



## Senior Living Community Breaks Ground



SHCNM and community partners broke ground on the La Serena apartment community May 20th, 2024. Located on Coors Blvd, in the heart of Albuquerque's west side, this complex will provide 100 affordable homes for seniors 55+. The building is separated into one-and two-bedroom apartments, with a spacious common area featuring amenities like a fitness room and library. La Serena will remain an affordable housing community for a minimum of 40 years. This expansion would not be possible without the support and financing from New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico, City of Albuquerque, CREA, Thomas Development Co. and Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust. Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.

## Words from the President & CEO



I have had, what I believe to be, the privilege to serve as SHCNM's CEO & President a little over a year now. While the organization has

been making progress towards achieving its mission we recognize there is still plenty of work to be done to make housing more accessible for all New Mexicans. With construction nearly complete for San Roque and La Serena breaking ground in April of this year SHCNM and the many partners we work with have been able to create more than 220 units of new housing opportunities for New Mexican families and seniors.

All of this would not be possible without every staff member at SHCNM in their role. I am compelled to say I have never met a more dedicated team whom are loyal, even when times have been tough, and I really mean it when I say that I am here because of them.

# WE'RE BACK!

## Strike Out Homelessness!

We're excited to announce we are bringing back our popular fundraiser, "Strike Out Homelessness"!

The event will be held Saturday, September 28 at Skidmore Holiday Bowl in Albuquerque. Bowling teams will have the option to start at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. We have the capacity to accommodate 52 teams. It's first come first serve - make sure not to wait until the last minute to sign up.

SHCNM is also looking for sponsors who want to partner with us, as we help the community by providing more affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness and/or precariously housed.

SHCNM will be releasing more information through social media.

If you have any questions about the event or want to get involved, contact our new Resource Procurement Coordinator, Ashley Griffin, at [agriffin@shcnm.org](mailto:agriffin@shcnm.org).

"I always loved Strike Out Homelessness! It was a great way to get our names out into the community and really engage with community members who support our mission!"

*Joscylyn Huffmaster, SHCNM Chief Compliance Officer*

## Calling All Landlords!

We could not help our clients without our fantastic property partners!

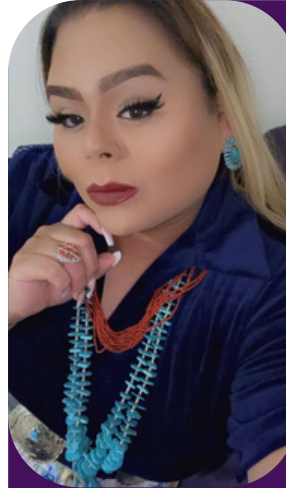
Property partners are landlords that accept SHCNM vouchers, and we are always on the lookout for more.

Benefits of partnering with SHCNM include: guaranteed rent payment and ongoing support.

If you would like more information about becoming a property partner and providing first-hand solutions to housing instability in your community, visit [shcnm.org/property-partners](http://shcnm.org/property-partners).

## Pride Month Staff Spotlight:

### Laila Chas Tso



Laila Tso is the SHCNM Programs and Tribal Initiative Manager. She is also very active in the LGBTQ+ community. Laila is a member of the Navajo Nation and identifies as an Indigenous Trans Woman. She proudly serves as the current chair of the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. Laila has also been a part of

the CABQ American Indian and Alaskan Native Affairs commission.

She is an active member of SHCNM's DEIA Committee, making sure our office is a more understanding and equitable place to work. Laila has just hit a year working at SHCNM and has already made a huge impact on our organization. She champions our intergenerational housing options and ensures any indigenous practices of our clients are considered and respected.

## List of Items Needed for Welcome Basket Program:

- Laundry Basket
- Pillow & case
- Reusable plastic cups
- Garbage bags (tall kitchen)
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels
- Dishes/Silverware (sets of four)
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste & brush
- Body wash
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Comb/brush
- Towels & washcloths
- Kitchen sponges

