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From the Executive Director

I hope my letter to you finds you well and in anticipation of the upcoming holidays.

What a busy, but wonderful year it has been here at the Barrett Foundation. I hope you will find comfort in the story I am sharing with you about Sonja who has made the best out of a bad situation. On the following page you will find an update to our new Barrett House plans. In the Summer newsletter, we reported having raised \$632,059 toward our \$1.8 million goal. We have made great progress since then—so check out what we have been up to.

All of our programs are doing well. I have to say that I have one of the hardest working Boards and it is a pleasure working with them. They have to be credited for making our capital campaign such a huge success. We also hired our first Marketing and Development Director this year. We are very pleased to welcome Lindsay Schnyder to our staff.

Reflecting on this past year makes me think of Brother Mathias, who was the force to start Barrett House. As one of the Brothers told me not too long ago, "I know Brother Mathias would be so pleased to see how Barrett House has grown." I really appreciated these words of reassurance.

Your gifts truly do make a difference. We are honored by the many donors and volunteers to give of themselves year after year.

May your holidays be filled with peace,

Dorothee Otero



"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would be homeless....."

I have a recent letter from one of our clients that underscores the necessity of the Barrett House and Bridges Supportive Housing:

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would be homeless. I graduated with honors from high school, and I had a good job. One day my job was replaced by the Internet and suddenly I was unemployed with no prospects. I saved money to move and pay for engineering school but my father borrowed the money and did not repay it. I found myself homeless and felt a black cloud settle over my head. My prayers were answered when I found the Barrett House. I pictured myself in a large room with a bunch other homeless people. I'm so glad that I was wrong. The minute I walked into the home I felt at peace.

Thinking back to that day, I was determined to make it on my own. I was naive to believe that I was supposed to make it on my own. The Lord showed me the way and blessed me by putting the Barrett House, the Bridges Program and all other caring people in my path.

Special points of interest:

☺ New Barrett House Emergency Shelter

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The Barrett House helped me find a job and I was able to attend school. Thank you for lifting the dark cloud and allowing me to see myself with a bright future."

We are pleased to announce that this young woman will be graduating in a few months.

Her success is one of many that we will be sharing with you this coming year.

When you support the Barrett House, you are bringing hope to women like Sonja who thought that becoming homeless is the worst thing that can happen to you. But for Sonja it turned into a blessing—she has made the best out of a bad situation.

Way to go Sonja and thank you to all of you who helped her make it possible.

The new Barrett House is coming!!!



grateful to have served as a part of the dream of this old Irish Brother who spent his life dedicated to the service of people less fortunate. Our vision, with your help will further his ideals. We hope that you will let us know if we ever stray from this goal to provide a 'dignified and loving environment to our fellow citizens in need.'

As we move through this process we hope to keep you well informed of our progress. With this in mind please send any questions you might have about the new Barrett House or the other Barrett Foundation programs to the Barrett Foundation (P.O. Box 25823, Albuquerque, NM 87125) so that we may be able to address them in our coming newsletters.

In our last newsletter we announced our plans for the new Barrett House. We have been raising funds for just over a year now and have made tremendous progress. We are pleased to announce that we have raised \$1.4 million of our \$1.8 million goal.

The new Barrett House will be located at 10300 Constitution, just east of the corner of Eubank and Constitution intersection. The new location will be home to a 12000 sq.ft. shelter that will have 11 bedrooms and ample space for training and education, a library, and children's areas. We are very excited about the design. But we are equally excited over the welcome of the Princess Jeanne Neighborhood Association. A little over a year ago, Councilwoman Tina Cummins (District 9) stated that her district would welcome us with open arms if we could find a property in the area. Well, she kept her word and the Princess Jeanne Neighborhood has been wonderful to us. At a recent press conference, Councilor Cummins and many of our neighbors came to meet with us and look at the plans for the new facility.



Councilor Cummins was also responsible for directing \$500,000 in funding for the rehabilitation phase out of capital improvement funds. We anticipate the groundbreaking to take place in May or June of 2004.

We thank all of you who have already made your commitment toward our capital campaign and the building of the new Barrett House.

It is fitting that with our new home within our sights that we reflect on how this dream began with a "little fellow from Ballybricken, as Brother Mathias described himself. I feel

Gift Received/Pledged to Date (11/15/03)

Number of Gifts Pledged/Received	Approx. Amount Pledged/Received	Total Level Pledged/Received	Total Pledged/Received
1	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
1	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 800,000
1	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 950,000
1	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,010,000
4	\$ 30,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 1,130,000
6	\$ 20,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 1,250,000
4	\$ 15,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,310,000
1	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,320,000
11	\$ 5,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 1,375,000
14	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,389,000
many	smaller	4,206	\$ 1,393,206

Thank you donors! (July-October)

Red, Wine and Blues Fundraiser to benefit the new Barrett House!

