

Dream Tree Project Open House This Saturday



For the past year or so I have been connected to DreamTree Project, an 11-year-old Taos nonprofit that provides a safe home base for youth in need. DreamTree is a residence (short- and longer-term), a resource center, a shared dining table, a place where youth breathe easier, learn, grow, mess up, excel, and move on with greater confidence. Chances are you know about DreamTree—that it has something to do with Youth, that it's been around for awhile. Many of you probably have had contacted with DreamTree people—Kim Treiber and Cami Hartman, the youth care team or case managers there, or the Youth themselves by way of mentoring or volunteering. Most of you have also probably supported DreamTree in some way. **On November 5th**, DreamTree is planning an open house celebration to thank you, and the Taos community, for its ongoing support. It's also time to toot our own horn some.

This year, the Tree has grown. A lot. In spite of challenging economic times, DreamTree has launched two new significant programs –Taos' only Emergency Youth Shelter, serving youth in immediate need ages 12-17, and a Community-based Housing Program that helps graduates of Dream Tree's signature Transitional Living Program (TLP), as well as other Youth, move into apartments out in the community and eventually assume the leases on their own. Combined, Dream Tree's Emergency Shelter, the TLP, and the Community-based Housing Program offer a continuum of care and support for homeless Youth and their families unmatched in the State. DreamTree Project now supports more Youth in more ways.

It's news worth sharing and celebrating. So, mark the time and date and join the DreamTree family and friends for **homemade food, music, face painting and campus tours, this Saturday, November 5th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** [Tina and Her Pony](#) and Don Conoscenti will be playing. KTAO and Paddy Mac will be there live. Tethered hot air balloon rides planned, too (weather permitting). Plus, a raffle with cool prizes that include a hot air balloon ride over the Gorge for two.

What else do you need to know? DreamTree still needs your support. Come closer and get to know us better.

In simplest terms, DreamTree is a safe and supportive place for Youth and families to figure out the next step. It's a warm place, a creative and active place, a bright spot, and a necessary resource that runs on commitment and courage every day. The Youth who come and stay at DreamTree, and eventually move on, are quite simply amazing in their resolve to move forward.

Show your support for what DreamTree does. Stop by 128 La Posta Road, Saturday, **Saturday November 5th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, and hang out with some beautiful people—which includes you. Bring your kids, a friend, a neighbor, or someone you think could benefit from learning more. You are going to like what you see and hear.

Signed, Cara Fox and the DreamTree Team

© Copyright 2012 Taos Communications Corporation. Site Design & Development: [Studio Karina, LLC](#) and [HoldMyTicket.com](#)