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## MESSAGE FROM RTA'S PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their continuing efforts in 2009. Through their dedication and commitment, our organization has once again provided much-needed home repairs and rehabilitation to the homes of low-income and disabled seniors in the Albuquerque area.

We have added six key positions to improve RTA's services: grant writing, RTA web site coordination, bookkeeping/accounting services, volunteer coordination, project management, and program development through an AmeriCorps staff member.

In early 2009, RTA entered into a new partnership with the New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers (NMVIC), a two-year transitional program that provides housing and services for homeless veterans. We were able to support them with a new facelift to their facility and a facility assessment that evaluated the structural needs of the center. All of this was done with the tremendous support of over 180 volunteers and FBT Architects, who planned and conducted the facility assessment.

I am proud to say that RTA's Board of Directors, 343 volunteers, and 47 supporting companies and organizations completed six home projects and the upgrades for the New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers this year.

My goals for 2009-10 are to assure that RTA's name is publicized to the public so that we can better identify needy homeowners and assist our client base, to streamline our start-to-finish process for our projects, and to expand our volunteer data base. In coordination with the RTA Board of Directors, I also plan to drive our commitment to support the NMVIC's new facility and to provide them with the expertise required to provide a safe and comfortable living environment for our homeless veterans.



Kim Trinosky  
President

# 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

## VETERANS INTEGRATION CENTERS

### RTA COORDINATES A MAJOR PROJECT

By M. Maestas-Flores

Few are aware that New Mexico has over 7,000 homeless veterans, an alarming number that should not be. Many are also unaware that in Albuquerque the New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers (NMVIC) has made a valiant effort over the last five years to provide housing, meals, medical services, and a two-year transition program to assist homeless veterans to return to a life of normality. Although the NMVIC has served over 70 residents at a given time, the waiting list of homeless veterans who seek assistance continues to grow and currently numbers over 300—just in the Albuquerque area.

In February, several of RTA's board members, under the leadership of Dorian Atwater, formed an informal partnership to recruit businesses and trades people to assess the structural needs of the NMVIC facility—in order to provide safe and comfortable living quarters for the 70+ veterans. Referred to as the NMVIC Planning Group, this partnership effort grew to include representatives from 14 organizations who donated all their time and efforts, meeting regularly for several months.



In April, as part of RTA's annual project day, over 180 volunteers were on site at the NMVIC's San Pedro and Central facility to paint the two-story, 100+ room motel. Provided with gallons and gallons of paint and all the needed supplies, the volunteers were efficiently supervised and directed by RTA board members, allowing all the painting to be completed by early afternoon. Among the volunteers were 13 representatives from FBT Architects, who completed a facility assessment to determine the structural needs of the center. It was a day of true camaraderie among the volunteers—followed by heartfelt gratitude expressed by the NMVIC residents and personnel.



The NMVIC project, both in coordination of the NMVIC Planning Group and the 180+ volunteers who painted the facility on April 25, has been RTA's largest undertaking since the organization formed over fifteen years ago. This collaboration of organizations, trades people, and volunteers has allowed many to

observe and to treasure what is possible when giving hearts and valued expertise united to assist our local veterans.

RTA deeply appreciates and gratefully thanks all who came forward to assist the NMVIC and its veteran residents!

(See RTA's web site for television news coverage—KOAT, Channel 7, and KRQE, Channel 13—and photographs of the April 25 project day.)



## 2009 HOME PROJECTS

The 2008-09 year resulted in RTA's completion of six home projects for Albuquerque's senior homeowners, as well as assisting with the New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers, a two-year transitional facility that serves homeless veterans. Following are the names of those who provided support and work for each of the projects during the April 25 National Rebuilding Day.

### Home No. 1: Anaya – Northwest Albuquerque

RTA Coordinator: Marilyn Sanchez  
House Captain: Joe Adams  
Sponsor: State Farm Insurance  
Volunteers: 20 - State Farm Insurance  
Work Completed: stucco, paint, yard work

### Home No. 2: Griego – Northeast Albuquerque

RTA Coordinator: Dan Gonzales  
House Captain: Ivan Wells  
Sponsor: Honeywell / Accent Southwest Windows & Doors  
Volunteers: 33 – Honeywell  
Work Completed: stucco, paint, roofing, windows, carpeting/flooring, kitchen cabinets, doors, plumbing repairs, yard work

### Home No. 3: Hare – Northeast Albuquerque

RTA Coordinator: Gene Griego  
House Captain: Don Hoover  
Sponsor: Accent Southwest Windows & Doors / General RTA Funds  
Volunteers – 30 – Hope Worldwide Church  
Work Completed: windows, paint, doors, flooring, water heater, yard work

