



QOL Grant Awards FY12

The Ability Center

Awarded \$3,396

Location: Las Cruces

The Ability Center (TAC) provides education, advocacy, life skills training, and a variety of other services to individuals with disabilities. Through these services individuals with disabilities can live independently in their communities. This grant was used to provide 31 educational seminars in six counties, increasing knowledge of IL services by 80%. IL services were increased by 10-20% in the six counties. All Objective and goals of the project were completed.

Adaptive Ski Program

Awarded \$4,000

Location: Santa Fe

The Adaptive Ski Program provides ski lessons to kids and adults with disabilities. Through these lessons, individuals enjoy outdoor/winter recreation, strengthen fine and gross motor muscles, improve their cardiovascular system and develop a healthier self-esteem. The ski program ran from late January to Mid-March and included a weekly one-on-one instruction, lift tickets, and all equipment. The grant was used to provide 15 scholarships and \$1000 towards the purchase of a new bi-ski. The program was a success providing over 1000 lessons to 249 individuals with disabilities.

Assistance Dogs of the West

Awarded \$4,000

Location: Santa Fe

Assistance Dogs of the West provides trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities. Through their student training program they teach students to help train assistance dogs. The Quality of Life grant supported a new class for students with disabilities from Capital High School Special Education program and also helped ADW continue using students from Easter Seals Santa Maria El Mirador and the Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club. ADW passed their goal of working with 25 students actually working with 34.

Disability Rights New Mexico

Awarded \$4,000

Location: Albuquerque

The Disability Rights New Mexico promotes, protects, and expands the rights of persons with disabilities by providing training, legal representation, information and referral, outreach and public policy outreach. This grant was used to conduct a pre-legislative forum and 2 workshops to increase awareness and knowledge of disability issues to be addressed in the 2012 legislative session. A forum and workshop were held January 7th in Albuquerque and a Health Care Reform workshop was held April 12th in Farmington. The project was a success improving individual's knowledge on key public policy issues.

ENMRSH Inc.**Awarded \$4,000**

Location: Clovis

ENMRSH offers residential services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. They provide supported living, independent living, job coaches, etc. This grant was used to purchase exercise equipment and supplies so that all consumers would have access to fitness. The goals of client participation has been met and exceeded with 30 clients participating in workout classes and/or activities. ENMRSH continues to recruit clients to participate in workout classes and activities.

Global Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.**Awarded \$4,000**

Location: Albuquerque

Global Opportunities Unlimited uses adaptive equipment, technology, and techniques to enable children and adults with mobility disabilities to experience outdoor sporting and recreational activities. This grant was used to purchase basic and adapted fishing equipment and to provide 2 fishing BBQ trips to Isleta Lakes.

Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc.**Awarded \$4,000**

Location: Espanola

Las Cumbres Community Services offers a variety of services to help adults with developmental disabilities in Rio Arriba and Los Alamos Counties live as independently as possible while actively participating in their communities. This grant was used to provide consumers a weekly off-site arts and crafts activity. The program had experienced a delay in the first couple of months because the Pottery Studio had closed. Las Cumbres was able to receive permission from the City of Espanola to use their art building and ceramic activities resumed. There were a total of 38 unduplicated participants who participated in the ceramic activities.

The Mental Health Association of New Mexico**Awarded \$4,000
Spent \$2,070.73**

Location: Las Vegas

The Mental health Association of New Mexico (MHA) is a consumer run organization that provides services to help persons in recovery from mental illness or substance abuse to take the steps to become part of their communities. This grant was used to assist consumers in acquiring state Id's and birth certificates. Several consumers received birth certificates and/or state ids/drivers licenses. One consumer was been hired as a mentor and is attending Luna Community College working toward getting his GED. The mentor also attends meetings with the director and speaks about his recovery and how MHA has giving him hope.

Puppet Theatre Los Titiriteros**Awarded \$4,000**

Location: Taos

Puppet Theatre Los Titiriteros is a community performing arts organization conducting theater programs for children and for adults with developmental disabilities. Through this

creative expression individuals develop an increase of self esteem and self efficiency. This grant was used to help with expenses to conduct 8 theater workshops in Espanola for 10 adult consumers from Las Cumbres Community Services. Theatre workshops started September 1st at Las Cumbres and continued every Thursday to prepare for the performance. The performance was on October 21st to an audience of 100+.

San Juan Center for Independence

Awarded \$4,000

Spent \$2,793.60

Location: Farmington

The San Juan Center for independence is an Independent Living Center that provides advocacy, support, and mentoring to individuals with disabilities so they develop the skills necessary to live independently. This grant was used to conduct 3 focus groups in Navajo communities to increase awareness of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals with disabilities. In addition to the focus groups a disability walk was held where over 200 people participated to bring awareness of the importance of passing the "Vulnerable Adult Protection Act," also known as the "Doris Act." Through all their hard work, forums, the walk, radio interviews, newspaper articles, etc., the "Doris Act" was passed and signed by Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly on February 16th, 2012.