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NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2007

A Letter from Our President --

The New Year is usually a time for reflecting on the past year and planning for the year to come. The Board of Directors of New Mexico Children's Foundation is no exception. We began our year with a Board Retreat at El Sueno del Corazon in Abiquiu on January 12th. Helen Hunt and Harville Hendrix graciously offered us their beautiful ranch for this purpose and their staff were outstanding in accommodating the board in every way possible.

Fourteen board members attended the retreat facilitated by Kelly Egolf of Santa Fe. Kelly is well known for her work with foundations and non-profit organizations. We were so lucky and appreciative to her for donating her time and expertise to the Foundation. The board worked very hard during these two days to examine the Foundation's past objectives and operations, and we developed some new goals and objectives. As the year progresses you will hear more and more about our plans. Finally, as 2007 begins, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members. They are Eric Faust, Owner of Tierra Concepts, Max Myers, Executive Vice President of New Mexico Bank and Trust and George Collins, retired marketing executive. Our board now comprises twenty-one members. Please join us in welcoming these outstanding and caring individuals who will be giving of their time and energy to "our children".

The Board of Directors wish you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year.

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 ALICE'S WONDERLAND
 IS FINALLY HERE!

NMCF will hold its second annual "Alice's Wonderland" event on Saturday, March 31, 2007 in the Lumpkins Ballroom at the La Fonda Hotel.

The Alice's Committee is putting the finishing touches on the event and gathering wonderful live and silent auction items. Best of Live tickets will once again be sold. The winner of the "Best of Live" raffle will be able to choose one of the "Live" auction items before the bidding begins. Tickets are only \$100 and last year's winner chose a trip with a value of \$5,000. Once again, as well, eight of our grantees will be given the opportunity to identify a needed project which is in addition to their yearly grant, and which will be bid on by partygoers in a live raffle called "Raise the Paddle". This was a highlight of last year's event and raised an additional \$15,000 for small non-profit organizations. Representatives of the groups will once again be invited to be present at the event so that attendees will have a chance to learn about their programs. Tickets are \$150 each and include a wonderful four-course dinner, open bar, and dancing to the group "Soulstice". For more information, or to reserve tickets, please phone the Foundation's office at (505) 986-2043 or visit our website at: newmexicochildrensfoundation.org.

Our Grants for 2006

- Abiquiu Public Library, Abiquiu - \$3,000
- Art in the School, Albuquerque - \$3,000
- Arts to Boost Curriculum, Abiquiu - \$4,000
- Assistance League of Chavez Co., Roswell - \$4,000
- Camp Corazones, Santa Fe - \$5,000
- Camp Rising Sun, Albuquerque - \$4,000
- Canones Early Childhood Center, Canones - \$5,000
- De Colores - Parent Child Center, Santa Fe - \$3,000
- Embudo Valley Library, Dixon - \$4,000
- Future Foundations, Grants - \$4,000
- Gerard's House, Santa Fe -
- Gila Institute for Tots to Teens, Silver City - \$3,000
- Life Options Academy, Albuquerque \$4,000
- Mesilla Valley CASA, Las Cruces - \$3,000
- NM Suicide Intervention Project, Santa Fe - \$7,500
- Self-Help, Inc., Los Alamos - \$4,000
- Truchas Services Center, Truchas - \$3,000
- Villa Theresa Catholic Clinic, Santa Fe - \$3,000
- Wings Ministry, Roswell - \$3,000
- Youth Heartline, Taos - \$7,500
- Zona del Sol, Santa Fe - \$3,000



NMCF needs your help to continue its efforts on behalf of the children of New Mexico. Your financial support in any amount will touch the lives of many.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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____ I would like to volunteer for one of NMCF's upcoming events.
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Richard and Cindy Mares
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Deborah Peacock & Nathan Korn

Nancy King
George Collins
Santa Fe Country Club
Women's Golf Assoc.
Tricia & Clark Elmer
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Thank you to our contributors. Your gifts make it possible for us to provide support for the children of New Mexico.

There are many reasons to give to New Mexico Children's Foundation, and just as many ways.

