

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Registry of Charitable Organizations  
P.O. Drawer 1508  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-150  
charity.registrar@nmag.gov  
(505) 717-3500 or 1-844-255-9210

**RAÚL TORREZ**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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## NM Charitable Organization Registration Statement

Tax Year 2021 - fiscal period beginning 7/1/2021 and ending 6/30/2022

**Status is Registration Submitted (20213212317960802) as of 6/28/2023**

For up to date status information, visit <https://secure.nmag.gov/CharitySearch/CharityDetail.aspx?FEIN=85-0135073>

**Charity Name:** LifeROOTS Inc.

**FEIN:** 85-0135073

*Website Address:* www.lifeROOTSnm.com

*E-Mail Address:* info@LifeROOTSnm.org

*Fiscal Year End Month:* 06      *Day:* 30

*Incorporated:* Yes      *State:* NM      *Date:* 3/24/1958

*Organization Type:*

*Establish Date:*

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*Other Names for Charity:* LifeROOTS

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*Primary Address:* 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

*Mailing Address:* 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

*Other Addresses:*  
1909 29th St.  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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*Phone Numbers:* 505-255-5501 Ext: 1800 (Telephone)

Phone Numbers: 505-255-9971 (Fax)  
505-962-0270 (Telephone)

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NTEE Classifications: J30 Vocational Rehabilitation  
P30 Children & Youth Services  
P82 Developmentally Disabled Centers

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Charity Purpose: Providing people with disabilities and their families the resources and support they need to empower their lives and shape their futures.

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Solicitation Methods: Supported by Trust or Grant SourceAmerica  
Internet Web site  
Supported by Trust or Grant NMDOT Section 5310 Grant  
Other Smiths Community Rewards  
Internet Smile.Amazon Charitable Donations

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Charity Individuals:

Name: Arends, Marjorie	5052555501
Position Title: HR Director	MarjorieA@liferootsnm.org
Annual Compensation: \$65,000.00	
Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87107	
Name: Becker, Mary	5052555501
Position Title: Director, Early Interv Services	MaryB@liferootsnm.org
Annual Compensation: \$68,000.00	
Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87107	
Name: Cooper, Dwanna	5052555501
Position Title: President & CEO	dcooper@LifeROOTSnm.org
Annual Compensation: \$109,990.00	
Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87107	
Name: Epstein, Carol	
Position Title: Board Member	Carolepstein6484@gmail.com
Annual Compensation: \$0.00	
Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87107	

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Charity Individuals:

Name: Esquibel, Dawn

Position Title: Treasurer

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Guerra, Carol

Position Title: Board Member

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Hayden, Michelle

255-5501 x1801

Position Title: Finance Director

MichelleH@LifeROOTS  
NM.org

Annual

Compensation: \$60,320.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Molina, Matthew

5052555501 ext

Position Title: President and CEO

matthewm@liferootsnm.  
org

Annual

Compensation: \$94,800.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Molina, Matthew

255-5501

Position Title: Director of Contracts

MatthewM@LifeROOTS  
nm.org

Annual

Compensation: \$65,100.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Ortega, Angela

255-5501

Position Title: Director of Children's and  
Therapy Services

AngelaO@LifeROOTSn  
m.org

Annual

Compensation: \$80,600.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Ortega, Angela

255-5501

Position Title: Director of Community  
Services

AngelaO@LifeROOTSn  
m.org

Annual

Compensation: \$80,600.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Charity Individuals:

Name: Salazar, Catherine

Position Title: Board Member

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Saldyt, Myron "Sal"

Position Title: Board Member

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Silva, Maggie

Position Title: Board Chairman

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Strickler, Leslie

Position Title: Board Member

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Teske, Michael

Position Title: Board Member

Michael.Teske@usbank.com

Annual

Compensation: \$0.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Name: Valdez, Ernesto

5052555501 ext

Position Title: Director of Safety, Facilities and Fleet

ernestov@liferootsnm.org

Annual

Compensation: \$60,200.00

Address: 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

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Responsibilities:

Individuals who are authorized to sign checks: Arends, Marjorie

HR Director

Becker, Mary

Director, Early Interv Services

Cooper, Dwanna

President & CEO

Guerra, Carol

Board Member

*Individuals who are responsible for fund raising:* Cooper, Dwanna      President & CEO  
Silva, Maggie      Board Chairman

