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### ST. ELIZABETH SHELTERS NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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After 13 years as executive director of St. Elizabeth Shelters, Deborah Tang is retiring at the end of July. Edward Archuleta, currently case manager at St. Elizabeth's Men's Emergency Shelter, will be taking over on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Archuleta, voted New Mexico Case Manager of the Year in 2017, has been involved with St. Elizabeth since its founding in 1986, serving as volunteer resident manager, front desk volunteer and member of its Board of Directors. He joined the staff in 2010 and became case manager in 2012.

*Ex-Officio*  
Deborah Tang  
*Executive Director*

"We are blessed to have such a great internal candidate to succeed Deborah," says Sam Baca, president of the Board of Directors. "Not only does Edward possess all the qualifications for the position, but he knows our programs inside and out. He has shown incredible dedication to our mission, having done an outstanding job for many years as case manager, as well as having deep roots and being well-respected in our community."

During Tang's time at the helm, St. Elizabeth has seen increasing demand for its homeless services, with the economic recession of 2008 playing a major role in this. In response, the organization opened Casa Familia, an emergency shelter for single women and families with children, in 2009, effectively doubling the number of beds available in Santa Fe year-round. Besides its two emergency shelters, St. Elizabeth operates three longer-term supportive housing programs, a Homeless Legal Clinic and provides outreach services to nearly 2,000 men, women and children annually. It is the only year-round, full-service homeless shelter in Santa Fe and all of Northern New Mexico.

"I think the board made a perfect choice in selecting Edward due to his vast knowledge of homelessness and the Santa Fe community," Tang says. "He has the required skill set that's needed to meet the housing challenges we face today and in the future."