

Small steps
lead to
significant
change...



**SNAP-SPAY/NEUTER
ACTION PROGRAM**

[HTTPS://
WWW.SNAPNEWMEXICO.ORG](https://www.snapnewmexico.org)



**ARF-ANIMAL RELIEF
FUND**

[HTTPS://WWW.DACHSLC.ORG/
ANIMAL-RELIEF-FUND](https://www.dachslc.org/animal-relief-fund)



**COMMUNITY OF
HOPE**

[HTTP://
WWW.MVCOMMUNITYOFHOPE.ORG](http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org)

HEALING OUR COMMUNITY...PEOPLE HELPING PETS HELPING PEOPLE



Our community is struggling...

This month's newsletter hits close to home and is a bit personal in nature...

Las Cruces is in turmoil...the problems with homelessness, crime, and illegal drug use are REAL. You've seen it. Unfortunately, all the small businesses along the Valley/Amador/Picacho corridor have been effected, but, these issues extend across our city, county, state, and nation. SVC

Businesses For A
Safer Las Cruces is
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constructive change.

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has been severely impacted by these issues—ranging from solicitation to burglary to personal battery. The local business community has come together in some amazing ways to support each other. However, the more meetings I attend, the more I learn, the more I realize how complicated these problems are. Change won't be quick and it won't be easy, but I also strongly believe that you can't complain about a problem unless you are willing to be a part of the solution. This led to...

My crazy idea...

I wanted to be able to put my best foot/paw forward—so with the backing of Businesses For A Safer Las Cruces and generous donations from one of my pharmaceutical reps, I set out to vaccinate animals at Camp Hope. I don't agree with all of their policies but as CH allows residents to keep their animals, I felt it was a good starting point for me to make a difference personally. One thing led to another and the idea snowballed....

Backing from my clients, the Las Cruces community, and folks from out of town and those I've never even met, has been INCREDIBLE. We may disagree on how to handle the human problems, but animals are easy to help. Donations for aid bags, spay/neuter surgeries, and now medical funding via "The Schumacher Grant" has been amazing and has far surpassed my wildest expectations. We ARE making a difference for these animals.

I am working to make this project a permanent resource to assist these pets. My team has worked hard to establish guidelines for financial assistance to ensure the funds go where they are needed and to make sure that the benefits stay local in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County. I am always happy to answer any questions in this regard.

SVC will continue to do our part to help heal our community. Spay/neuter surgeries will be funded through SNAP and donations to the Animal Relief Fund [ARF]-via Dona Ana County Humane Society will provide funds to care for injuries/illness in this population—links are provided above, you can also contact our office for more information. Donations must be designated towards "The Schumacher Grant."

Thanks for being awesome <3.

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We started by vaccinating critters at Camp Hope in April and had our first spay/neuter day in May! Owners of these pets have been incredibly grateful and gracious. Many thanks to local business owners and volunteers from the community for coming out to help! Planning to repeat this in June/July!!