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New Mexico Children's Foundation NEWSLETTER Spring/Summer 2013

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The New Mexico Children's Foundation thanks Margaret Putnam and Barbara Robins for their dedicated service to our Board of Directors.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Spring is in the air (as is the pollen), days are getting longer and flowers are blooming. 2013 is going to be a great year in many ways. And yet, the children of New Mexico still rank 49th in overall welfare considering health, education, poverty and many other factors. Our mission is to support small programs state-wide that serve the physical, mental, educational and social needs of children and their families. We do this by providing annual grants to non-profits with budgets less than \$300,000. The New Mexico Children's Foundation will be making a new round of grants in July and we want to give as much as possible.

We have some upcoming events that will be fun and will hopefully raise lots of money for our children. April 27th we will be holding 100 Santa Feans Making a Difference in the lives of New Mexico's children and on Friday, May 31st, we will have a golf tournament that is always enjoyable. July 20th is our Margarita Villa Gala at the Scottish Rites Center with the very danceable band Soulstice, fabulous food and a tempting silent auction. You can't miss our Gala!!! Or if you would like, just send a check now. Please and Thank you!

My thanks go to Carol Robertson Lopez, our Executive Director, and to our wonderful Board of Directors who work tirelessly to raise money. And of course, thanks to all of you who support us and the children of New Mexico.

Happy Springtime,

David Dodge, President
Board of Directors



Honoring Dr. George Cowan

The New Mexico Children's Foundation is pleased to receive a \$150,000 grant from the Delle Foundation in honor of Dr. George Cowan. Dr. Cowan was an outstanding person who founded the Santa Fe Institute, was on the founding board of the Santa Fe Opera and founded the Los Alamos National Bank.

Dedicated to finding a way for science to help society, not much escaped the influence of chemist George Cowan, from the Manhattan Project and the hunt for evidence of the Soviet Union's first nuclear tests, to the Santa Fe Institute to the iconic Santa Fe Opera, friends recalled his visionary ways in an Associated Press article. Dr. Cowan worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory for nearly 40 years. He started in 1949 as a scientist and went on to serve as a director of chemistry and as an associate lab director of research. Dr. Cowan was considered one of the world's experts on nuclear weapons diagnostics.

Bill Enloe, former chief executive of Los Alamos National Bank, which was founded by Dr. Cowan, said the chemist had a unique ability to lead people. "It was not by intimidation or by position. It was because what he said made so much sense," Enloe said. "He accomplished a great deal because people were anxious to help and work with him."

In addition, his accomplishments included work in early childhood development programs in New Mexico. The New Mexico Children's Foundation is honored to continue his legacy.

Grant Applications are Due on April 12, 2013

Applications for grants must be mailed by April 12, 2013. To be eligible a group must provide services to children, be a 501C 3 (or in the process of becoming one) and have a budget less than \$300,000. This year the application has two small changes. One is that we are asking for a copy of the grant application to be sent to us electronically—this is in addition to the paper copies and the second, is to identify at least one measureable outcome for the program. Complete grant guidelines can be found on our website: www.nmchildren.org.

Kathy Schulz chairs the Grants Committee and other Board members who serve are Sara Armstrong, Kathy Basham, Lois Chiarito, Tricia Elmer, Caroline Gaston, Mary Roberts and Kristi Wareham. The Committee will read and review every application that is received and then meet to make funding decisions. We usually receive 60 to 70 grant applications. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision of grants and amounts at their June meeting.

Don't miss the fun in 2013. Join us for Margarita Villa on Saturday, July 20th at the Scottish Rite Center in Santa Fe for our annual gala!

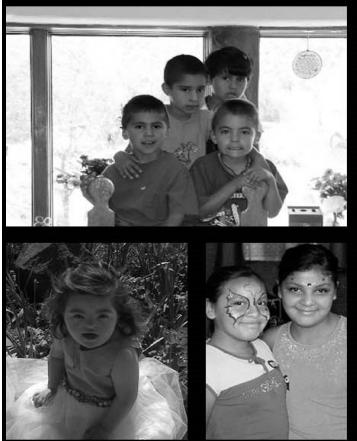


Let's Twist Again...Like We Did Last Summer!!!

