



City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

DATE: October 17, 2025

TO: Alan Webber, Mayor

FROM: Randy Randall, TSF Executive Director 
Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair 

RE: Re-Appointment of Sister Cities Members

ACTION

TOURISM Santa Fe and Sister Cities Committee Chair is Seeking the Approval to Re-Appointment Three Sister Cities Members whose Terms are Set to Expire in October 2025. (Randy Randall, TSF Executive Director, rrandall@santafenm.gov & Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair, crobertson-lopez@comcast.net).

Committee Meeting:

Governing Body – 10/29/2025

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The Sister Cities Committee plays a vital role in fostering international partnerships, promoting cultural exchange, and strengthening our global relationships. As of October 2025, the terms of the following members will expire therefore, TOURISM Santa Fe and Sister Cities Chair, Carol Robertson-Lopez recommend the re-appointments of the three members:

- Jeff Case, Member,
- Ron Press, Member
- Kerri Cottle, Member

Due to personal issues three other members whose term will end as well will not re-new their appointments:

- John Self
- John DeRuggiero
- Judith Moir

REQUEST

Request to approve the re-appointments of three Sister Cities Committee members: Jeff Case, Ron Press & Kerri Cottle for a new term beginning November 1, 2025, and ending on the allowable term.

ATTACHMENTS

(3) Resume's: Jeff Case, Ron Press and Kerri Cottle

Resume for Jeff Case

Degrees. PhD. Michigan State University. 1979, M.A. Michigan State University. 1975, B.S. Michigan State University. 1969

2008—Current. Committee Member Santa Fe Sister Cities. Chair of the Icheon, South Korea committee. Traveled and attended four times at Icheon Korean Ceramic Festivals. Developed exchanges with the Korean National Ceramic High School. With fundraising of \$12,000 sent 10 Santa Fe high school students and chaperones to participate in the Icheon Korea Music Festival. This event received the highly desired **Best Education Sister City Award** from Sister Cities in 2019. Received three times award winning Icheon, South Korean ceramicists to participate at the Santa Fe Folk Art Festival. Received three times Icheon, South Korean, Mayoral delegations to meet with Santa Fe Mayor and City Council members.

Traveled to and participated two times in Sister City meetings with Mayor and CCP members Zhangjiejie, China. Developed three school connections between Zhangjiejie, China, and Santa Fe. Traveled and participated with Zhangjiejie, China delegation to New York City, tour with United Nations facilities and members. With fund raising of \$10,000 sent, and traveled with, a Santa Fe mariachi music group to the world famous Zhangjiejie China Music Festival. Received in Santa Fe and participated with two Zhangjiejie, China delegations with Santa Fe Mayor and City Council.

Traveled and participated with the Santa Fe delegation in a signing ceremony with Livingstone, Zambia. Coordinated high school activities with Libres College and Santa Fe Community College. Received the Livingstone delegation for meetings with Santa Fe Mayor and City Councilors.

Traveled to and participated in high school signing agreement for exchanges with St. Michaels high school in Santa Fe and the comprehensive high school in Santa Fe de La Vega Granada, Spain.

Received three times in Santa Fe delegations from Paral, Mexico.

Traveled five times to Sister Cities International annual meetings. Traveled to Sister City conferences in Cairo, Egypt, and twice in Belfast Ireland, conferences in Cusco, Peru, and Limoge, France, and Guadalajara, Mexico, and three conferences in Bukhara, Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Participated in Sister City Leadership Conferences in Houston, Kansas City, and Santa Fe.

2023—Current. After operations were suspended because of Covid I had other achievements with Santa Fe Sister Cities. I Co-Chaired with Kerry Cottle the local YAAS competition. We had six School entries. They were Santa Fe Girls School, our Sister City School the Korean National Ceramic High school, Monte del Sol, Rio Grande, Girls Inc., and Santa Fe Prep. This was a first-time achievement for Santa Fe Sister Cities.

I co-authored with Taylor Washburn from the Tourism Department a 30-page narrative of the history between Tsuyama and Santa Fe. We collected and used over 100 photos and illustrations. The detail

made it even more impressive. The officials from Tsuyama were so impressed with this work, they decided that more Japanese needed to read it. So, they decided to translate it into Japanese!

Also, in preparation for the Tsuyama Resigning Ceremony, I organized with the Department of Parks and Recreation the planting location and signage for the Cherry Blossom Tree right next to City Hall. Also, I worked with Taylor Washburn to create a new Mayoral Signing Document.

For the new Sister City Street directional signs, I did all the computational work for the mileage distances. I wrote a briefing on the difference between direction signage and information signage.

