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### **Jewish Family Service Receives \$75,000 Grant from Daniels Fund Innovative Program Promotes Independence for Seniors**

*Albuquerque, NM, September 25, 2006* – Jewish Family Service of New Mexico (JFS) received a \$75,000 Daniels Fund grant to support the “Neighbors – Aging Well” program. The Neighbors program provides education and supportive home-based services to older adults so they can remain independent and age safely in their homes. Services for seniors will include geriatric case management, transportation, housekeeping, companions, and a variety of informative programs. “Neighbors” also utilizes volunteer visitors. People interested in volunteering with older adults should contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator at 348-4515.

The Daniels Fund issued a portion of the award (\$25,000) in the form of a challenge grant. In order to receive it, JFS must raise \$25,000 from other revenue sources, including community contributions. “We look forward to working together with the Daniels Fund and the community to create positive change for seniors,” said Mim Burhans, JFS Board President. Anyone interested in contributing to the challenge grant fund should contact the JFS Resource Development Manager at 348-4492.

“Current demographic trends – aging baby boomers – and a strong desire of seniors to age in their own home, require us to think differently about how we serve this important and growing population. We are gratified that the Daniels Fund is supporting this innovative program,” said Art Fine, JFS Executive Director. The Daniels Fund operates scholarship and grant programs in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Bill Daniels, a philanthropist and pioneer in cable television, established the Fund in 1997.

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*Jewish Family Service is a non-profit, non-sectarian agency offering a variety of programs aimed at preserving and improving the quality of life for its clients. JFS services include counseling, a food pantry, older adult services, community chaplaincy and case management.*