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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGR

NEWSLETTER

The FGP staff hopes you had a wonderful holiday break and were able to get some much-needed rest, time with friends and family, and just allaround fun. As we head into 2025, we wish you the very best and a new year full of new challenges and adventures.

We want to give a huge welcome to our new volunteers and remind everyone to pass the word along that we are looking for new volunteers. We have multiple requests at the schools and not enough foster grandparents to cover those requests. This is a testament to the impact on our youth and the teachers that you all have as you serve the next generation, thank you for all you do! You are the best FGP advocates.

Remember that our In-services are mandatory training hours for each person in the program. For those that are going to fall short, you will be required to complete make-up training - FGP staff will be making appointments a little later in the year. Please plan to attend the in-services, the next one on **17** January at the Barelas Community Center at 10:00 am. They are always informative, fun, time to get to know each other, time to enjoy a fun lunch together, and let's not forget required. We also use this time to get all of the records and required signatures, etc. completed. When you miss these opportunities then we also miss that time to connect with you and get all required accounting chores caught up - then office visits end up being required. Help us to keep current and up to date by scheduling to be at the in-services...plus we miss you when you're not there.

HERE'S TO A GREAT NEW YEAR...YOUR FGP STAFF, MARIE, JONI, & ESTELLE

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OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED January 1 - Happy New Year January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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Welcome our Newest FAP Volunteers

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HELLO MY NAME IS

If you are in Service, then you should be wearing your Foster Grandparent Name Tag to trainings, events, service projects, and while you're in service. If you have any questions, please call the office.



<u> Inclement Weather Policy</u> Winter is here! Please stay safe and warm. The Foster Grandparent Program follows the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) policy for snow day delays and closures. During these occurrences, please check the television, internet, or radio for official closures or delays. Volunteers serving in the Pueblos are advised to use their judgement and follow the instructions provided by assigned volunteer stations. For more information refer to your FGP Handbook. Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Please remember to always check your timesheets. Important information is on your timesheet. When timesheet says Due, complete with expected schedule, circle lunches, sign, & have school supervisor sign, send/email on time. We no longer have a fax.

All FGP timesheets are processed on one invoice...if one timesheet is late, the entire invoice is late.

Be Heard ~ Have a Say ~Join the FGP/SCP Advisory Council! You can fill out a self-nomination form! Call Joni to get the form or stop by the office and fill one out. Next Meeting 15 Jan at Bear Canyon Senior Center 10:00-12:00













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MANDATORY JANUARY IN-SERVICE Friday, January 17, 2025

10:00 am - 1:30 pm -+2 - 4+-

Barelas Community Center 801 Barelas SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 (Nest to Barelas Senior Center)

Join us for a very informational presentation by Helen Sisneros and the STB Trainers with UNMH injury Prevention Program. Presenting on Violence & Leadership Facilitating "Stop the Bleed" Training How to help the youth of today!

For those on Transportation: Pick,-up begins at 8:45 am

> For questions & RSVP Please call the office 505-764-6404



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JANUARY 17TH 5:30 - 8:00 PM SERVING

ROTISSERIE CHICKEN ROSEMARY POTATOES CORN W/ RED PEPPERS **GRAPES & SPARKLING CIDER**

MEALS ARE SERVED FROM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM ONLY

WATCHING YES DAY- PG

NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER 7521 CARMEL AVE NE | (505)764-6475







Foster Grandparent Program/ Senior Companion Program Advisory Council Needs your Leadership & Experience

Forming a new Advisory Council, sponsored by the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs. Community minded individuals are needed to serve as Council Members for two very important programs that have been assisting children & schools and senior to senior companions in the City of Albuquerque for over 40 years.

The purpose of the FGP/SCP Advisory Council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Program staff in matters affecting planning and formulation of local policy. Council members assist in promoting community support for the Program. The Council helps evaluate the effectiveness of the Program and may serve as a grievance body. Council Members also help in developing local resources through fundraising to supplement the Volunteer Recognition budget.

FGP: Help kids learn and guide students to higher academic achievement. The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) connects role models like you with schools and programs to serve young people with exceptional needs inteers serve an average of 20 hours Volu week and receive meals while serving. Stipend and mileage available to those that qualify

SCP: Help a senior live independently. Serve as a friend and provide assistance to seniors who have difficulty with daily living tasks or who are lonely. The Senior Companion Program (SCP) aims to keep seniors living in their own homes and to provide respite to family caregivers through home visits. Volunteers serve an average of 10 hours a week. Stipend and mileage available to those that qualify.

More information :

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Baked Ziti with Sausage



Prep Time: 25 Min Cook Time: 30 Min Yield: 6 Servings

Nutrition Facts 1-1/3 cups: 324 calories, 11g fat (6g saturated fat), 38mg cholesterol, 796mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 3g fiber), 26g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 3 lean meat, 3 vegetable, 1 starch.

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 jar (28 ounces) reduced-sodium meatless spaghetti sauce
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (12 ounces) tomato paste
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano, divided
- 1 package (16 ounces) ziti or 16 ounces small tube pasta
- 1 carton (15 ounces) reduced-fat ricotta cheese
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Directions

- In a large saucepan, cook beef and onions over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in the spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, tomato paste, water, parsley, Worcestershire sauce, basil and 1 teaspoon oregano. Cover and simmer for 3 hours, stirring occasionally.
- 2 Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. In a large bowl, combine the ricotta, mozzarella, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, egg substitute, salt and pepper.
- 3 In two greased 13x9-in. baking dishes coated with cooking spray, spread 1 cup of meat sauce. In each dish, layer a fourth of the pasta, 1 cup meat sauce and a fourth of the cheese mixture. Repeat layers of pasta, sauce and cheese mixture.
- 4 Top with remaining sauce. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese and oregano. Cover and bake at 350° for 1 hour or until heated through.





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w/ Tart Mashed Corn &		28 • Chicken Tamales w/ Red Chile & Pepitas • Steamed Mushroom • Berry Compote • 1% milk	29 • Diced Pork w/ Gravy • Sweet Potato Mash • Green Beans • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Jell-O • 1% milk	30 • Spaghetti w/ Tomato Sauce & Mushrooms • Cauliflower w/ Pepitas • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Orange • 1% milk	31 • Beef Tips w/ Gravy • Brown Rice • Roasted Fall Veggies • Diner Roll/Margarine • Mixed Berries • 1% milk