

impact report

2018-2019

MANDY'S
farm
GROW WITH US.



Our Mission

Mandy's Farm is a nonprofit organization that assists individuals with developmental disabilities in achieving their goals for living, learning, and working in the community.

Mandy's Farm serves over 200 adults with developmental disabilities living in the Albuquerque metro area. **100% of those we serve are living below the federal poverty line.**

The services at Mandy's Farm provide a lifeline to adults with developmental disabilities, allowing them to successfully participate in their community, obtain and retain employment, and reduce instances of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.



Mandy's Farm provides support within three homes where adults with disabilities choose to live as housemates. We also provide services to individuals who live with families or surrogate families.

These supports help individuals to live healthy, safe, and independent lives.



Our programs assist adults with disabilities in obtaining employment in typical community settings making minimum wage or higher. We also provide on-the-job support to help those we serve succeed.

Appaloosa Art Space, having relocated to the North Valley, provides the individuals we serve with access to visual arts, ceramics, music, dance, reading and writing, job training, and community volunteer opportunities, often for the first time.



The AgrAbility Apprenticeship Program provides individuals with disabilities who are interested in becoming farmers with the training they need to succeed in today's market.

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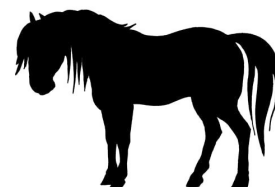
Our adaptive aquatics center provides opportunities for clients to build strength, participate in aquatics-based therapy, experience sensory relief, and have fun in a safe, relaxing space.



The VAMOS Employment Preparation Program serves individuals with disabilities (14 years of age +) who are living without services. VAMOS students participate in life-skills based courses, resumé development, college campus and trade school tours, benefits counseling, and 40 hours of paid internship experience within local nonprofits and businesses.

VAMOS

Mandy's Farm provides adaptive horsemanship and horseback riding lessons to individuals of all ages, with and without disabilities, who want to build physical strength and social skills.



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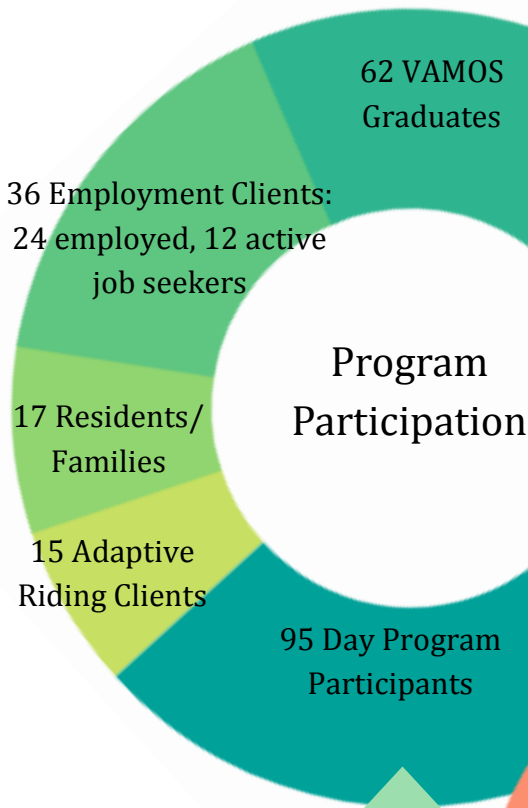
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Because of your generosity,

Mandy's Farm supported
over 200 individuals and
families this year!



