

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Save the date for the next Fellowship Luncheon. Join us for food, fun and fellowship at 12:00 at Le Peep Restaurant (Kimo Room), 2125 Louisiana Blvd NE, Suite 100, on July 18, 2008. Lunch is followed by a brief and inspiring message from Judge Stan Whitaker.

10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

NMCLA celebrate its 10th Anniversary on January 23, 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 spectacular event.

THANK YOU!

Thanks so much for your continuing support of NMCLA. Private donations help us embrace new challenges and opportunities. Recent gifts from donors:
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BOARD RETREAT

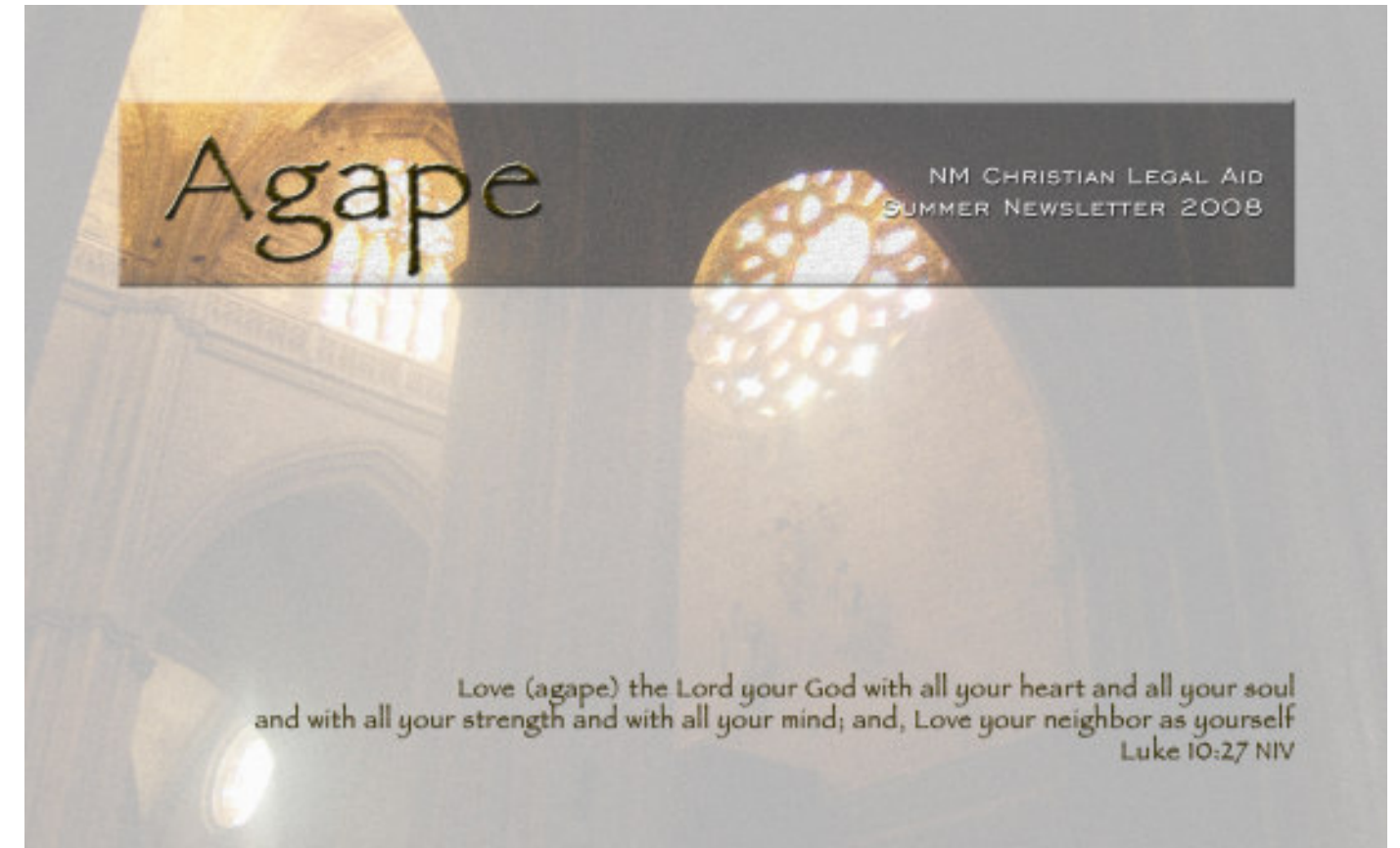
The NMCLA Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the Rekindling Retreat Center to conduct strategic planning and set goals for 2009 and the remainder of 2008. Please pray for your organization's leadership as they plan for the future of New Mexico Christian Legal Aid.

WEBSITE

NMCLA's website launched on April 1, 2008.

Please visit the site at 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 on line!



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300 CENTRAL SW, SUITE 1500-WEST
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102



NMCLA Training Seminar

On April 25, 2008, volunteers, prospective volunteers, and board members gathered at the State Bar Center to fellowship over lunch and attend a training seminar that provided up to 3 MCLE general credits.

Joe Allred spoke on Criminal Law and Metro Court Procedures. Don Vigil spoke on Disability Benefits. Bill L'Esperance spoke on Veterans Benefits. Steve Torres spoke on working with mentally ill clients. Judge Benjamin Chavez and Court Administrators presented on Homeless Court. Cherrie Harris, Director of Legal FACS, spoke about the agency's referral service and self-help agency.



NMCLA Seminar attendees

Those who attended the seminar were Laura Boyett, Jenica Jacobi, Suann Hendren, Robyn Hoffman, Jay R. Hone, William A. L'Esperance, Katherine A. Lockamy, Anne Marie Puglisi, James T. Roach, Amy Sirignano, George F. Stevens, Christopher L. Trammell, John Romero, Leah Quesada, Barbara Hegge, Mike Peters, Annette Padilla, Jill Ingraham, and John Robb.

Thanks to the speakers who graciously gave their time and expertise and to those who attended this special event. You all helped make the seminar a resounding success.



Speaker Joe Allred



Speaker Don Vigil



Speaker Bill L'Esperance

Connect to Care

On May 3, 2008, New Mexico Christian Legal Aid joined community providers, the NM Coalition to End Homelessness, the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Albuquerque, Comcast, and St. Martin's Hospitality Center, in an exciting Connect to Care event that served nearly 700 homeless and needy men, women and children.



Connect to Care community providers

The event connected homeless persons with medical care, substance abuse treatment providers, and mental health counseling. The event also brought together several services critical to helping homeless citizens secure housing, employment assistance, social security, and legal assistance.



Persons served by Connect to Care

NMCLA volunteers joined over 30 service organizations, including the Barrett Foundation, Dept of Workforce Solutions, Healthcare for the Homeless, Social Security Administration, the VA Medical Center, to provide information and referrals.



Connect to Care volunteer

Special thanks to Sherrie Trescott, Lucia O'Connor, Lynn Gentry, Robyn Hoffman, Jerry Dixon, and Jim Roach for giving up a Saturday morning to work the NMCLA booth.

Thanks ladies and gentlemen. Your service is deeply appreciated!



APD Chief Ray Shultz