*Individuals who are responsible for the distribution of funds:* Cooper, Dwanna      President & CEO  
Hayden, Michelle      Finance Director

*Individuals who have custody of financial records:* Hayden, Michelle      Finance Director

*Individuals who have custody of funds:* Cooper, Dwanna      President & CEO  
Hayden, Michelle      Finance Director

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*Accountant/Auditor:*

*Person Name:* Lewis, Barbara  
*Job Title:* Principal Assurance  
*Company:* CliftonLarsonAllen LLP  
*Address:* 6501 Americas Pkwy NE  
Suite 700  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
*Phone Number:* 5053141609  
*Fax Number:* 5054509142  
*E-Mail Address:* Barbara.Lewis@claconnect.com

*Person Authorized to Receive  
Service of Process:*

*Person Name:* Cooper, Dwanna  
*Job Title:* President and CEO  
*Company:* LifeROOTS Inc.  
*Address:* 1111 Menaul Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
*Phone Number:* 5052555501  
*Fax Number:* 505-255-9971  
*E-Mail Address:* dcooper@LifeROOTSnm.org

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*Professional Fundraisers:*

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*Question and Answer:*

Q: *Has organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fund raisers ever been enjoined or otherwise prohibited by a government agency/court from soliciting?*

A: No

Q: *Has organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fund raisers had its registration been denied or revoked?*

A: No

Q: *Has organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fund raisers ever been the subject of a proceeding regarding any solicitation or registration?*

A: No

Q: *Has organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fund raisers ever entered into a voluntary agreement of compliance with any government agency or in a case before a court or administrative agency?*

A: No

Q: *Has organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fund raisers registered with or obtained exemption from any state or agency?*

A: No

Q: *Has organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fund raisers solicited funds in New Mexico?*

A: Yes            Golf tournament fundraising campaign

Q: *Are any of the organization's officers, directors, trustees or employees related by blood, marriage, or adoption to: (a) any other officer, director, trustee or employee OR (b) any officer, agent, or employee of any fundraising professional firm under contract to the organization OR (c) any officer, agent, or employee of a supplier or vendor firm providing goods or services to the organization?*

A: No

Q: *Does the organization or any of its officers, directors, employees, or anyone holding a financial interest in the organization have a financial interest in a business described in (b) or (c) in previous question OR serve as an officer, director, partner or employee of a business described in (b) or (c) in previous question?*

A: Yes            Carol Guerra, Board Member, is an owner of All-Star Insurance, 2625 Pennsylvania NE, Ste 710, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

Q: *Have any of the organization's officers, directors, or principal executives ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?*

A: No

Q: *Does the organization receive financial support from other non-profit organizations (foundations, public charities, combined campaigns, etc.)?*

A: No

Q: *Does the organization share revenue or governance with any other non-profit organization?*

A: No

Q: *Does any other person or organization own a 10% or greater interest in your organization OR does your organization own a 10% or greater interest in any other organization?*

A: No

*Applied For Tax Exempt:* Yes 2/28/1963  
*Granted Tax Exempt:* Yes 2/28/1963  
*IRS Section:* 501(c)(3)  
*Tax Exempt Ever Denied:* No  
*Tax Exempt Ever Revoked:* No  
*Tax Exempt Ever Modified:* No  
*Contributions Tax Deductible:* Yes

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*Banks:*

US Bank  
1-800-673-3555  
P. O. Box 1800  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-0800

Bank of the West  
1-800-488-2265  
P.O. Box 2830  
Omaha, NE 68103-2830

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**Annual Financials**

<i>IRS Document Filed:</i>	990
<i>Total Contributions:</i>	\$928,556.00
<i>Total Gross Revenue:</i>	\$6,976,843.00
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	\$7,314,188.00
<i>Program Services Expenses:</i>	\$5,990,507.00
<i>Management General Expenses:</i>	\$1,319,897.00
<i>Fundraising Expenses:</i>	\$3,784.00
<i>Beginning of Year Net Assets:</i>	\$2,968,969.00
<i>End of Year Net Assets:</i>	\$2,541,465.00
<i>Gross Professional Fundraising Collections:</i>	\$0.00
<i>Net Professional Fundraising Collections:</i>	\$0.00

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*Registration Submitted By:*

Hayden, Michelle  
Finance Director

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