36 Employment Clients:
24 employed, 12 active
job seekers

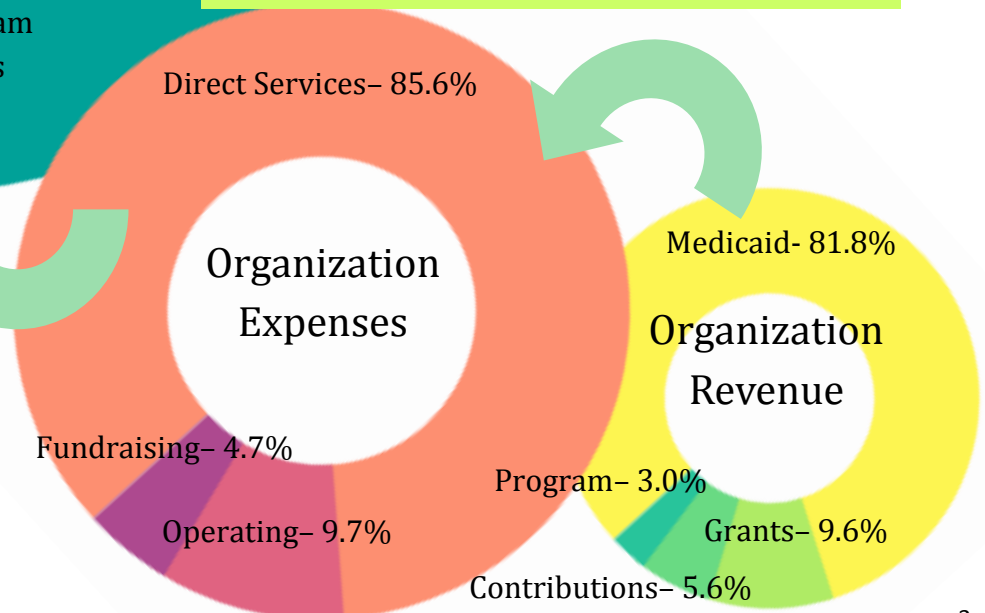
17 Residents/
Families

15 Adaptive
Riding Clients

95 Day Program
Participants

Monthly and annual donors are seeing their dollar reach more individuals and families than ever before! With diverse programs based in education, sustainability, health, safety, and economic independence, your gift impacts our community in multiple areas.

Individual gifts, federal and local grants, corporate sponsorships, and volunteer work all translate into programming that provides a life-line to adults with disabilities and their families.



Organization Revenue

Medicaid- 81.8%
Grants- 9.6%
Contributions- 5.6%

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Mandy's Farm reaches individuals and families living without support.

Due to continued budget shortfalls, thousands of individuals and families in the State of New Mexico continue to live without any sort of disability services. The VAMOS Program provides support to those who are most vulnerable at no cost.

2

Mandy's Farm creates equitable work opportunities.

The individuals served by Mandy's Farm live below the federal poverty line. Through work opportunities, this can change. Mandy's Farm partners with local businesses to place individuals with disabilities in positions paying minimum wage or higher, increasing their financial security.

After 19 years of growth, we want to share 19 ways in which

Founded in 1996, Mandy's Farm opened its doors in the year 2000, providing Autism-focused services in the heart of the South Valley of Albuquerque. 19 years later, Mandy's Farm has blossomed, expanding our programming to meet the needs of men and women with a variety of developmental disabilities who need access to safe and healthy housing situations, employment supports, and meaningful opportunities to connect with their community. Mandy's Farm has more than exceeded the original vision of its founders, David and Ruthie Robbins, who continue to work tirelessly to provide the best for their daughter, Mandy, and others like her.

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We provide safe housing where individuals thrive.

Everyone deserves to have a home: a place where they belong. Mandy's Farm provides a variety of safe and healthy living situations for adults with disabilities.

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We provide increased access to fresh, locally grown produce.

Through our agriculture programs, individuals with disabilities not only learn to plant and cultivate healthy foods, but also to incorporate them into their daily meals.



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Mandy's Farm builds community relationships.

Whether you see us at your local school, a community festival, or out at the local coffee shop, Mandy's Farm works to connect the community with individuals with disabilities, agriculture, animals, and opportunities for success.



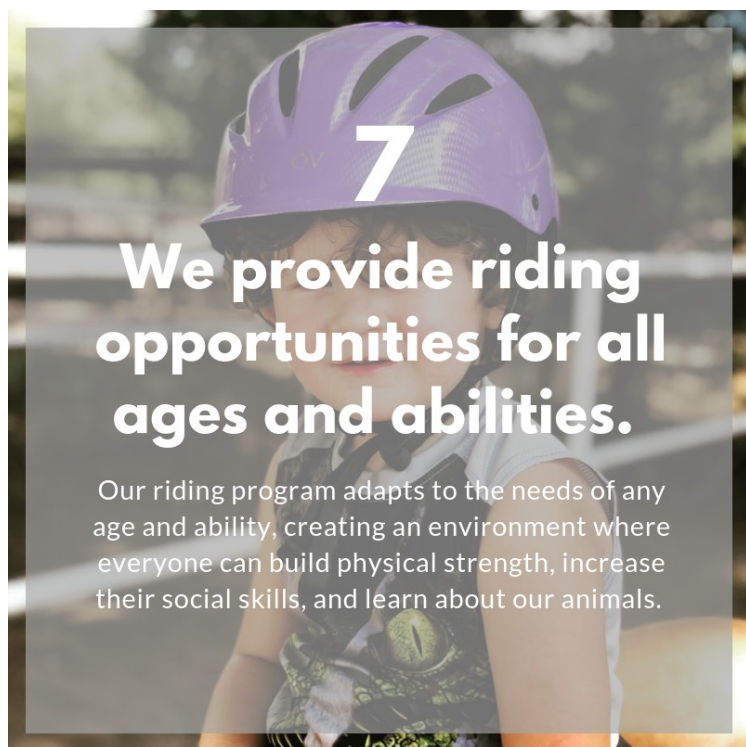
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Mandy's Farm is made up of kind and committed caregivers.

