



# Hands & Voices New Mexico

Summer 2016

*“What works for your child is what makes the choice right.”*

## HVNM Put the Fun in Fundraising! Why? What? Who? When? Where?

### Fun in Fundraising!

*Huh?* Is this an oxymoron, you ask? Who remembers selling cookies or hosting car washes to raise money for different organizations? Well Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter (HVNM) also needs to raise money. But we want to make it F-U-N!

### Why?

*Free!* HVNM wants to keep hosting our events at no cost to participants. We use the funds to pay for venues, admissions, interpreting services, refreshments, and travel costs.

### What?

*Anything goes!* HVNM just hosted an ASL Story Time that was also a fundraising event! No one had to pay to participate in the ASL Story Time, but Barnes & Noble generously shared a portion of the profits for sales at the event itself and also those online for people who entered the HVNM Book Fair code. Other fun fundraising events

have included giftwrapping at a mall during the winter holidays, and Amazon Smiles.

### Who?

*You!* Are you involved in a civic organization that supports non-profits? Maybe your religious group takes on worthy causes. Schools frequently have a service element. HVNM would love to participate with you if you have a fundraising idea or simply wish to donate money or services in support of our mission.

### When?

*Right now!* Active HVNM fun fundraising is through Amazon Smiles program. Visit our web home page, [hvn.org](http://hvn.org) and click on the Amazon Smiles button. You can also click on the “Shop Now” button on our facebook page, [facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](http://facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm) and it will take you to the Amazon Smiles program. No extra cost to you, but HVNM receives a portion of eligible purchase.

### What should you do now?

#### *Something!*

- Shop at Amazon using the Amazon Smiles gateway or click here (it’s not pretty, but it works): [http://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi\\_ext\\_ch\\_20-0885157\\_dl?encoding=UTF8&ein=20-0885157&ref=smi\\_ext\\_ch\\_20-0885157\\_cl](http://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_ch_20-0885157_dl?encoding=UTF8&ein=20-0885157&ref=smi_ext_ch_20-0885157_cl)
- Send your tax-deductible donation to HVNM.
- Check our website, [hvn.org](http://hvn.org), and facebook page, [facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](http://facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm), for upcoming HVNM Fun Fundraising events.
- Organize a fun fundraising event to support HVNM--with your colleagues, by your school, on the job, with your civic or religious group.
- Tell all your friends about HVNM: students, D/HH children, professionals who work with D/HH children, D/HH adults, and.... Anyone and everyone!

### Stay in Touch!

E-mail:

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Website:

[www.hvn.org](http://www.hvn.org)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](http://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm)

Twitter:

[www.twitter.com/handvnm](http://www.twitter.com/handvnm)

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[www.pinterest.com/hvn.org](http://www.pinterest.com/hvn.org)

### We want you!

Starting with our Fall 2016 issue, we want to share your shout outs in our newsletter. Send noteworthy news (honor roll, birthday, sports) and a cute pic to [parentgroup@hvn.org](mailto:parentgroup@hvn.org). We’d love to share your child’s good news with our readership.

Share this information with us anytime on Facebook.

*We love good news!*

Enjoy your summer!

1-1-1

## Each One! Reach One! Teach One!

During our Strategic Planning session in late 2015, the HVNM Board and the HVNM GBYS Parent Guides all discussed how, while supporting our D/HH children and helping families to advocate for their needs, we all do a lot of educating--educating, not just our children, but also educators, friends, and even random strangers.

During 2016, we're going to use this space to share stories of how each one of us has reached one and taught (taught) one. We invite you to share your own similar stories via [parentgroup@hvn.org](mailto:parentgroup@hvn.org) or [facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](https://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm).

### This quarter's story about Chloe's 1-1-1:

One of my favorite books as a child was "If You Give A Moose A Muffin," by Laura Numeroff, which shows the ripples resulting from one act. My 1-1-1 story is similar. When I was a junior in high school, my AP Language Arts teacher nominated me to be a "Rotary Student of the Month-March 2014." When you win the award you are invited to a luncheon. When you attend the luncheon you hear a presentation by a guest speaker. When the Rotarians knew I was involved with HVNM, I was invited to be the guest speaker. When you are the speaker, you get to share your story. When you share your story, about growing up deaf, HVNM, and bemoaning the dearth of looped facilities in Los Alamos, people listen. When one of these people, Rotarian Linda Hull, listened, she took the issue to heart. When you have an issue in your heart, you might inspire the Rotary Club of Los Alamos to install a looped area in the Duane Smith Auditorium in 2015. When you install a loop in the largest venue in town, where most speakers and theatrical productions take place, you get publicity. When you get publicity, you might win an award, such as the Rotary District 5520 Significant Achievement Award in 2016. When you win an award, you get to share your story. When you share your story, you reach one or more! For more information about this story: <https://rotarylosalamos.com/2015/08/25/rotary-responds-to-assisted-hearing-needs-in-smith-auditorium/> <https://rotarylosalamos.com/2016/05/15/rotary-club-of-los-alamos-sweeps-awards-ceremony/>

***Shout out to Linda Hull and the Los Alamos Rotary Club for reaching, teaching and looping!***

## 2016 Membership

Please join Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter!

Parent/Family: **FREE!**

Professional: \$40 per year

Institutional: \$50 per year

Benefits:

- Receive *The Communicator*, a Headquarters H&V quarterly newspaper
- Receive quarterly HVNM Chapter newsletter
- Information on workshops, resources, events
- Informational support for you and your family
- Opportunities for parents and professionals working together to help children who are D/HH

***Thank you!***

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If you have a personal story, ideas for future articles, or if know of upcoming events that would benefit out readers, please let us know:

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