

Grants Funded for 2017-2018

Fifty worthy organizations applied for grants this year. The Grants Committee had a difficult time selecting the programs and non-profits to receive a grant. Given that this is our 25th Anniversary, the Board of Directors voted to increase our funding of grants. Thirty-nine organizations have been awarded grants. These non-profits are community based with budgets less than \$300,000—most have budgets that are far less. Kathy Schulz chaired the Grants Committee on which nine members of our Board serve. These Trustees read and reviewed every application. Criteria for applying for a grant is available on our website: www.nmchildren.org. The total awarded is \$73,500. On the following pages please find a list of our grantees.

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Andele Tutors, \$2000, *Southern Dona Ana County*. Summer program for skills in reading and math for 200 children & parent engagement strategies including use of public libraries.

Bike Works, \$2000. *Silver City*. The Earn-a-Bike Program allows youth to obtain a bike in exchange for volunteering at the facility where participants learn how to maintain and repair their bicycles and how to safely ride bicycles through bicycle-related activities.

Blackout Theatre, \$2000. *Bernalillo County*. During the school year, students work together to write and perform an original play enhancing student literacy.

Boys & Girls Club of Bloomfield, \$3000, *Bloomfield*. Afterschool program provides reading activities, the Power Hour to help students become self-directed learners, and programs on healthy eating, internet safety and community service activities.

Camp Corazones, \$3000, *New Mexico*. Provides a free summer camp for children age 5 to 12 years with or impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Cancer Services of New Mexico, \$2000, *New Mexico*. Provides education and support to children of New Mexico's cancer patients with Family Cancer Resource Bag to help newly diagnosed parents explain their cancer diagnosis to children and Family Cancer Retreats.

Career Guidance Institute, Albuquerque Reads, \$1000. *Albuquerque*. ABQ Reads is a student-centered and volunteer driven program that provides one-to-one tutoring sessions through a curriculum that reinforces classroom teaching.

CASA Fourth Judicial District, \$2000, *San Miguel, Mora & Guadalupe Counties*, Provides advocacy for abused or neglected children in juvenile proceedings and trains volunteers to serve as advocates for children in foster care.

Children's Reading Alliance, \$2000, *Dona Ana County*. The First Teacher Program is a bilingual parent education program to promotes literacy and reading skills among preschoolers.

Common Bond NM Foundation, \$2000, *Albuquerque*. Supports LGBT youth with a safe environment with diverse activities, guest speakers, and facilitated discussions. Connect youth with needed services, food and clothing.

Earth Circle Foundation/ Wings of America, \$2000, *Cochiti*, Flight Club is an after school running and walking club for elementary and middle school students with healthy snacks and physical activity. It offers students insight into the proud heritage of distance runners from

Indian country.

Embudo Valley Library/Community Center, \$2000, *Embudo Valley, Rio Arriba County*.

Summer reading program engages youth to establish and meet summer reading goals and events throughout summer including field trips, presentations and hands-on activities.

Family Promise of Albuquerque, \$2000, *Albuquerque*. Provides safe shelter and basic needs for homeless families with support for finding employment and permanent housing.

Feeding Santa Fe, Inc. \$2000. *Santa Fe*. Addresses hunger for families with children through the weekly distribution of food bags.

First Born of Northern New Mexico, \$1000. *San Miguel & Mora Counties*. Home visitations include free books and education on the importance of early childhood education.

First Tee of Southeastern New Mexico, \$1,500. *Chaves, Eddy, Lea & Lincoln Counties*. Provide summer golf camps and events that encourage children to adopt healthy and active lifestyles.

Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico, *Curry & Roosevelt Counties*, \$2000. Operates a traditional backpack program to feed children over the weekend and a new program, Feeding Families, that gives a box of food to feed the entire family.

Healthy Futures, Inc., \$2000, *Cuba and Torreon*. This eight week summer program for reading, math, and science enrichment also engages parents to become involved as academic champions for their children at Torreon Chapter House.

High Mountain Youth Project, \$3000, *Ruidoso*. This collaborative project will provide an after school/evening drop-in center to keep homeless students safe and in school.

Horizons Albuquerque, \$2000, *Albuquerque*. Six week summer school program and year round programs for students and families aimed at educational success.

Imagination Library of Grant County, Inc., \$2000, *Silver City & Grant County*. Registers children to receive books every month from birth to age five to enhance early childhood literacy.

Junior Service League of Hobbs, \$2000, *Hobbs*. Super Star Shoe project provides needy children and youth with shoes and socks.

Kirtland Youth Association, \$2,500. *Kirtland and San Juan County*. All-day summer recreation and literacy programs at two locations with breakfast and lunch provided.

Literacy Link—Leamos, \$1500. *Silver City*. Promotes literacy by distributing donated books from publishers to needy children with a totally volunteer operation.

Los Alamos Arts Council, \$600, *Los Alamos*. Through theatre program, offers children the opportunity for self-exploration, development of social and communication skills, self-discipline, strong work ethic and understanding of team concept.

New Mexico Alliance for Children, \$2,400, *Ruidoso*. Provides literary services to academically challenged elementary school students and creative literacy workshops for family members.

NM Center for Therapeutic Riding, \$2000. *Santa Fe County*. Therapeutic horseback riding classes for children with disabilities and internships for youth.

NM Kids Matter, \$2000, *Bernalillo County*. Project to improve lives of Native American children in foster care through trained advocates who ensure that these children are receiving essential services.

Northern Youth Project, \$3000. *Rural Communities around Abiquiu*. Program combines art, agriculture, community service and leadership to create a well-rounded and youth-centered organization that includes a productive, large garden.

Ojo Sarco Community Center, \$2000, *Ojo Sarco-Taos County*. Books, activities and music programs for children to promote literacy and summer lunch program

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Pandemonium Productions, \$1000, *Santa Fe*. Provides educational musical theater experience to diverse young people and audience members of all ages teaching students the craft of theatre.

Santa Fe Performing Arts, \$1000, *Santa Fe*. Provides year-round performing arts education and performance opportunities for at risk and underserved children.

SEED: Source for Educational Empowerment & Community Development, \$1000, *Santa Fe*. Inspire Santa Fe invites young people to identify an interest and matches them with a community expert. The pair works at least 2 hours a week through the school year and showcase their work at an end-of-year public festival.

Self Help, Inc., \$1500, *Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos and Northern Santa Fe*, Provides assistance to families with children in need due to lack of shelter, clothing, food and life-saving medical care.

Silver Bullet Productions, \$2000, *Rural and Tribal New Mexico*. This award-winning program provides film workshops that teach students from tribal communities to develop a thesis and write, direct and produce films on topics selected by local communities.

Summer Youth Corporation, \$2000, *Gallup*. Operates a free summer day camp for children living on and around the Navajo Nation. Campers increase self-esteem, leadership skills, problem solving ability, and learn conflict mediation strategies.

Talpa Community Center, \$1,000, *Village of Talpa and Taos County*. Children engage in ceramics, sewing, quilting and reading activities during this summer program.

Transformational Learning and Coaching Inc., \$1000. *Santa Fe*. Storytellers and Writers is a dual language program aimed at helping struggling elementary and middle school students through the use of stories to develop speaking and writing skills.

Wings for LIFE, Albuquerque, \$2000, *Albuquerque*. Educational program changes lives of children of prisoners, at-risk youth, and prisoners returning home by strengthening the family unit through group mentoring, parenting classes and tutoring for children.