Mandy's Farm works to create supportive, individualized, and relationship-based services for our clients. This isn't possible without our team of enthusiastic support professionals.

ch you change lives when you invest in the work we do!

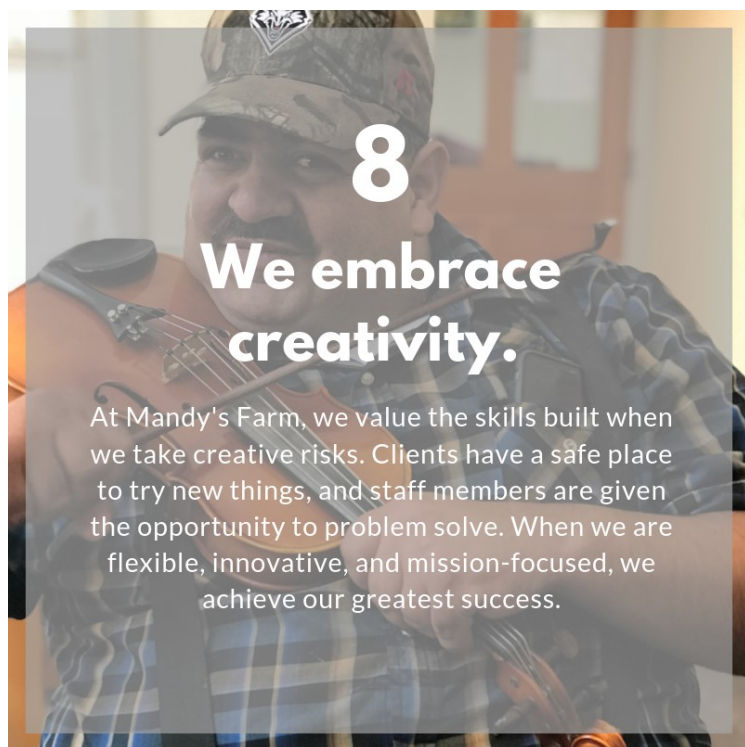
As we celebrate our 19th anniversary, we want to thank you for the ways in which you positively impact those we serve and the community at large when you invest your time and resources in Mandy's Farm. While our organization has created positive change in many lives, none of this occurs in a vacuum. We rely on our nonprofit partners, generous funding providers, brilliant self-advocates, and community champions to allow our vision to come to fruition: ensuring that all New Mexicans with developmental disabilities have the support needed to successfully live, learn, and work in their community. We believe in this vision, and you believe in us. For that, we are so grateful.



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We provide riding opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Our riding program adapts to the needs of any age and ability, creating an environment where everyone can build physical strength, increase their social skills, and learn about our animals.



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We embrace creativity.

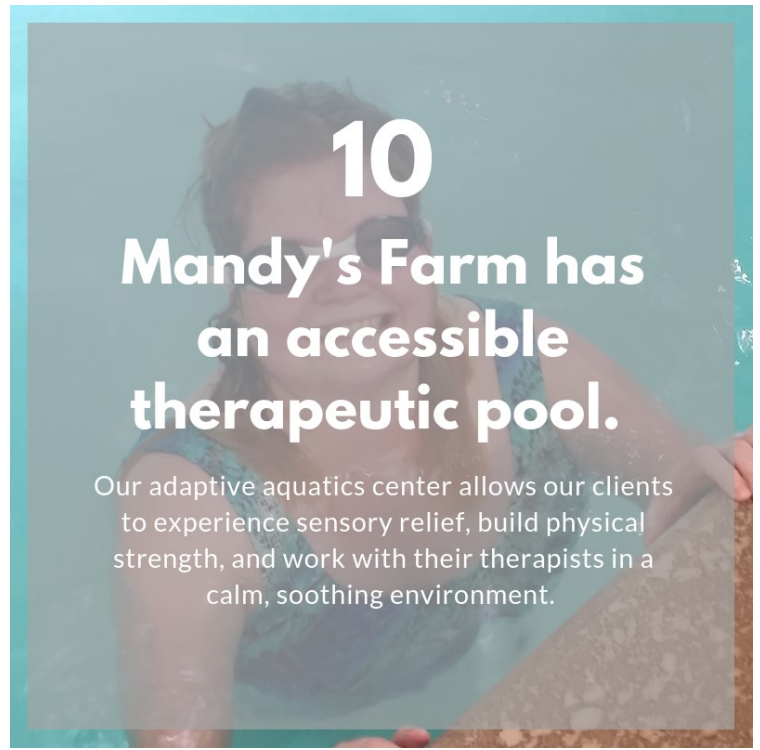
At Mandy's Farm, we value the skills built when we take creative risks. Clients have a safe place to try new things, and staff members are given the opportunity to problem solve. When we are flexible, innovative, and mission-focused, we achieve our greatest success.



