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Hurricane Evacuee Family Treated to Santa Fe Hospitality

HSD Disaster Relief hotline helps sponsor a family for Fiesta de Santa Fe

Albuquerque, September 9, 2005 – Through the New Mexico Disaster Relief Hotline a family who is seeking shelter in New Mexico will be treated to some Santa Fe hospitality, including the Fiesta de Santa Fe tomorrow.

Several Santa Fe residents, the NAACP Political Action Committee and the Inn of the Governors are hosting the James family, who were evacuated from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast. “The assistance of Governor Bill Richardson’s New Mexico Hurricane Relief Hotline staffed by the Human Services Department (HSD) was critical in making the visit a reality,” said Cathi Valdes, HSD Child Support Enforcement Division Deputy Director.

A local group will treat the James family to lunch Saturday afternoon, while being serenaded by mariachis. The Inn of the Governors is donating rooms for the family’s stay.

For more information about the James family visit to Santa Fe, please contact Cathi Valdes at (505) 660-0670.

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