



A 501(c)3 non-profit
founded in 1979

Seven days a week, meetings are held (over 50 each week) ensuring that individuals in recovery and seeking recovery have access to support and companionship.

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Our Mission

Welcome to the Friendship Club of Santa Fe. Our mission is to provide and maintain a multi-use community center that promotes activities and events focusing on mental, spiritual and physical recovery. We provide an inviting, supportive environment where people in recovery can heal and help one another

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Dear Community,

As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude for another extraordinary year at the Friendship Club. Every day, we witness lives transformed — through connection, service, and the simple power of showing up. This report shares the



numbers, the stories, and the spirit of what we've built together.

The year 2025 was especially meaningful as it marked the 45th anniversary of the Friendship Club. We celebrated this milestone with special events including community outreach, art exhibitions, auctions, and guest speakers; drawing a record number of visitors — both our regular attendees and many newcomers experiencing the Club for the first time. These celebrations were not only joyful, but also highly successful in strengthening bonds within our community.

Thanks to your continued support, the Friendship Club remained open seven days a week, offering a safe, welcoming space for recovery, fellowship, and growth. New programs took root, long-standing ones flourished, and countless individuals found the strength to begin again. We invite you to read this report not just as a summary of the past year, but as a celebration of our shared commitment to hope, healing, and community. None of it would be possible without you.

With deep appreciation,

Sherman Allen, Executive Director

Mary Stramel, Board President

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Friendship Club



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our People

The Heart of The Friendship Club has always been its people. Our dedicated Board of Directors, Executive Director, staff volunteers, and members work together everyday to create a welcoming space where recovery, connection and hope can thrive.

In 2025, our Board expanded, bringing new perspectives and energy to our mission. Alongside our staff and volunteers, they continue to guide and strengthen the work we do. Every person who gives their time and support plays an important role in making The Friendship Club the special place it is today.



**FAMILY
BINGO
BASH**



Childcare

This year, we were excited to expand our childcare services, helping more families participate in meetings, programs and community events. By creating a supportive environment for parents and caregivers, we continue working toward making recovery accessible to anyone.

Community Engagement/Collaborations/Partnerships

One of our greatest strengths is the relationships with 12-step recovery groups. We welcome new collaborators who help bring poetry workshops, visual arts, live music, yoga classes, dances, sober social events, and other experiences to our community. These partnerships have allowed us to create a more vibrant and inclusive space where people can find support, discover new interests and build meaningful connections.

Friendship Club Studio

Our media studios continue to grow as a center for communication, recovery and outreach. Home to the High Desert Sobriety, our flagship podcast, the studio reaches listeners throughout New Mexico and across the world, sharing messages of hope and recovery with a growing audience.

Our state-of-the-art Owl Meeting Lab provides a welcoming and fully equipped hybrid meeting space, making it easier than ever for people to stay connected regardless of where they are.



Beyond meetings and podcasts, our studios now support audio book recordings, personal legacy projects, hybrid events, and community collaborations. They also play an important role in public service efforts, including bilingual (English and Spanish) DWI Impact Panels and partnerships with the City and the County of Santa Fe focused on supporting at-risk youth.



Together, these accomplishments reflect more than growth; they reflect the power of community. Every volunteer, member, donor, partner, and supporter helps make this work possible, creating opportunities for healing, recovery, and hope for all who walk through the doors.

46th Anniversary/ Recovery Day Celebration



The Friendship Club celebrated 46 years of partnering with and serving the Santa Fe recovery community with a joyous gathering at the Club September 27, 2025.

The event was an enormous success with over two hundred attendees. Participants enjoyed delicious food catered by our community's renowned chef Kit along with treats contributed by club members and supporters.

OUR SEVEN FOUNDERS

This plaque is in honor of the seven original founders of the friendship club which was incorporated on the 12th day of December 1979, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Without their vision and their commitment, we would not

Mary S. Howells
Barbara Bolls
John Flynn
Mollie Freeman
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Thank you!