2010-2018. Presiding Judge or Judge for numerous Federal, State. And Municipal Elections. Responsibilities carried out at appointed polling sites. Verification of Voter Registry, maintaining voter rolls, verification of voter identification, tabulating and accounting for all voter ballots, monitoring ballot counting machines, verifying absentee voter ballots and early voting, accuracy and integrity of the election verified with signature transmittal to District Court Judges.

2007-2014. Board Member and Treasurer, Santa Fe Community College Foundation. Twice elected Treasurer. Chaired the Finance Committee which is responsible for management and investments of a \$5.8 million dollar endowment fund. Annual scholarship disbursements in excess of \$850,000. Instituted internal controls. Chaired the Audit Committee. Philanthropy Committee member for Title V matching funds, corporate giving, and donor relations. Planning Committee for fundraising projects, golf tournaments, and gala celebrations.

2006-2019. Co- Chair VIP Committee. Santa Fe Folk Art Market. Coordinated and led many VIP delegations for this prestigious market and community events. Delegations included the Deputy Ambassador from Morocco, Counsel from Nigeria, UNESCO leadership from China, Nigerian Artisan Cooperatives, and Ambassador Abdul Kamilov and his wife Gulnara Rashidova from Uzbekistan.

2010-current. Santa Fe Sister City Committee. Appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. Chair of the Education Committee. Member of the Bukhara/Tashkent, Uzbekistan delegation. Member of the Icheon, Korea delegation; member of the Santa Fe, Spain delegation; twice a member of the Chinese Friendship delegation; member the Livingstone, Zambia delegation; member and coordinator of the Zhangjiajie, China delegation, International Music Festival.

2008-2014. Board Member Council on International Relations. Three times elected Chair Faculty/Student Committee. Administered/Chaired annual teacher grants, World Affairs luncheon invitations, Foreign Affairs subscriptions, field trips, the Folk Art Market Passport Program, and the annual CIR Fall Summit. Wrote six successful grant applications for funding teacher travel from the Turkish Cultural Foundation and sent 18 Santa Fe teachers on a two-week study tour of Turkey. Wrote five successful applications for student scholarships to the World Affairs Conference, Washington D.C. Chaired the Santa Fe-Zhangjiajie and the Santa Fe-Bukhara Connection, Coordinated the Mexican Consulate-SFCC Student Scholarship Program. Coordinated and led numerous State Department International Visitor Programs including a delegation of Uzbek Master Ceramicists.

Lansing Community College. Lansing, MI. From 1975 to 2003. Communication Department. Faculty instructor for Freshman Composition courses. Responsible for all forms and modes. Responsible for textbook selection and learning materials.

The Bookmart, LTD. Lansing, Mi. From 1987-2003. President. Developed, managed, and organized a retail college textbook store. Maximized sales in a competitive marketplace. Annual sales in excess of \$1.5 million. The Bookmart was ranked as the third largest Michigan independent book seller for community colleges.

Michigan Department of Education. Lansing, Mi. From 1979 to 1983. Research Consultant. Trained content specialists to develop strategic goals, content objectives, assessment instruments, and curriculum evaluation.

Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Mi. From 1978 to 1987. Adjunct Faculty for graduate level courses in educational issues and assessment instruments.

Benton Harbor Schools. Benton Harbor, Mi. From 1973 to 1975. Teacher.

Peace Corps Volunteer. Swaziland, Africa. From 1970 to 1973. Teacher. Peace Corps Training Administrator.

Beecher Area Schools, Flint, Mi. From 1969 to 1970. Teacher.

DR RONALD PRESS MD

BORN: December 2, 1951 San Bernardino, California

EDUCATION: High School: St. Mary's Towne and Country London, England

San Bernardino High School graduated with honors 1969

College: University of California, Berkeley college of Agricultural Science
B.S. degree Human Nutrition and Food Science graduated with honors
dates attended 9/1970 to 6/1974

Medical School Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University Karnataka, India
dates attended Jan 1976 to December 1982 including internship required

Residency: Oklahoma University, Tulsa Medical College
Family Medicine internship and residency
Dates attended July 1982-June 1985

CERTIFICATIONS: M.B.B.S. 1982

ECFMG 1981 FLEX 1983 (federal license)

Oklahoma medical license issued 8/19/1983

New Mexico medical license issued 11/16/1987 expires 7/01/2021

American Board of Family Practice board certified 1985,1992,1999,2005,2011 expires 2021

Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor active

Advanced trauma life support expired

Advanced life support in obstetrics expired

Neonatal resuscitation expired

New Mexico Search & Rescue Field Certified

Scope of Practice: Internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology (stopped), pediatrics,
Hospital medicine, emergency medicine, geriatrics, dermatology.