### Home No. 4: Silva – Southeast Albuquerque

RTA Coordinator: Gene Griego  
House Captain: Sharon Hoover-Thorpe  
Sponsor: Accent Southwest Windows & Doors / General RTA Funds  
Volunteers – 20 – Business Environments / EWI  
Work Completed: windows, paint, electrical repairs, yard work

### Home No. 5: Terry – Northeast Albuquerque

RTA Coordinator: John Lederer  
House Captain: Adam Grierper  
Sponsor: Honeywell  
Volunteers: 17 – Honeywell / AARP  
Work Completed: paint, kitchen appliances, gate, yard work

### Home No. 6 – Walker – Northwest Albuquerque

RTA Coordinator: Marilyn Sanchez  
House Captain: Marie Baca / Dr. Doug Sheram  
Sponsor: Cricket Communications  
Volunteers: 40 – Cricket Communications / Sandia Presbyterian Church  
Work Completed: paint, carpeting and tile, ceiling repairs, wall repairs, bathroom plumbing

### Veterans Integration Centers – Northeast Albuquerque

RTA Coordinators: Dorian Atwater, Bruce Farmer, Teresa Huppertz, Anton Johansen, Margie Maestas-Flores, Fred Silva, Kim Trinosky  
Sponsor: Sears Holdings / K-Mart  
Volunteers – 183 (See NMVIC article at left.)  
Work Completed: paint, facility assessment

Thanks!  
You went  
All out



you Marilyn, Chris, numerous volunteers (like the list) who transformed our house from an ugly dwelling to a beautiful one and friends have been raising the roof! We thank you all for the time and effort you put into the Fall of 08 and the renovation of our mother's house. We would never have completed the renovation at the level we did without your help. Thank you very much for another successful day for another deserving senior citizen. The family of Sandra

Matthew 25: 35-40  
continued success to your organization. I like to sleep on the carpet cause it's so soft!  
Tyre great grandson  
Marsha Mark daughter  
Nathan, grandson  
Tomar... and the results were outstanding!  
great granddaughter  
Clemantine Walker  
Kimberly Dawber  
KAYIA  
Nakia great grand daughter  
Jocelyn Hanks great-grand daughter  
Ike so mother  
Kensan  
SANIYA great-granddaughter

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Mr. Kim Trinosky, President  
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July 29, 2009

Dear President Trinosky:

On behalf of the NMVIC Executive Board, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Dorian Atwater and all the RTA members and volunteers who came together in a formalized fashion in support of the Veterans Integration Center. The RTA team and volunteers united with an energetic and enthusiastic approach to assist the Integration Center in keeping doors open and gave us hope to continue to serve our homeless veteran community. I was personally impressed by the meticulous planning and professional competence demonstrated by all who participated in this effort. It is truly refreshing to know there are still organizations as yours with a great, indomitable spirit.

To all the team members

I wish to say thank you on my home.

The Team led by the Team beyond the call of duty, was wife Cherie, his brother Jerry

The Team members were from AARP

Linda Lentz, Jan Caron, John AND Honeywell

Clara Serrano, Geetha & Tyson B. Debbie Serna, Mark Biegler, Adam

The team are very pleasant people and they were efficient, organized and kept the neatest job of painting I have ever seen. They work; provided their own tools, supplies, equipment and a potty.

A new dishwasher, stove cooktop were installed, a new gate, sidewalk, cement slab and crawl space covering were built. Jerry Wells did a professional job of repairing ceiling sheetrock in two rooms.

I can't begin to express my gratitude for the whole organization's work in my behalf. It is all greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Josie Terry

After 9/11, our country united in unbounded enthusiasm in support of our troops. The service and to demonstrate a spirited sense of responsibility. We are truly grateful every one of you.

The teamwork displayed by the many volunteers is ample attestation of RTA's organization and leadership. Thank you for all that you do for veterans!

Sincerely,

*Larry J. Campos*  
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President

cc: Dorian Atwater, RTA Board of Directors

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## VOLUNTEER GROUPS

AARP  
Business Environments  
Calvary Chapel  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Cricket Communications  
EWI  
FBT Architects

Danny Garcia  
Honeywell  
Hope Worldwide Church  
NM Finishing Trades Institute  
Sandia Presbyterian Church  
St. Pius X High School  
State Farm Insurance

## NMVIC VOLUNTEERS - PROJECT DAY

Allstate Insurance  
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Latter-Day Saints (85 volunteers!)  
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