



Fall 2025

SHEPHERD'S CALL



**EMBRACING CHANGE
LIKE THE SEASONS**

*Compassionate Care for
New Mexicans in Need*

In Grateful Memory of

Deacon Steve Sumiyama Rangel

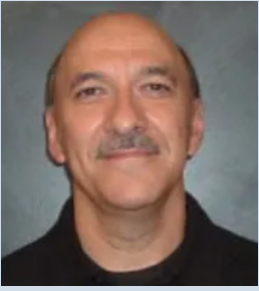
Former Good Shepherd Center Board of Directors President



The Good Shepherd Center has been blessed to have had Deacon Steve as the President of our Board of Directors for the past 5 years. Deacon Steve had a passionate and sincere interest, both in our Center and those we serve.

Perhaps that passion was best shown during the preparation for our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage celebration. Deacon Steve used his considerable contacts throughout Albuquerque to ensure that this celebration would be a festive and beneficial dinner.

Deacon Steve had many and varied interests, The Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians to name a few. But his real devotion was to his family and his Catholic faith. On behalf of all you assisted at the Good Shepherd Center, The Hospitaller Order of St John of God and the many lives you touched by your involvement, thank you, good and faithful servant. May God grant you eternal rest and comfort to all who mourn you.



Taking the Reins

Please welcome our new Board President!
Deacon Michael Illerbrun
of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Deacon Michael Illerbrun has graciously assumed the Board of Directors President mantle to continue in the footsteps of Deacon Steve Rangel. He has served as a member on the Board of Directors for five years so he is greatly experienced with Good Shepherd Center already.

Deacon Michael gave us a quick overview of how he landed with us here:

Born in northern Appalachia to a lower middle-class working family, both of his parents worked their entire lives and had six children at home.

After high school he attended the University of Texas where he met and married the love of his life, his wonderful wife, Donna.

After graduation he joined the Air Force and he and Donna began to travel the world in service to the nation for the next 26 years. He retired in Albuquerque as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Along the way he assumed more and more responsibility in the Church. He was a lector, eucharistic minister, finance council

member and Pastoral Council president. He finally was ordained as a deacon of the Church in 2009 here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

He attained a Bachelor's Degree in government and two Master's Degrees—one in Public Administration and one in Theology.

He has worked at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church for the past 18 years as the Director of Faith Formation and now as the Pastoral Associate.

He is also on the Deacon Council for the Archdiocese as well as on the Deacon Formation Board.

He and his wife have three wonderful children of whom they are very proud and 11 grandchildren.

Good Shepherd Center welcomes Deacon Michael into his new position in our Board of Directors and looks forward to continuing our work to support those most in need with his aid, as well as that of the entire Board of Directors!



Coffee is a staple of our guests' days, especially as the weather turns colder. Please help keep the supply percolating. All ground coffee appreciated.

Toward Sustainability

Laundry is a constant chore here at Good Shepherd, with all overnight linens requiring washing every day. Using our dryers is both expensive and costly for the environment and we have made a step toward lessening both burdens.

With an annual average of 310 dry and sunny days, Albuquerque is the perfect place to take advantage of the power of the sun. At the beginning of July, we installed heavy-duty retractable clotheslines that are able to dry those linens without need for additional power. Nature has provided us with the ultimate clothes dryer system!

It's through efforts like this that Good Shepherd Center strives to be a good steward to our Earth and our community. Our new line-drying process frees up resources that can be better put toward other areas in our mission to help those in need.



Keeping our Eden safe and our Mission sustainable

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.'

—Genesis 2:15

From Our Executive Director

As another Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, what better time to give thanks to our donors and benefactors than now. Every Thanksgiving this becomes a bit more challenging. There are no words to adequately express our deep, deep appreciation for all that your support allows us to do.

We exist in Albuquerque because of you. We provide our various services and programs because of you. Your continued support is our life's blood. How can we adequately thank you in words? If you're reading this newsletter, chances are you are one of our supporters.

Please know that our benefactors are remembered each day in our daily prayer. Each Thanksgiving reminds us all of your generous spirit throughout the year. To all of you, have a blessed Thanksgiving...and thanks!

In Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

Brother Nicholas Foran, OH
Executive Director

Golfing for a Cause



Get ready to start your engines!

We look forward to seeing you this coming summer at our annual Deacon Steve Rangel Memorial Golf Tournament. Teams of four will do their best to out-swing the rest of the pack for exciting prizes, all in the name of raising funds for Good Shepherd Center's programs that aid those most in need.

Stay Tuned to our Facebook and Webpage for More Details!

Anyone interested in making the 2026 Deacon Steve Rangel Memorial Tournament the best yet, please consider volunteering to serve on the golf tournament organizing committee. We need to get an early start in the preparations. For more information, please contact: Ron Andazola at (505) 249-0963.

In Our Prayers

Harold Nedell
Dick Maguire
The Doherty Family
Joe and Lisa Baca
Patricia Gallacher
Family of Mary de Lopez
Manuel Adam Gomez
Frank Saavedra

In Thanks

We would like to apologize to the generous parishoners of Holy Ghost Catholic Church who we neglected to thank in our last newsletter. They provide tasty and nourishing casseroles for those in the community who come to us hungry and in need.

Thank You!

Ways to Help

In addition to financial gifts, Good Shepherd Center's guests are always in need of:

Personal Items:

T-Shirts
Jeans/Pants
Shoes/Sandals
Full-Sized Toiletries
Travel-Sized Toiletries
Underwear—new, all sizes boxer-briefs

Food:

Rice
Bottled Water
Canned Beans
Ground Coffee
Canned Tuna and Meats
Canned Vegetables and Tomatoes

Join the Shepherds of Change

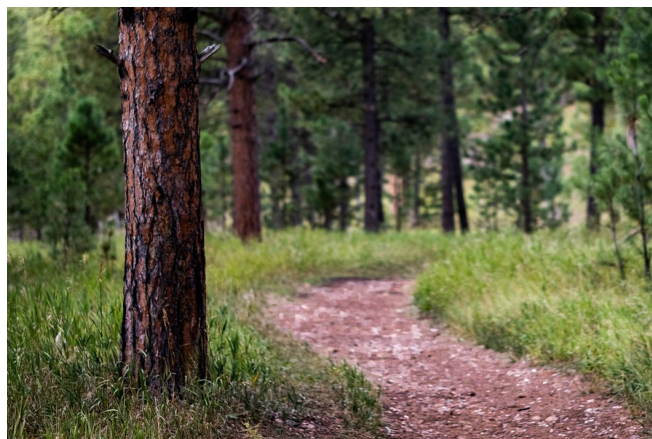
Our community depends on us every month, and we invite you to stand by our side.

By joining our special circle of monthly donors, your steady and reliable support will be the heartbeat of our mission, helping us plan in advance and keep our programs going strong. You'll be there every month, every day, and every step of the way—providing the security, stability, and support that truly restores lives.

To learn more about joining our monthly giving program, visit us at:
www.gscnm.org/creditchdonation



Leave a Path



With every moment of kindness and gesture of generosity, you have walked alongside your neighbors in need. When you make the meaningful decision to include Good Shepherd Center as part of your legacy, you aren't just supporting someone step-by-step. You're guiding the way forward for countless people who will feel you there beside them for many years to come.

If you would like to learn more about how a gift in your will can change countless lives in our community, contact Heather Mattax at:

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