A cash gift is the easiest way to help NMCF with its programs for the children of New Mexico. Any amount is greatly appreciated, but for a gift of \$3,000, a fund can be established in your name.

Gifts of appreciated securities (stocks or bonds) may also be used to establish a fund or add to an existing fund.

Life insurance policies can be used as charitable gifts. You may name New Mexico Children's Foundation as beneficiary.

If you would like to discuss any of these options, please phone Executive Director, Carol Kessler at (505) 986-2043.

NMCF RECEIVES FUNDS FROM 2007 POWER SMOKE

More than 100 legislators and friends were wine and dined at the 2007 Power Smoke. Attendees were treated to cigars and a sumptuous dinner at the Eldorado Hotel's "Old House" on Monday, January 22nd. The event is sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and the Association of Commerce and Industry and is the hit of the Legislative Season. And, once again, New Mexico Children's Foundation was the recipient of funds from the event. The total proceeds of the Power Smoke will total nearly \$25,000 and will be added to the Alice King Endowment to ensure the long-term survivability of the foundation. Thanks to Alfred Matter, General Manager of the Eldorado, Greg Winegardner of Wells Fargo Bank and John Carey, President of ACI. And thanks, of course, to Don & Sallye Avrut and Sal Fontana for the auction items and hand-rolled cigars.

ALICE KING ENDOWMENT

The New Mexico Children's Foundation is very excited to announce an anonymous gift of \$50,000 **In Honor of Jeanette Miller**. The Board of Directors announced this wonderful donation at its Annual Meeting.

Jeanette served as Executive Director of New Mexico Children's Foundation for 10 years, bringing the organization statewide recognition, respect and financial support. We are thrilled to be able to continue the work which Jeanette started.

With the approval of the donor, the Board of Directors has voted to add this gift to the **Alice King Endowment**. At the January Retreat (see President's Letter), the revised Strategic Plan identifies a specific goal to bring the endowment to \$600,000 by the end of 2007. All shapes, forms and sizes of gifts are welcome. Donations may be identified as going to the **Alice King Endowment** and may be in the form of a pledge, cash, stock, planned giving or gifts from your IRA. It may be in honor of someone or a special occasion. Whatever the reason, you will know that you are helping extend future programs which benefit the children of New Mexico.

Mimi Kingsbury, Endowment Committee Chair

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Board Members and their guests attended the New Mexico Children's Foundation Annual Meeting at the home of Richard and Cindy Mares, on December 13, 2006. New Officers were elected for the next year. They are: Ann Bealle, President; Ann Kenyon, Vice President and President/Elect; Tricia Elmer, Secretary and Richard Sandoval, Treasurer.

Past Board Members, and Friends of the Foundation, were recognized at the event and our out-going President, Mimi Kingsbury, announced the receipt of a \$50,000 gift of stock from an anonymous donor.

New President, Ann Bealle, announced her goals for 2007 and thanked Mimi, and all Board Members, for their service over the past year.

Thank you to Cindy and Richard for their wonderful hospitality and the beautiful setting.



OUR BOARD MEMBERS ON RETREAT

Become Involved

Contact Carol Kessler, Executive Director of The New Mexico Children's Foundation at P.O. Box 8182, Santa Fe, NM 87504-8182, phone (505) 986-2043 or email: nmchildrensfoundation@hotmail.com.

NMCF ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR 2007

The Grants Committee met in November and approved applications from 21 groups for funding in 2007. A total of 35 grants were received this year, from all sections of New Mexico. The Board of Directors approved the grants recommended by the committee at its January Board Meeting.

The amount of grants was increased 10% over last year's funding, for a total of \$85,000.

Page 7 lists all of the grants for 2007, and the amounts awarded.

Additions to our Website

You can now donate to the Foundation on-line. Our website has been upgraded to provide a secure page for donations. The Foundation can also now accept American Express cards in addition to Visa and Master Card.

For those of you wanting to purchase tickets to Alice's Wonderland, just list your number of tickets in the "comments" section of the page, and your tickets will be sent right out to you.