J. Schill, L. Drob, M/M S. Mitchell, E. Abeyta, E. Baca, M/M D. Barcheck, M.A. Clark, D. Domonkos, C. Howard, Kindley Family, A. Russo, C. Torres, N. Urbassik, Delta Delta Delta Albuquerque Alumnae, J. Younger, M/M D. Rigali, J.L. Price, Mr. V. Myers, R. Mumpower, M/M R. Flynn, M/M W. Brennan, Church Women United, Dr. & Mrs. R. Reidy, M/M D. Riggs, L. Roff, Y. Schreck, P. Callahan, Dr. J. Craig, M/M D. Giaquinto, M/M D. Grady, R. Bernstein, D. Wierengo, R. Mansoldo, A. Abbott, D. Cress, D. Gallegos, M/M R. Hawk, M/M D. Helton, E. Jeppesen, C. Johnson, S. Jones Martin, J. Russell, E. Williams, A. Raeburn, J. Price, V. Simmons, L. Jesse, K. Calnan, M. Dorsey, S. Neff, M/M Blankenship, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, M/M C. Ivy, M. Larsen, Premier Distributing Co., M/M J. King, Western Colorado Community Foundation, Xilinx Community Fund, M/M P. Robinson, M. Latham Pfeifer, Church of the Risen Savior, Allstate Giving Campaign, Church of the Good Shepherd, Partners in Charity, Annunciation Women's Guild, Annunciation Parish, State Employees Credit Union, SOS of New Mexico, Print Professionals, and those who donate to us through United Way Donor Option, CFC, and State Charity Campaigns, and the many, many donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember us in your Estate Planning and with car donations.



The upcoming **Red, Wine and Blues** event will feature the entertainment of Linda Cotton on February 22, 2004, at the Hilton Hotel. There will be wine tasting from the best California vineyards and food tasting from the best local restaurants. The proceeds of this event will buy a walk-in refrigerator and industrial stove for the new Barrett House.

"What good in life is theology if you can't cook?"... Brother Mathias Barrett. Only an Irishman can combine charity, community, food and good times all in the same event. We would hope that you can attend this event in the serious adventure of good times and great spirit of community. Please call the office for further details.

Red Wine and Blues donates 100% of the proceeds and needs donations for auction items; restaurant dinners for two, artwork, gift certificates etc. If you have something to donate for the affair, please call the Barrett Foundation. Enjoying the evening with Linda Cotton performing is another way to have fun and help build the new Barrett House, tickets are on sale through the Barrett House by calling 246-9244.

Fall/Winter Wish Lists

We would appreciate donations of the following items for the upcoming winter/Christmas season: general supplies of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, dishwasher and laundry detergent. Food supplies of bottled water, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices, or any other food products. Specific needs: Polaroid 600 Film, nightgowns, perfumes, cloth tote bags, phone cards, bath towels, wash cloths, mattress covers (for twin beds), small alarm clocks, sauce pans, dishes, dish towels, dish cloths, cooking spatulas and other cooking utensils. Gift Certificates to Target, WalMart, Kmart, any grocery store or any fast food restaurant.

About Barrett Foundation....

Our Board of Directors:

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Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. To attend, please call 246-9244 to confirm time and place.

Our Mission:

To provide housing and supportive services in a caring and compassionate manner to homeless women and children who are striving to break the cycle of homelessness.

Our Services:

Barrett House - Emergency shelter for homeless women and children.

Sr. Dorothy Hansen, Program Director 243-4887

Daisy Williams, Case Manager 246-0944

Bridges - Supportive housing for families and single women.

Ami Reese, Coordinator/Case Manager 246-0944

Casa Milagro - Transitional housing for women suffering from mental illness.

Cathie O'Connor-Johnson, Program Director 883-8870

Casa Verde - Permanent, affordable housing for women suffering from mental illness.

Barrett House Attic - Shop of new and used.

Anna Davis and Maria Avila, Co-Managers, 262-1073

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Corporate Office/Grants/Fund Raising

Dorothee Otero, Executive Director 246-9244

Lindsay Schnyder, Marketing and Development Director

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From all of us at the Barrett Foundation

May your Christmas Be Blessed with
Love and Your New Year Filled with
Peace



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