

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

On October 24, 2008, NMCLA will hold its annual New Volunteers training for new and prospective volunteers. Training will be held at Los Griegos Health and Social Services Center located at 1231 Candelaria Road NW, 761-4050. An application has been filed with MCCLE and the training will likely be approved for 3 CLE general credits.

Guest speakers and NMCLA Board members will present topics such as Faith Sharing, ADR Conflict Resolution, How to Counsel, How to Work with Family Relations Issues, How to Work with Minor Criminal Issues, Clinical Client Interviews, and How to Become Advocates for the Poor.

## WEBSITE

NMCLA's website launched on April 1, 2008.

Please visit the site at [www.nmchristianlegalaid.com](http://www.nmchristianlegalaid.com) to obtain information and dates for upcoming events, contact information, and previous editions of our newsletter.

To view the events calendar, click on the **SIGN IN** tab at the top of the Home Page and type in the word **volunteer** as the Username and **legalaid** as the Password in lower case letters with no spaces. See you online!

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT

NMCLA celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday evening, January 24, 2009. The historic event will be marked with a fantastic speaker, marvelous dinner, and testimonies from people who have been helped by our organization. Please save the date on your calendars. This promises to be a great event.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, e-mail it to [nmcla.coordinator@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcla.coordinator@yahoo.com), and it will be posted on the Volunteers Page of the website.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a visible God-directed fellowship of Christian lawyers and other volunteers providing Christ-centered assistance to the poor and reconciling the legal profession to God.



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## PLACE Program Receives National Recognition

NMCLA's Preventative Law and Community Education (PLACE) Program received national recognition in a recent Christian Legal Society (CLS) study. The soon to be released report reviewed four PLACE programs and recognized NMCLA for outstanding program agenda and curriculum quality.

PLACE teaches the poor and homeless how to avoid commonly encountered legal difficulties and educates them on their rights and responsibilities under the law. The program's goal is to prevent or minimize the impact of legal issues that adversely affect poor and homeless persons and their families.

### PLACE PLANS FOR FALL '08

Fall 2008 PLACE sessions are tentatively set for October 2008 at Noon Day, Abq Rescue Mission, and Joy Junction. Specific dates will be announced soon and will include exciting and dynamic program amendments. In 2007, the program served over 1000 persons. The 2008, the program is projected to reach nearly 1500 homeless and needy in the Albuquerque area.

**Thanks to the many volunteers who help make this program a resounding success.**

## Fellowship Luncheon

On July 18, 2008, 24 NMCLA volunteers met for a wonderful Fellowship Luncheon at Le Peep restaurant that featured guest speaker, Judge Stan Whitaker. Judge Whitaker spoke to the group and those in attendance were moved and encouraged by his inspiring message.

Those who attended this special event were Paul Yarborough, Mike Gallegos and guest, Lynn Gentry, Jim Roach, John Robb, Keith Franchini, Michael Hoferkamp, John Nilan, JiSan Lopez, Lucia O'Connor and guests, Rich Neely, Lisa Torracco, Joe Wertz, Karole Kohl, Jaime McKenna, Bill L'Esperance, and UNM Law students, Katrina Richards, Shannon Sherrell, Samantha Madrid, and Deborah Stambach.



Volunteers attend Fellowship luncheon



## 2008 Board Retreat

The NMCLA Board of Directors met on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the Rekindling Retreat Center to set goals and plan for the remainder of 2008 and 2009. Thanks to everyone who offered their prayers and support to the Board as they planned for the future of this dynamic ministry. Goals for the next three years include: increasing prayer support, increasing volunteers' faith sharing, adding volunteers, increasing the number of clients served at Albuquerque Rescue Mission and Joy Junction, generating greater community presence and public awareness and opening a new service site by 2012.

A special thanks to Dalton Jantzen for guiding and directing the Board in its strategic planning and to Vicky Jantzen for the delicious meals and afternoon snack. The Board was blessed to have such wonderful hosts.



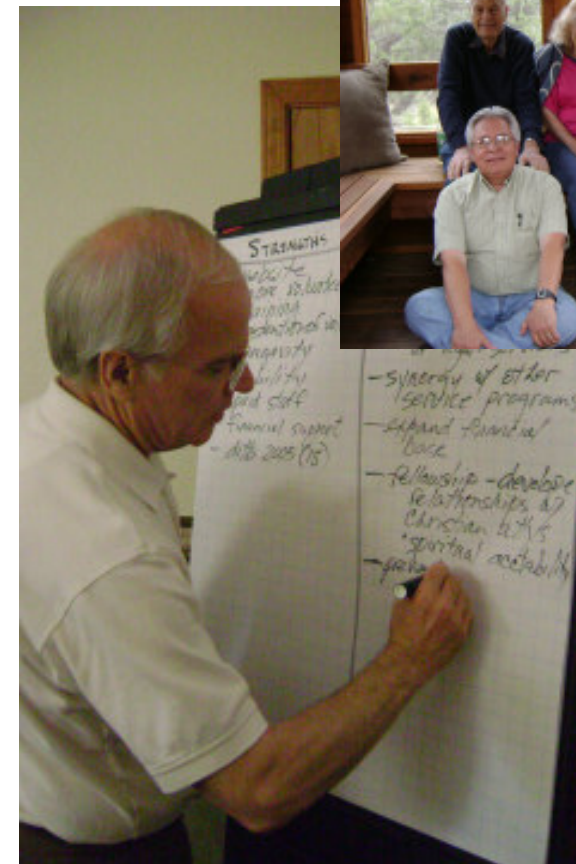
Planning exercise



NMCLA Board



Dalton facilitates planning



Jim Roach



Joe Wertz, Judge Romero, Jenica Jacobi & John Robb