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YDI Amistad Crisis Shelter applies for free meals to ensure client nutrition in 2022-2023

Albuquerque, New Mexico. -- The YDI Amistad Crisis Shelter located at 1706 Centro Familiar Blvd SW Albuquerque, NM 87105, is applying for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for client meal reimbursements through the Public Education Department, Student & Wellness for the 2022-2023 school year. Under the legal responsibility of the shelter, foster care agency, and/or court, clients aged 12-17 years are eligible for free meals (including all breakfasts, lunches, and afternoon snacks).

By applying for reimbursements for meals, YDI is ensuring the health and nutrition of the individuals who come to Amistad in their time of crisis and need. "These kids and teens have enough to worry about and deal with when they come through our doors," says Reynaldo Guillen, Food & Nutrition Specialist at Amistad Shelter, "the last thing they need is to worry about where their food is coming from and if they will eat today."

Operating 24/7/365 and offering a 24-hour hotline, the Amistad Crisis Shelter offers all residents access to all meals, snacks, short-term residential shelter care, crisis intervention, assessment, counseling, therapy, recreational activities, life and social skills training, case management, educational/vocational assistance, job skills training, and referral assistance.

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