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Resources

INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Room Rentals

Room 1: 30' by 40', seats 80

(with microphones and speakers)

Room 2: 23' by 33', seats 50 (with

projector and screen) **Room 3:** 16'

by 20', seats 25 **Room 4:** 14' by

16' (With permanent conference

table and excellent zoom room

capability)

All of the rooms have heating and air conditioning, and can be closed off from the rest of the building. Typical use is for 12 step and other recovery meetings, but we are also available to compatible uses, pending a meeting with staff to determine schedule and price. *Contact Sherm A. for a tour and/or to schedule a meeting or event:*



Room 2



Room 3



Room 4

The Zoom Room for hybrid meetings



Podcast Studio



The highly acclaimed "High Desert Sobriety" podcast is recorded at the Friendship Club.

Now the cozy recording studio at the Club is available to rent for other recording projects.

The Friendship Club is a 6,000-square-foot recovery community center located in the heart of Santa Fe. Open seven days a week, 365 days a year, our facility provides a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals and families can find connection, support, and hope.



More than a building, the Friendship Club serves as a gathering place where people share their experience, strength, and hope while building lasting relationships in recovery.

The Friendship Club is home to a wide range of recovery fellowships and support groups, including:

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

AI-Anon

ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

CA (Cocaine Anonymous)

CODA (Codependents Anonymous)

DA (Debtors Anonymous)

GA (Gamblers Anonymous)

NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

OE (Overeaters Anonymous)

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)

Recovery Dharma

AAA (All Addicts Anonymous)

Double Winners (AA and AI-Anon)

Spanish-language recovery meetings and other specialized recovery communities

Each week, more than 50 meetings take place within our walls, serving hundreds of individuals seeking recovery, fellowship, and personal growth. More than 200 people walk through our doors on a typical day. An up-to-date meeting schedule is always available at www.friendshipclubsantafe.org. We continue to welcome new groups to use our facility.

The Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office is located on the second floor of our building, providing literature, information, phone support, and daily Zoom meetings that connect more than 125 participants worldwide each day.

Community Organizations and Programs

The Friendship Club also provides affordable meeting and event space to organizations whose work strengthens our community.

The VOICE Project, Led by Santa Fe's Poet Laureate, *Tommy Archuleta*

The VOICE Project offers individuals experiencing homelessness and other life challenges a safe and supportive environment to explore creative writing, self-expression, and personal growth.

DWI Impact Panel

This statewide, court-ordered program allows individuals convicted of driving while intoxicated to hear firsthand accounts from victims, survivors, and family members affected by impaired driving, promoting accountability, awareness, and positive change.

Recovery and Aftercare Groups

Numerous recovery-focused organizations utilize our facility for peer support meetings, aftercare services, educational programming, and recovery-related activities in a safe and welcoming environment.

Youth Violence Intervention Programs

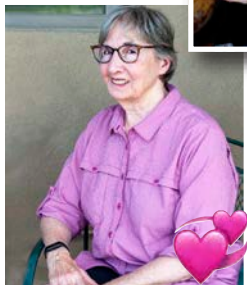
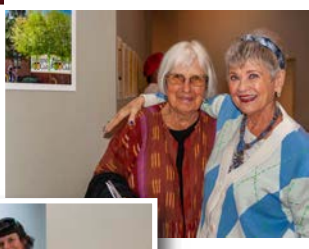
Other organizations use our facility to provide education, counseling, mentorship, and early intervention services for at-risk youth and their families.

"By opening our doors to a diverse range of recovery, educational, and community programs, the Friendship Club serves thousands of individuals each year."

And More ...

Volunteers

The Friendship Club depends on its volunteers! Volunteers often receive gifts of appreciation from the Club such as meals and parties together, gift cards, and tee shirts.