Federal Motor Vehicle Administration certified examiner for CDL

Immigration and Naturalization designated Civil Surgeon physician for immigration physical

Skills: Vaginal delivery, vacuum assist, D&C Colposcopy obstetric ultrasound
aortocan bladder scan
Vasectomy circumcision
sigmoidoscopy
Dermatological procedures
Lumbar puncture, thorocentesis paracentesis
simple fracture casting and splinting, sports medicine

WORK HISTORY

Present Position: Unity Medical Clinic Santa Fe, New Mexico a group family medicine
includes inpatient care at Christus St. Vincent's Hospital
CSVH inpatient rehab and Physicians Med Center surgical post-op care
421 St Michael's Dr. Santa Fe New Mexico 87505
tele 5059923334 fax 5059921998 dates from 10/2003 to present 12/2018

clinical professor of Family Medicine 1995-2012

Personal: Hobbies: Skiing, hiking, biking, horse riding, scuba diving (master diver certification) interested in diving medicine, cinematography, guitar

Future Plans: I plan on phasing out of private practice. Then start working as a locums physician or expedition doctor around New Mexico and internationally.

Personal statement: Life is a miracle but short. I have dedicated myself to contributing positively to the evolution of all life on earth

References: Neal Devitt MD	family medicine	505 466 4808	ndevitt@lfmctr.org
Mario Pacheco MD	family medicine	505 699 7310	Mario.Pacheco@stvin.org
Kurt Kastendieck MD	family medicine	505 690 3589	kk-md@a.com
Joshua Brown MD	internal medicine	505 577 2767	joshbrown112@hotmail.com
John Caskey MD	internal medicine	505 231 0560	nnmpllc@gmail.com
Eric Grasser MD	family medicine	505 490 6611	ericgrasser@gmail.com

Christus St. Vincent's Hospital Santa Fe, New Mexico active staff physician
dates from Jan 1989 to present 12/2018
455 St. Michael's Dr. Santa Fe NM 87505 tele 9135638 fax 913 5440

Past Positions:

Santa Ana Family Medicine dates 4/2003 to 10/2003
2205 Miguel Chavez Rd, Santa Fe NM 505954 4422

La Familia Medical Center
1035 Alto St. Santa Fe NM 87501 tele 5059824450 fax 982 8440
family practice including OB and inpatient medicine
medical director 1994-2000 dates jan 1989 to April 2003

Health Centers of Northern New Mexico
Española, New Mexico family physician
jan/1988 to Dec/1988

Española hospital staff physician jan 1988 to Dec 1988

Indian Health Resources Center
550 S. Peoria Ave. Tulsa, Oklahoma tele 918 588 1900 fax 918 582 6405
dates 10/1987-10/1988

Doeguling Tibetan Resettlement Hospital
Mundgod, Karnataka, India dates 10/86 to 6/1987

Creek Nation Community Hospital physician and Medical Director
1800 E, Coplin Rd Okemah, Oklahoma 74859 tele 918623 1424
(first job post residency) dates 7/1985 to 7/1986

Locums work

WW Hastings Indian Hospital
Tahlequah, Oklahoma locums emergency physician 1986/1987

Jane Phillips Hospital locums emergency room physician 1987
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Pinon Hills Mental Hospital Santa Fe, New Mexico locums physician 1995-1997

Española Hospital locums emergency room physician 1991-1993

Holy Cross Hospital Taos, New Mexico locums ER physician 1991-1993

Mogul Medical, Taos Ski Valley locums physician 1990-2000

Grants/Applications Tibetan Refugee Hospital project to Direct Relief International
Creek Nation Indian Hospital to Direct Relief International
Charter application for starting Northern New Mexico Family Practice Residency
Northern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program prepared application, Co-founder and associate

UNM Locums Tenens Locum physician mainly worked at Santa Domingo Pueblo Kewa outpatient Clinic 2-3 times per month
5/2019 to 11/2020

Christus St. Vincent's Family medicine Center Pojouque, New Mexico as per diem Family physician seeing outpatient 2-3 times per week
2/2019 to 12/2019

1/2020 I was planning to travel and take a leave of absence but due to the Covid Pandemic I have continued to work.

Christus St. Vincent Hospital per diem nightshift Hospitalist. Admitting patients from ER and managing inpatients. 2 times per month
4/2019 to 6/2021

La Familia Medical Center part-time physician working 2-3 times per week out patient only.
1/2020 to 1/19/2022

John Caskey Medical Group. Santa Fe, New Mexico covered outpatient clinic and inpatients at Christus St. Vincent's Hospital including admissions.
3/2020 to 2/25/2022 for 1 to 2 weeks 2 to 3 times per year.

