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NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2006

A Letter from our President

At various points in our lives we are fortunate to run into certain individuals who can act as a mentor to each of us. It may be a teacher, neighbor, co-worker, civic leader -- someone who inspires us to strive to reach our full potential. Or it may be someone we have read about who lives his or her life according to principles which we admire.

For me my current Role Model is someone I am privileged to work with on the board of New Mexico Children's Foundation. **Alice King** founded the Children's Foundation in 1992 when, as First Lady, she and Governor Bruce King traveled the state. She discovered that there were many areas where children's needs were not being sufficiently met. She envisioned a foundation which would fund these unmet needs whether they were for protective services, the arts, early childhood development or other identified needs. Alice is still very involved on the Board, serving on the Executive Committee, the Endowment Committee, the Grants Committee and the Finance Committee. I would love to be like Alice -- I just can't "put up" apples like she does.

The Alice King Endowment was established in 1992. We will begin using proceeds from this endowment when it reaches \$500,000. At current investment returns we will be able to provide an additional \$30,000 in grants annually. And we have only \$70,000 to go to reach that \$500,000.

Now here is the good part. We have just received a \$10,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor to kickstart our campaign. Please consider matching this grant to the Alice King Endowment so the Children's Foundation can help many more of the children of New Mexico.

Mimi Kingsbury



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE

NMCF's annual car raffle will be held on Wednesday, August 9th in the Pavilion of the Eldorado Hotel in downtown Santa Fe. Don Chalmer's Ford in Rio Rancho is once again providing the automobile, a 2002 Black Mazda Miata sports car. Tickets are \$200 and include admission for two to a cocktail buffet and open bar. The event begins at 6:00 pm. To purchase tickets, you may either contact an NMCF board member (listed on the back of this newsletter) or phone the NMCF office at (505) 986-2043.

Tennis Tournament

NMCF's annual tennis tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at Sangre de Cristo Racquet Club in Santa Fe. Only 40 players will participate and awards will be presented to the top 12 players. The tournament begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 1:00 pm with a luncheon under the trees, provided by La Fonda Hotel. There is a \$75.00 fee for each player, which includes lunch and a "goodie bag". Tickets for the lunch only are \$25.00 and may be reserved by phoning the NMCF office at (505) 986-2043.

OVER THE RAINBOW

The Albuquerque Chapter of NMCF will present its new fundraising event called "Over the Rainbow" at Wool Warehouse on Sunday, September 24th from 2 to 5 pm. Over the Rainbow will feature a buffet, silent auction and performances from well-known Broadway musicals such as The Wiz, Beauty and the Beast, Seussical and Annie and will include both adult and child performers from Musical Theatre Southwest. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$35.00 for children and may be obtained by phoning Margaret Putnam at (505) 292-0251 or NMCF at 986-2043.

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.

Our Grants for 2006

Arts to Boost Curriculum, Abiquiu - \$6,000
Boys & Girls Club, Abiquiu - \$3,500
Camp Corazones, Santa Fe - \$5,000
Canones Early Childhood Center, Canones - \$5,000
Child Rite, Inc., Taos - \$6,500
El Rito Library, El Rito - \$6,500
Embudo Valley Library, Dixon - \$3,500
First Judicial CASA, Santa Fe - \$3,500
Future Foundations, Grants - \$3,500
Gerard's House, Santa Fe - \$3,500 (Memorial Grant in honor of Ethel Ballen)
Hands on Community Arts, Santa Fe - \$3,500
Junior Achievement, Albuquerque - \$3,000
NM Suicide Intervention Project, Santa Fe - \$6,000
Santa Fe Teen Center, Santa Fe - \$3,000
Self-Help, Inc., Los Alamos - \$3,000
Tri-county Children's Advocates, Taos - \$6,000
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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

____ I would like to volunteer for one of NMCF's upcoming events.

Please phone me: _____

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NEW MEXICO GRANTMAKERS PRESENTS A TALK ABOUT THE CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED

The New Mexico Association of Grantmakers presented a talk on April 20, by Nell Bernstein, author of the newly released book, "All Alone in the World -- Children of the Incarcerated" (The New Press, ISBN: 1-56584-952-3).