VOLUNTEERS

The Heart of Our Club: Volunteers and Donors

*Many hands
make
light work*

At The Friendship Club of Santa Fe, everything we do is made possible by the kindness, generosity, and dedication of our volunteers and donors. They are the heart of our community and the reason we are able to provide support, hope, and connect to so many people.

Our volunteers give so much more than their time; they give their compassion, their energy, and their hearts. With more than 50 dedicated individuals, we are fortunate to have people who consistently show up ready to serve, support, and make a difference. Whether it's working a shift at the coffee bar, helping with events, keeping our space welcoming and comfortable, or simply lending a helping hand, their contributions help create a place where hope, connection, and recovery can flourish.

Our donors are equally important to our mission. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us continue providing a safe and supportive environment for those who walk through our doors. Their generosity helps fund essential supplies, community events, volunteer meals and countless other resources that strengthen our ability to serve others.

Real change happens when people come together and share what they can; whether it's time, resources, or simply a willingness to help. Every volunteer and donor becomes part of a larger story: one of hope, compassion, healing and community.

To our Volunteers and Donors: Thank you!



You are the heartbeat of The Friendship Club and because of you, lives are being changed.



An Invitation . . .

If you've ever wondered how you can help, the answer is simple: you don't have to do everything- *just something*.

We invite you to join us, get involved, and become part of the difference. Together, we can continue building a stronger, more compassionate community for everyone.



FINANCIALS

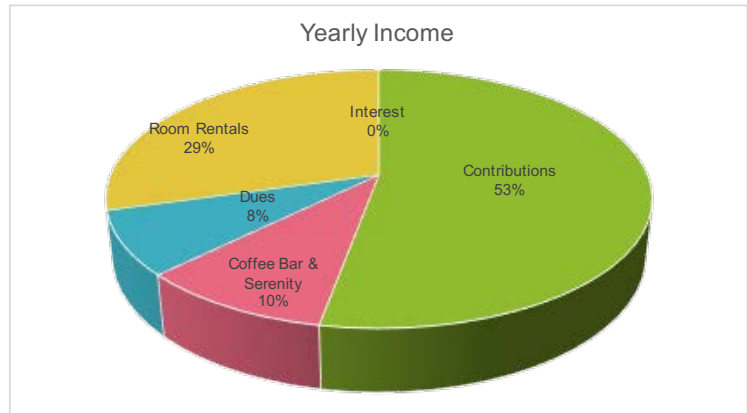
Contact us and/or visit our website for more information on our resources and external resources
 Our IRS 990 is available on our website www.friendshipclubsantafe.org 505.982.9040

Yearly Income
 \$189,000.00

Yearly Expenses
 \$189,000.00

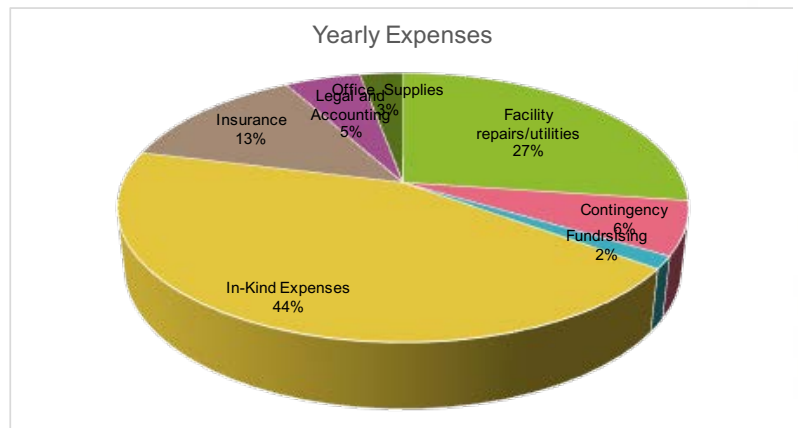
Yearly Income

Item	Amount
Contributions	\$100,000.00
Coffee Bar & Serenity	\$18,500.00
Dues	\$15,000.00
Room Rentals	\$55,435.00
Interest	\$65.00
	\$189,000.00