Present : EL Centro Family Health
TAOS / San Miguel 1 day/week
1/2024 - 12/19/2025

KERRI A. COTTLE

EDUCATION

New Mexico Highlands University – Master of Arts, Special Education (PK–12), 2013

Santa Fe Community College – Teacher Alternative Licensure Program, Certificate of Completion, 2002

College of Santa Fe – Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Studio Art (Art Therapy Concentration), 1998, Graduated with Honors

Mount San Antonio College – General Education, Cross Country & Track Team, 1994–1996

WORK EXPERIENCE

Representative, Family Leadership Council of New Mexico – Santa Fe County

Part-time, 10 hours/month | 2025–2026

- Serve as Santa Fe County representative in statewide council of family leaders.
- Advocate for policies and initiatives supporting children, families, and community well-being.
- Collaborate with family leaders to elevate community voices and strengthen family engagement.

Community Outreach Coordinator – Santa Fe International Half Marathon

2020 – Present

- Coordinate community engagement, volunteer recruitment, and partnerships to promote inclusive participation.
- Manage outreach to schools, businesses, and cultural organizations for race weekend and wellness programs.
- Plan and execute public-facing events, including expos, wellness activities, and cultural programming.
- Track engagement metrics and prepare reports to enhance community impact.

Learning Support Coordinator – Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

2002 – Present

- Provide individualized academic support for PK–6 students, including remediation and enrichment.
- Develop and implement classroom accommodations in collaboration with teachers and specialists.
- Coordinate student assessments, referral packets, and standardized testing (MAPS).
- Serve on Admission Committee and Student Wellness Team.

Art and Leadership Program Coordinator – Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, NM

May 2019 – Sept 2019 (Contract)

- Managed 6th–9th grade summer art programs, including field trips and guest artist visits.
- Supervised program staff and site coordinators to ensure accessibility and quality.
- Maintained program budgets and demographic reporting for grants.

New Mexico State Geographic Bee Coordinator – National Geographic

Nov 2018 – May 2020 (Contract)

- Coordinated statewide student competition for grades 4–8, managing logistics, volunteers, and awards ceremonies.
- Communicated with state qualifiers and families, organized event setup, and managed expense reporting.

After School Activities Program (ASAP) Director & Educator – Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

2000–2007; 2013–2018

- Directed after-school programs and supervised educators in arts, athletics, yoga, and academic enrichment.
- Established school clubs including Geography and Running Clubs.

Summer Program Director & Educator – Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

1999–2006

- Oversaw spring and summer programs, including hiring and daily operations.
- Taught art and camp-themed activities; supervised junior counselors and managed budgets.

Freelance Photographer – Indian Country Today Media & Other Outlets

2016 – Present

- Document community events and Native student programs, including Apache Puberty Rite of Passage ceremonies.
- Work featured in national publications including The Atlantic.

Extended Care Director / Librarian Sub / Kindergarten & 1st Grade Assistant Teacher – Rio Grande School, Santa Fe, NM

1998–2002

Elderhostel Resident Advisor – The College of Santa Fe

May 1997 – Aug 1998

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, GRANTS & SERVICE

Alumni Board Member – New Mexico Highlands University

2024 – Present

- Support alumni engagement, development, and strategic initiatives.
- Collaborate with university leadership to strengthen alumni programs and community connections.

Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee – Liaison

May 2023 – Present

- Facilitate cultural exchange programs and international partnerships promoting cross-cultural understanding.
- Serve as liaison between committee members, city leadership, and Sister City partners.

Santa Fe Mayor's Committee on Disability – Committee Member

Sept 2025 – Present

- Advise the City of Santa Fe on accessibility, inclusion, and equity in housing, employment, recreation, and transportation.

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) People of Color Conference – Presenter

- Presented "Visual Vignettes: Discovering Ourselves through Collage" and co-presented for the Native American Initiative.

Santa Fe International Half Marathon – Volunteer Coordinator & Community Engagement Lead

- Supported inclusive participation through volunteer organization, outreach, and event coordination.

Rio Grande School – Community Partnership Host

- Hosted visiting Kenyan delegation; organized community shoe drive, 2019.

Board & Leadership Roles

- Former Board Member, Southwest Dyslexia Association.
- Former Mentor, Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program.

Awards & Honors

- Athlete of the Year (Track) – Corona High School Kwanis Club, 1992.
- Turkish Cultural Foundation Grant Recipient (Turkey Study Tour), 2013.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING

Indigenous Wisdom Curriculum – Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Neuropsychology & the Brain – University of California, Santa Barbara (2017)
Schools Attuned, Minds-Up, Orton-Gillingham Level 1, Handwriting Without Tears
Milton Academy Summer Diversity Institute – PreK–12
Trauma-Informed Yoga (20 hours, 2021)
USTA Track & Field Level 1 (2019)
Writing Revolution – Advancing Thinking Through Writing, Grades 3–12 (2024)
Dibels Onboarding & Professional Development (Fall 2024)