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Press Release

Santa Fe – The Village of Corrales received special recognition on Thursday for its outstanding Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, a community-wide effort that promotes safe walking and bicycling to Corrales Elementary school.

Each year, the National Center for SRTS bestows the James L. Oberstar Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Award, the highest honor a SRTS program can receive, to one school in the nation.

The program in Chagrin Falls, Ohio was presented the award on August 22.

However the Awards Selection Committee felt that the SRTS program at Corrales Elementary School also deserved acknowledgement. The school is adjacent to Corrales Road which presents a barrier to students safely walking and bicycling to the school.

Laura Montoya, Local Champion for the Corrales SRTS program, worked with the Village and local advocates to develop a Walking School Bus program where community volunteers walk with groups of children to school. These adult volunteers help direct the children along safe routes that follow the drainage ditches in the community. , The Walking School Bus program and other activities associated with the SRTS program raised the percentage of students regularly walking and biking to school from 5 percent to 25 percent.

The Corrales SRTS program is funded by a \$25,000 award from the New Mexico Department of Transportation which administers the program in New Mexico. The NM SRTS program provides funding and technical assistance to communities, school districts and K-8 grade schools throughout the state.

The National Center for SRTS receives funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration to assist states and communities with statewide and local SRTS programs.

For more information, visit the National Center for SRTS website at www.saferoutesinfo.org or the NM SRTS program at www.nmsaferoutes.com

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