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State of New Mexico Human Services Department

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About Open Hands

- Open Hands is a 501 (3) (c) organization serving New Mexico since 1977. Our mission is to assist the frail elderly, the disabled or the economically disadvantaged to live with dignity and independence.

- What We Do.

Open Hands home safety department was recognized by the National Council on Aging's (NCOA) Falls Prevention Coalition as being one of the top 10 best practices in the country.

The Open Hands Medical Equipment Loan Bank provides free equipment on loan to anyone in the community regardless of age or income.

Our Adult Day Service Program in a State of the Art facility provides a needed respite for caregivers on a Grant or for-fee basis based on income.

Our AAA program provides free grab-bars for anyone over the age of 60.

The Open Hands Thrift Store located at 851 San Mateo offers quality items at discounted prices with proceeds benefiting our programs.

Home Safety: Why This is So Important

- **New Mexico was recently ranked #1 in the country for preventable falls which can be devastating to the elderly.**

- **How Open Hands Fits In:**

Our programs serve over 10,000 clients in New Mexico every year.

Open Hands has been providing home safety modifications to the community since 2001 with a record 176 projects being completed since 2005.

Our AAA program provides home safety assessments and installed grab bars to over 600 clients each year.

We are one of only two distributors in the State authorized to provide the TubCut™ - a cost-effective bathtub modification that turns a tub into a walk-in shower for added safety.

Our Approach To Home Safety

- Safety assessments, ramps, Tubcuts™ and remodels are based on specific client needs.
- Courteous interaction with the client, increasing their comfort level and trust.
- A record for providing quality work in order to provide clients a safer living environment and increase their quality of life.

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Recent Projects

TubCuts™ provide greater accessibility to the tub at a fraction of the cost of a bathroom remodel.



Open Hands and Home Depot recently partnered to build ramps at the home of a disabled couple.

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