

## a community resource

May 25, 2016

Daisy Kates New Mexico Potters and Clay Artists PO Box 26811 Albuquerque, NM 87125

Dear Daisy,

On behalf of everyone at Adelante's Arts and Animals Program, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the Bill Armstrong Grant of \$250.00 to purchase ceramics supplies. In addition, we appreciate the ceramic glaze that you are providing to our program, as well.

While traditional educational methods and support often fail to impact clients with severe disabilities, multiple studies show that an intensive arts program increases verbal and mathematical abilities and improves self-confidence, perseverance, attention span, and higher-level of thinking skills. Another study suggests that animal therapy helps improve verbal communication, eases insomnia and headaches, and lowers blood pressure in people with disabilities. As an added benefit, reduced stress and anxiety may help boost immune systems and help prevent acute illness. By combining art and animal therapies, Adelante is providing a vital and unique service to individuals with disabilities that can directly affect health and wellness. Your contribution to this vital program will help us provide this care.

Without the charitable spirit of donors like you, our continued growth would not be possible, We, and those we serve, are grateful for your generosity, your trust, and most importantly, your commitment to our mission.

Sincerely,

Mike Kivitz

CEO/President

Nancy Pope

VP of Development

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