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Mandy's Farm has a unicorn.

While not entirely true (no offense, Charm), we are just as unique as one. The magic of Mandy's Farm is contagious.



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Mandy's Farm has an accessible therapeutic pool.

Our adaptive aquatics center allows our clients to experience sensory relief, build physical strength, and work with their therapists in a calm, soothing environment.

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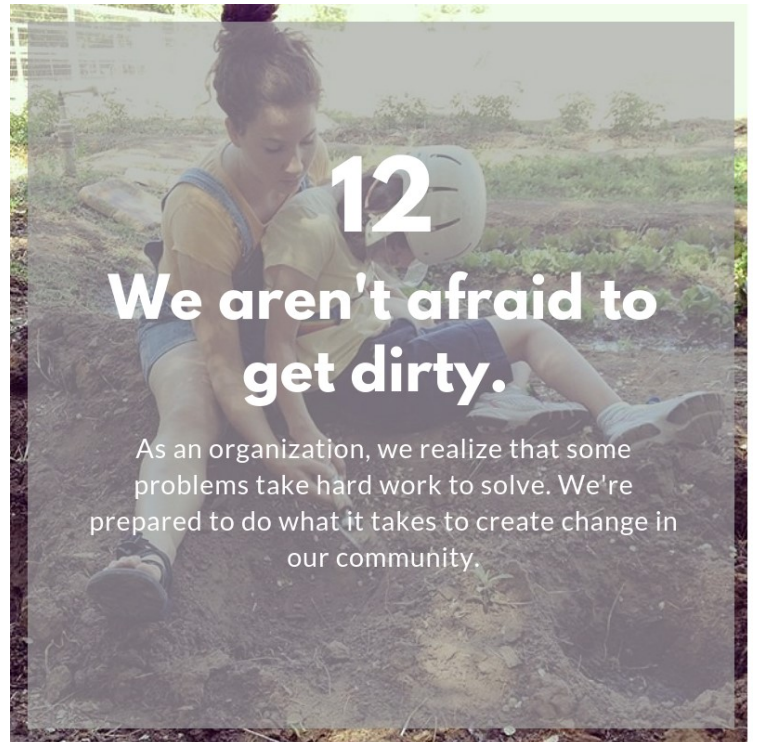
As an organization that plays a role in so many unique areas: disability services, agriculture, employment, education, transportation, animal husbandry, and more, we have a unique opportunity to measure our impact in a wide variety of ways. The number of individuals we are able to reach each year continues to grow. Our residential program currently serves 17 individuals and families, who live in a Mandy's Farm home, or receive training, respite, and support from our staff within their own home. We have expanded our services within the VAMOS Program, now serving more than 50 students each year. Through this innovative program, we have provided 10,000 hours of respite support to unpaid caregivers at no cost.



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We work to positively impact our environment.

As a working farm, we don't just grow vegetables. We also create healthy habitats for our local pollinators through cultivating inviting flower gardens, avoiding the use of chemicals, and teaching holistic agriculture methods.



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We aren't afraid to get dirty.

As an organization, we realize that some problems take hard work to solve. We're prepared to do what it takes to create change in our community.



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Mandy's Farm understands the importance of teamwork.

We can't do it alone. Without collaborative partners, volunteers, our dedicated funders, and YOU, our work doesn't happen.



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Mandy's Farm helps those we serve build relationships.

The individuals we serve can often feel disconnected from the larger community. We work tirelessly to remove the barriers that create isolation, allowing those we serve to build healthy connections with coworkers, neighbors, and friends.

which our organization **shines**, thanks to your support!

