

ABARA HOUSE

A BORDERLAND CENTER



DEAR FRIEND,

LAST YEAR ABARA HOSTED 75 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, FROM 15 MEXICAN STATES, AT ABARA HOUSE IN COLLABORATION WITH UTEP. THE STUDENTS CREATED BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK THEY DEDICATED TO THE HISTORIC HACIENDA. THE ARTWORK IS CURRENTLY HANGING THROUGHOUT THE SPACE, AND OUR TEAM RECENTLY NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE STUDENTS WROTE, "TOGETHER WE ARE HOME."

THIS PHRASE MOVES US AS WE REFLECT ON THE REALITY THAT YES, TOGETHER, WE ARE HOME, NO MATTER OUR BACKGROUND, CULTURE, OR JOURNEY. WE ARE MADE FOR ONE ANOTHER, OR IN THE AFRICAN TRADITION OF UBUNTU: "I AM BECAUSE WE ARE."

AS WE REFLECT ON ABARA HOUSE, LOCATED ON ONE OF THE OLDEST CROSSINGS ON THE US-MEXICO BORDER, AND, AS SO MANY HISTORIES CONVERGE INTO ONE PLACE, WE BELIEVE NOW MORE THAN EVER THAT THIS FUTURE BORDERLAND CENTER WILL BE A GATHERING PLACE TO INSPIRE CONNECTIONS ACROSS DIVIDES FOR NARRATIVE, SYSTEMS, AND PERSONAL CHANGE.

AS A BORDERLAND CENTER, THIS 4-ACRE SITE WILL INCLUDE THE HISTORIC HACIENDA, ADOBE DESERT CHAPEL, OFFICES/TRAINING SPACE, MARKETPLACE, AND OVERFLOW HOUSING FOR REFUGEES AND VISITING GROUPS FROM AROUND THE UNITED STATES.

WE ENVISION ABARA HOUSE JOINING A FAMILY OF PEACE BUILDING CENTERS AROUND THE WORLD WITH A SHARED PASSION FOR THEMES SUCH AS NON-VIOLENT PEACE BUILDING, CONTEMPLATIVE ACTIVISM, MUTUAL FLOURISHING, AND HEALING ETHNIC WOUNDS.

WE KNOW THAT THIS MULTI-DIMENSIONAL PROJECT WILL REQUIRE ALL SORTS OF VOICES WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD COMPLETION. FOR WAYS TO ENGAGE OR GIVE, PLEASE REACH OUT ANYTIME TO CHAT OR MEET AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND PARTNERSHIP.

WITH LOVE,

Sami DiPasquale

PS - WE ARE WORKING TO CONTINUE **WIDENING OUR CIRCLE OF PARTNERS** AS WE DIVERSIFY OUR INCOME BLENDED WITH TRADITIONAL FUNDRAISING. **WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER INTRODUCING US TO ANYONE YOU RECOMMEND** WHO MIGHT HAVE INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT.