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NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2006

A Letter from Our President --

We have some exciting news to announce!! Our challenge grant to the Endowment Fund has been met and exceeded. **Alice and Bruce King** offered us \$10,000 if we could find a matching donor. Carol Kessler and I met with Rick Sanders and explained our \$10,000 challenge. **Karen and Rick Sanders** accepted that challenge, issuing us an additional challenge of their own. They wanted us to find one more donor at the \$10,000 level. Board member **David Dodge** approached **Zannie Garcia Hoyt**. Zannie gave us \$10,000 in honor of **Bill Simmons**. Both Zannie and Bill are former officers of the NMCF Board. With this additional \$30,000 going to the Alice King Endowment, we are very close to reaching \$500,000. It is at that level that the Board has determined that we will begin using interest earned to support additional program grants. At current investment returns we will be able to provide an additional \$30,000 in grants annually. While we are very excited about these three very generous donations, we welcome gifts to the Endowment in any amount. You may designate your donation in honor or memory of someone. Just identify your gift as going to the **Alice King Endowment**. And watch your donation as it benefits the needy children of New Mexico.

Mimi Kingsbury

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 : UPCOMING EVENTS :
 : ALICE'S WONDERLAND :

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 busy planning 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 to San Diego for two, including transportation, hotel, golf and dugout tickets to a Padre's Game. The prize had a value of \$5,000. Once again, as well, ten 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.

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
- Youth Heartline, 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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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.

OUR ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Cindy Mares once again organized the NMCF annual tennis tournament on Tuesday, September 19th at the Sangre de Cristo Racquet Club in Santa Fe. Thirty-six players participated and a total of \$2,900 was raised for NMCF programs. Players and invited guests dined on poached salmon under the trees at the club. The lunch was provided by the La Fonda Hotel. We wish to thank Virginia Leyva and her wonderful staff for once again making the lunch memorable for all who attended. Thank you also to Rocky Royer and Jackie Grab of the Racquet Club for continuing the support the Children's Foundation. And the tournament would never be complete without Jean Pearce's rum cakes. See you next year.

OVER THE RAINBOW, OUR ALBUQUERQUE EVENT

The Albuquerque Committee of NMCF hosted a new event in Albuquerque on September 24th. *Over the Rainbow*, was held at the Wool Warehouse and featured musical entertainment, a silent auction and buffet. More than \$10,000 was raised. Children from the New Mexico Girl's Ranch and the Legacy School added much fun and excitement to the day. A special thanks to Phil Sisneros, our MC and Sheila Bogost and Jack Nuzum who provided our musical entertainment. And to our committee members: Jolene Maes, Cristi Sala, Shirley Anderson, Dorothy Baca, Sue Elliott and Darren Sowell. And, of course, Margaret Putnam, who chaired the event. The event would not have happened without all of your efforts.



NEWS FROM, AND OF, OUR GRANTEES

Santa Fe Teen Arts Center (Warehouse 21). Money is still being raised for their new facility. The current structure is due to be demolished in January 2007. The total campaign for Phase I is \$4 million and includes the cost of construction, equipment, architectural and engineering fees. Funds raised thus far total almost \$1,5 million. The Santa Fe City Council is proposing an additional \$1.7 million for this year's State Legislature. Fund raising currently is focused on the ground floor which will include a recording studio, concert hall, coffee shop, media, visual arts as well as staff offices and other small non-profit office space rentals.

Self-Help, Inc., Los Alamos. Self Help, Inc. has been busy this summer, collecting items for their annual school supply drive to help needy students in Los Alamos and northern New Mexico. "This is truly a community effort," said Ellen Morris, Self Help Executive Director. "The local United Way and the New Mexico Children's Foundation provided substantial funding for this year's drive." Self Help assists children in need throughout the school district and northern New Mexico. They have taken over the distribution of school supplies and provide a very valuable service to those who would have little or nothing to start the year. There is nothing so precious as the light in children's eyes as they receive new backpacks and school supplies. They are the same as other children in their classes.

Embudo Valley Library, Dixon. The Embudo Valley Library is proud to report that Lasting Impressions, a Summer Reading Program for youth was a rich and thriving success with record participation and community support. They were able to include eleven special events, up from their planned six, and conducted four off-site field trips. They issued 33 new library cards.

MORE EMBUDO VALLEY LIBRARY PICTURES



Executive Director Visits Farmington Groups

Navajo Ministries of Farmington hosted a meeting between NCMCF Executive Director, Carol Kessler, and local non-profits in October.

We want to extend our thanks to Jim Baker, Executive Director, and Amy Dickson for allowing us to meet at their facility, and tell the story of New Mexico Children's Foundation support of small non-profits throughout New Mexico.

This concludes our community outreach for 2006. We can expect to receive many new grant applications this year as a result of our outreach. Thank you to all who participated.

