

# OUR HUMANITY

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER



## WHAT IS THE "OUR HUMANITY" PROJECT?

*Our Humanity: Advancing Health Literacy COVID-19 in Bernalillo County* is a collaboration between people of color led grassroots organizations, the faith-based community, and Bernalillo County. Our Humanity Lead Partners include South Valley MainStreet, United South Broadway Corporation, and Casa Del Rey. Our community partners include, Agri-Cultura Network and Ancestral Lands Conservation Core. Our local municipality partner is Bernalillo County. Through community outreach, community organizing, and education, the Our Humanity project provides community members with COVID-19 resources and information such as risk-prevention education, safety strategies, and pop-up vaccine clinics.

The Our Humanity project will conduct door-to-door canvassing and surveys in the South Valley, San Jose, South Broadway, Santa Barbara, Martineztown, Kirtland, La Mesa, and Trumbull neighborhoods to identify needs and provide resources related to COVID-19, as well as connect community members to other supportive resources. Relationship building is key to the Our Humanity effort, creating an environment that fosters education and the exchange of ideas, a forum where community members and faith-based leaders meet with public health officials and doctors to discuss COVID-19 myths and facts, health disparities in communities of color, health equity, and to develop community-initiated policy recommendations to provide to the Federal Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, Bernalillo County, and the State of New Mexico.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?



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### Luminaria Event

In December of 2021 Our Humanity Bernalillo project in partnership with La Familia Growers Market held a Luminaria event at the Dolores Huerta Park to honor New Mexicans who have died of COVID-19. One luminaria was lit for every 50 New Mexicans who died due to COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccinations were provided by the Bernalillo County Emergency Management and Our Humanity sponsored CSA food bags filled with locally grown produce from Agricultura Network.



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### Our Humanity COVID-19 self test at home distribution

In January and February 2022, the Our Humanity Health Literacy Bernalillo project distributed 10,000 COVID-19 Home Tests. We provided both delivery and site based distribution options. We distributed the test kits to churches, schools, farmers, childcare centers, and businesses in the South Valley, West Gate, Mt. View, Santa Barbara Martineztown, South Broadway, San Jose, and the International District.



## MEET THE "OUR HUMANITY BERNALILLO" TEAM



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### **MORE RESOURCES**

Do you need to get a COVID-19 test?  
There are several ways to find tests in New Mexico, including ordering free tests.

**<https://findatestnm.org>**

All testing resources will come up once an individual enters their zip code.

**<https://special.usps.com/testkits>**

Order your free tests from the Postal Service

**<https://accesscovidtests.org>**

Project ACT (joint project of Rockefeller and NMDOH) is now open for the entire state. Here is the link to the ordering website. You will need to enter your NM zip code.

### **WHAT'S NEXT**

In March we are:

Coordinating Community Engagement Circles connecting Faith-based groups and a school community with doctors from the New Mexico Department of Health.

Piloting the distribution of COVID-19 door hangers at households in the South Valley.

Visiting businesses on Bridge Blvd in the South Valley.

Partnering on pop-up vaccination events.

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