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## Former Childhaven Resident Honored

In the last issue of the Newsletter we shared a letter written by former Childhaven resident, Erick Niiha. Erick lived at the shelter on and off for a period of 14 months during his teen years.

Erick was recently recognized in Santa Fe when the New Mexico Legislature celebrated *Behavioral Health Day* at the Capitol. Eighteen individuals or groups were designated as local champions of behavioral health in their communities. The 18 “STARS” received certificates of appreciation signed by Governor Susana Martinez and Behavioral Health Collaborative CEO Linda Roebuck Homer.

“The 18 STARS from across New Mexico are excellent examples of how their dedication and commitment to improving substance abuse and mental health services have made a difference in their communities,” said Roebuck-Homer, Collaborative CEO.

“The STARS are involved in the behavioral health system in various roles as consumers, family members, advocates, providers, youth groups and even a community event. They represent the 18 Local Collaboratives covering all areas of the state”.

“Erick, recognized for Behavioral Health Local Collaborative 11, is a youth member and former resident of the Childhaven Shelter. He focuses his participation on helping those youth who are still in the foster care system. He is a member of the Housing Leadership Group in Albuquerque where he currently resides.

In an email to Childhaven staff regarding Erick’s award, Childhaven CEO, Erin Hourihan said, “It was so nice to see one of our kids, now 21, working to help other foster kids navigate the difficult child welfare system. He remembers Childhaven as his home and has many fond memories of the staff and other residents during his 14 month stay in our shelter. And, he is changing his major in college from Business Administration to Social Work!”

Congratulations to Erick Niiha for being recognized as a “STAR” and we wish we him all the best in the future!



At the Roundhouse in Santa Fe: (Left) Childhaven CEO Erin Hourihan, (Right) Award recipient Erick Niiha.



Attending the Banquet:  
Row Left; Childhaven CEO, Erin Hourihan, Right: Erick Niiha,  
Seated: Left, Childhaven Staff member and friend, Everett Burkholder and wife Bonnie Burkholder

## 20th Annual “More the Merrier Bike Ride”



Event information inside this issue!

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(from November 2010 through May 2011)

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(November 2010 through May 2011)

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***Thank You, Conoco Phillips!!***