Agent II/Tech\*\*

**Security**

- Security Officer Level I\*\*
- Security Officer Level II\*\*

**Construction**

- Superintendent\*
- Field Technician\*
- Project Manager\*
- Estimator\*
- Project Engineer\*
- Laborer\*

**EVS (Housekeeping)**

- Casino Supervisor\*
- Casino Associate\*

**Retail**

- Retail Associate\*
- Puye Cliffs Tour Guide



**Fat Burger**

Team Member\*

**16+\***

**18+\***

**21+\***

**Gaming License Required\***

To apply, please visit our career listings at [www.santaclaran.com/careers](http://www.santaclaran.com/careers) or visit the Human Resources Office. For more information, you may contact.



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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Updated: 12/16/2025

### **Adult Day Care**

(1) Caregiver

### **Behavioral Health**

(1) Clinician

### **Dept. of Youth & Learning**

(1) Office Manager

### **Forestry**

- (1) Forest Development Tech Intern
- (1) Heavy Equipment Supervisor
- (1) RTRL Crew Lead

### **Head Start**

(1) Head Start Teacher

### **Human Resources**

(1) HR Manager

### **Law Enforcement**

- (1) Lieutenant
- (2) Radio Communication Specialist I

### **Public Works**

(1) Plumber

### **Self-Governance**

(1) Farm Tractor Operator

### **Social Services**

(1) Tribal Social Caseworker

### **Tax Administration**

(1) Tax Administrator

### **Vital Statistics**

(1) Program Manager/Enrollment Clerk

### **Position Requirements:**

- Must be able to successfully pass a Background Check
- Must not have any DUI's/DWI's convictions within the last five years from any Tribal, State or Federal Court
- Must have a valid New Mexico Driver's License and be insurable through the Tribe's insurance carrier

### **PREFERENCE**

*Tribal member/Native American preference shall apply to all positions at the Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration  
Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration is a drug/alcohol free workplace*

**All applicants must meet the minimum required qualifications for the position.**

**All positions are open until filled**

For a copy of the position descriptions, or more information please contact the Santa Clara Tribal Administration's Human Resources Department email: [jobs@santaclarapueblo.org](mailto:jobs@santaclarapueblo.org)

or call (505) 692-6280

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THOROUGHLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**