The American penal system currently incarcerates the parents of more than 2.4 million children, a number that is steadily growing. Only a handful of police precincts and social services agencies across the country have policies in place to deal with the children of incarcerated parents at the time of arrest or after, too often leaving children directly in harms way. In this highly acclaimed new book, award-winning journalist Nell Bernstein takes an intimate look at parents and children torn apart by the current American penal system. She discovers that a few innovative programs and brave leaders are finding way to ensure that the need for justice and public safety are met without punishing children.

CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS

1. I have the right to be kept safe and informed at the time of my parent's arrest.
2. I have the right to be heard when decisions are made about me.
3. I have the right to be considered when decisions are made about my parent.
4. I have the right to be well cared for in my parent's absence.
5. I have the right to speak with, see and touch my parent.
6. I have the right to support as I face my parent's incarceration.
7. I have the right not to be judged, blamed or labeled.
8. I have the right to a lifelong relationship with my parent.



NEWS FROM OUR GRANTEES

Tri-County Children's Advocates, Taos, reports that their grant from the Alice's Wonderland event has gone to replace their six-year-old computers with new high-capacity computers that will enable them to produce more professional graphic representations of what their programs do for children.

First Judicial CASA, Santa Fe, has launched a new program initiative that will connect "at risk" kids with a variety of resources in the Santa Fe community. The first phase will match kids in foster care and kids in prison with Big Brothers or Big Sisters. To make this happen, CASA is collaborating with the state's Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Northern New Mexico. Both CASA and BBBS are actively searching for volunteers. Call 820-1500 for information on becoming a CASA volunteer, or for BBBS, phone 983-8360.

Hands on Community Art, Santa Fe, will host summer art camps for children ages 9 to 11 from low income families and murals created by teens in programs of Youth Shelters and Family Services. Two of the camps will be attended by girls from Girls, Inc. A show of the artwork by the children will be held at the Museum Resource Center from August 1-6, with a public reception on Friday, August 4 from 3 to 5 pm. The youth murals are being planned as summer projects for disadvantaged teens staying at La Otra Puereta Emergency youth Shelter and homeless teens who are participants in the Street Outreach Program.

Comments from Participants in the Child-Rite Families Spring Retreat

"Thank you so much for all do for our retreats. Both my kids and I get so much out of them. We have now come four times and we love it."

The Poole Family

"Thank you so much for the retreat. We get so much out of visiting with other adoptive families and the great staff of Child Rite."

Marie & Susan

Our Albuquerque Chapter

Our Albuquerque Chapter is up and running and working hard on the Over the Rainbow Event. Our thanks to Margaret Putnam and Shirley Anderson for all of their work in the past on behalf of the Foundation and to all of the past members who worked so hard to make King Putt a great success for more than 5 years. Listed below are the members of the Albuquerque Chapter.

Shirley Anderson
Dorothy Baca
Susan Elliott
Margie Keck

Jolene Maes
Margaret Putnam
Lyle Ramsey
Cristi Sala

Darren Sowell

If you would like to join, please contact Margaret Putnam at (505) 292-0251.

Executive Director Visits Roswell Groups

The NMCF Executive Director traveled to Roswell on May 2nd to meet with local business people and non-profits in Roswell. The First Presbyterian Church was the scene of a presentation about the Foundation to local business leaders. We wish to thank Sarah Armstrong and Abby Yates for putting it together. Wednesday, a lunch was attended by more than 15 non-profits who came to learn about the grant application process. Our thanks go out to Jane Batson and Susie Russell of the Community Foundation of Chaves County for identifying and inviting the non-profits. Carol has also been invited back to Roswell on June 27th to give a presentation to a region-wide forum on fundraising, presented by CFCC.