Yearly Expenses

Item	Amount
Facility repairs/utilities	\$18,600.00
Contingency	\$4,400.00
Fundrsising	\$1,020.00
In-Kind Expenses	\$30,000.00
Insurance	\$9,000.00
Legal and Accounting	\$3,500.00
Office. Supplies	\$2,000.00
Printing	\$1,800.00
Professional Services	\$12,000.00
Safety	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$8,000.00
Telephone	\$650.00
Travel	\$300.00
Bank Charges	\$320.00
Wages and taxes	\$98,210.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$189,000.00



The Friendship Club continues to seek financial support to provide and expand recovery services for our community through your donations and grants. Please consider a one-time or recurring donation.

- Make checks payable to: The Friendship Club of Santa Fe, P.O. Box 6723, Santa Fe, NM 87502
- On our website: www.friendshipclub-santafe.org
- Scan



We are deeply grateful for your support

TESTIMONIAL

MY STORY – A TRIUMPH OF RECOVERY AND MIRACLES AT THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Less than three years ago, my life was a storm I could no longer navigate. I was homeless in Nashville and later in Albuquerque, drifting from place to place with no direction and no hope. Meth had taken over every part of my existence. I used as much as I could, numbing myself day after day, trapped in a state of psychosis that separated me from reality and from myself.

Hunger, fear, and chaos ruled my life. I dug through dumpsters for food and picked fights in the streets-sometimes to feel something, sometimes because I couldn't feel anything at all. I abandoned my responsibilities and drifted further and further from the person I once hoped I could become. Those were the darkest days of my life.

THE TURNING POINT

Something inside me-something faint but still alive-pushed me to reach for help. I came to Santa Fe for treatment, not knowing what would happen, but knowing I couldn't survive the life I was living. That single decision changed everything. And it saved my life.

Early recovery was not easy. It was raw, uncomfortable, and full of emotions I had spent years running from. But it was also the first time in a long time that I wasn't alone. Through treatment and 12-step meetings, I began to rediscover who I was-and who I could become.

THE MIRACLES BEGAN AT THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The place where my recovery truly blossomed-the place where miracles started happening-was the Friendship Club. What began as a meeting space soon became the center of my new life. It became my home group, the place I returned to again and again because hope lived in those rooms. The people there didn't see me as a lost cause or a collection of my past mistakes. They saw me as someone worth saving, someone capable of rising.

At the Friendship Club, I met my sponsor, a person whose guidance and belief in me made the 12 steps more than a process-they became a path to freedom. Together, we worked those steps, uncovering truth, facing pain, making amends, and building a foundation I had never had before.

But recovery wasn't just about the hard work. It was also about rediscovering joy. I began joining the activities at the Friendship Club-bingo nights full of laughter, cornhole games that brought out the best kind of competitive spirit, trivia gatherings where strangers became friends. These moments reminded me that life in recovery isn't just surviving sobriety. It's about living fully, joyfully, and connected.

THE LIFE I LIVE TODAY

Recovery turned my world around-not through one single miracle, but a thousand small ones that unfolded day after day:

- The miracle of waking up sober.
- The miracle of trusting people-and being trusted.
- The miracle of laughter, community, and shared purpose.
- The miracle of having a home group that feels like family.
- The miracle of discovering I still had a future.

Everything I have today-my stability, my clarity, my relationships, and my sense of self-started with the courage to seek help and the love, fellowship, and structure I found at the Friendship Club.

Less than three years ago, I was lost in chaos. Today, I am living a life I once believed was impossible. My story is proof of what recovery can do, and it is a dedication to the miracles that happen when people come together, lift each other up, and refuse to give up on one another.

The Friendship Club didn't just help save my life. It helped me build a life worth living.

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*Thank you to everyone who has given to the
Friendship Club in so many ways.*