Our day programs are also as busy as ever, with nearly 100 individuals choosing to explore the community and build employment skills each week. We have also expanded our agricultural production to a second south valley property, opening up additional space for farming, learning, and growing. New horses, goats, chickens, guinea hens, and ducks have joined the Mandy's Farm family, allowing for increased milk and egg production, fewer insects, and more opportunities for those we serve to ride and show animals at local fairs. Our employment program has continued to help those we serve transition to the workforce, with 24 individuals working successfully in the community, and 12 more who are actively pursuing work.



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We partner with AmeriCorps to provide National Service opportunities.

Mandy's Farm trains our country's future leaders in the disability field as we provide service opportunities within the VAMOS Program.



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We continue to diversify and strengthen local businesses at no cost to employers.

Mandy's Farm offers free services to community businesses and local nonprofits that want to become more inclusive and efficient.

A person with short hair, wearing a red shirt, is working in a garden bed. They are using a green watering can to water plants. The garden bed is filled with various green plants, and there is a wooden fence in the background.

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Mandy's Farm is an AgrAbility site.

Mandy's Farm, through a collaborative relationship with UNM, NMSU, and NMTAP, now offers services across the state to new farmers with disabilities as well as existing farmers who are adapting to a new disability.

A close-up of a goat's face. The goat has white fur with dark patches around its eyes and on its ears. It is looking directly at the camera with a curious expression.

18

Goats.

Yes, you read that correctly. We have 18 goats.

A person with long hair, wearing a grey shirt, is lying on the grass. They are holding a black dog with white paws. The person is smiling and looking up, and the dog is also looking up. The background shows some greenery and a fence.

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'Nuff Said

A place of joy, safety, and support, invest in Mandy's Farm: a place to grow.

Want to stay up to date with Mandy's Farm year-round? Follow our Instagram page (@mandysfarmnm).

Thank you to our 2019* Cabrito Club Members!

What is the Cabrito Club?

The Mandy's Farm Cabrito or "Little Goat" Club is a philanthropic group for extraordinary community members who share a strong interest in quality supports for adults with developmental disabilities. The funds donated on a monthly or annual basis by each Cabrito Club member are used to provide core support to programs at Mandy's Farm.

El Pastor Members

Corkey & Jena Baca

Steve & Jolene Benoit

Ken & Victoria Bower

Thomas Horn

Jim & Ellen King

Chris & Karen Padilla

Rita Padilla

David & Ruthie Robbins

Michael & Kate Robbins

Chet & Diana Stewart

Gary & Carol Swearingen

Valerie Swearingen

Our heartfelt thanks and condolences are extended to the family and friends of the late Donald Robbins: an inaugural El Pastor member of the Cabrito Club, a loving grandfather and a committed champion for Mandy's Farm.

La Familia Members

Walt & Julia Arnold

Scott & Kay Brown

Mike & Connie Gleason

Thomas & Leslie Hinton

Lottie Horn

Larry & Loretta Levy

Michelle King

Dan & Keisha Mannas

Michael & Wendy Martinez

Melissa McCue & Garrett Cornelius

Dawn Montano

Gerard & Doreen Murphy

R Scott Robbins

James Tryon & Teresa Balcomb

Julie VanSomeran

Phillip Vitale & Sandra Webb

How do I join the Cabrito Club?

Cabrito Club members are able to invest in Mandy's Farm at the level and pace that works best for their budget. Members can choose to make a recurring monthly or annual commitment. For more information, visit www.mandysfarm.org/donate or contact our Development Director, Jessie Calero, at jessie@mandysfarm.org.

*2019 Cabrito Club membership is based on charitable giving from the 2018 calendar year.

Albuquerque Community Foundation

A Love for Life, LLC

Amazon Smile

Aon Risk Solutions & Aon Foundation

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BBVA Compass Bank

The Bearded Villians

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Bradbury Stamm

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New Mexico Department of Transportation

New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Nusenda Foundation

Maria L. Globus Living Trust

One Community Auto

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COMPLIMENTARY PARKING WITH
ADA- ACCESSIBLE SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE AT
MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This is an all ages and all abilities, sensory sensitive event.

Local Arts Vendors

Information Booths

Pumpkin Painting

Beer Garden

Cornhole

Live Entertainment

Haunted Barn

Local Food Trucks

Petting Zoo

Lawn Bowling

Pony Rides

Bouncy House

Cake Walk

Bubble Booth

"Pet" Adoption

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