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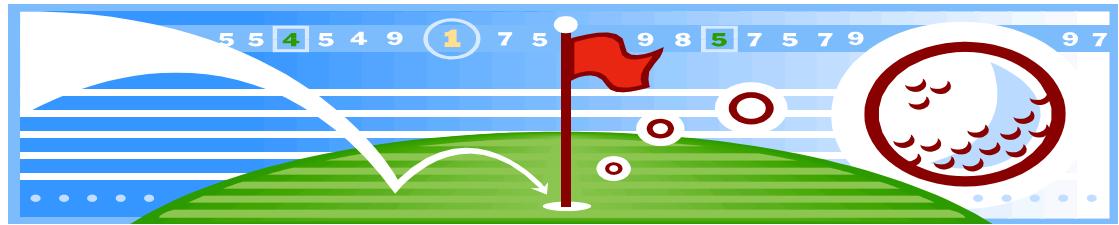


100 Santa Feans Making a Difference

On April 27th, hosts Gina and Michael Nemec, Linda and Terry Riley and Coast to Coast Concepts will be holding "A Taste of New Mexico." The Saturday night event will be from 5:30 to 7:00 pm and feature fabulous wine and food. The minimum donation for the event is \$75 per person and \$150 per couple. For further information and to register, please contact Carol Robertson Lopez at 986-2043 or email info@nmchildren.org.

NM Children's Foundation Honored by NM Senate & House of Representatives

On Wednesday, February 27th, Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino sponsored a Memorial honoring the NMCF. Caroline Gaston, Margo Barr and Mimi Kingsbury accepted it and were recognized by the entire NM Senate. In the House of Representatives, Representative Nate Gentry presented Ann Kenyon, Ann Bealle and Carol Robertson Lopez with Certificates honoring the work of the NMCF. Representative Brian Egolf made enthusiastic remarks about the accomplishments of NMCF. Margaret Putnam, Linda Ferdig Riley and Kathy Schulz were on hand to provide information at the NMCF table in the rotunda. Numerous people stopped by to comment on the poster-size picture of Governor Bruce and Alice King. Alice started the NMCF over 21 years ago and we are still working to improve the lives of NM children.



Golf Tournament To benefit the New Mexico Children's Foundation

Friday, May 31, 2013

TOWA Golf Course

Time: 12:00 pm, Registration and Lunch

1:00 pm, Shotgun Start

Format: Four person scramble

Fees: Single Player: \$125.00

Foursome: \$400.00

\$10,000 Cash Prize Hole in One Contest

Join Gold Sponsor Buffalo Thunder in supporting this Tournament

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In addition, each sponsor will be recognized at the conclusion of the Tournament during the ceremonies, on our website and newsletter.

There will be a RAFFLE for fabulous prizes, a sack lunch, cocktails and snacks and Awards Presentations. Join us for a terrific day and 18 holes of golf to help the children of New Mexico!

Golf Tournament Committee: Margo Barr and Ann Kenyon, Chairs

Deadline to Register is Friday, May 24, 2013.

Register on line at <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/22921-NMCFGolfTournament>



Wings for L.I.F.E.

By Manuel Archuleta

I was six years old when I first joined Wings for LIFE. I had gone to visit my father who was in a correctional center at the time. I was with my grandma. We saw a flyer advertising Wings for LIFE and that night we went to a meeting. I liked the meeting it was fun. I started out in a little meeting room with parents. Later I went into the gym which had other kids. I learned a lot from the videos they showed me. One of the videos was about drug abuse. This really left a strong impression with me. I realized that all your hard work in life could be just thrown away if you started using drugs. There were also Christmas meetings that were held at a church. I learned about Jesus and we did plays dealing with Christmas, we were also given goodie bags. All of the activities made me feel safe and good about me.

Later my grandma became a member of Wings for LIFE and she was involved in all of the meetings. She helped with programs like the Back to School Program where needy children could get backpacks and school supplies based on their age and grade. She would let me help with different activities which made me feel like an important part of the community.

The last class I went through had to do with DWI Awareness. There was a lecture telling about the different kinds of things that are dangerous to you while you are driving, like alcohol, pills, and cell phones. Then we watched a video about two young girls, one was an honor role student who had been accepted into Texas Tech. She and her friend were having a celebration because of their acceptance into Texas Tech and alcohol was involved in this. On the way home they were involved in an accident which made the car flip over. Both girls died. Watching this had a big impact on me. I realized what a dangerous combination alcohol and driving is. We had to put on nighttime goggles to help you see how alcohol can make you see things differently. It made me feel dizzy and off balance. The daytime goggles also made me not be able to walk a straight line. The demonstration was to make me know what it felt like to be drunk. After all I learned I know that I do not ever want to try drugs and alcohol. Too many bad things can go wrong. I was given a red gift bag with goodies and a bracelet (not to drink and drive). Every time I see those things in my room it reminds me of what I learned.

I think Wings for LIFE is a valuable program. It has had a big impact on me to show me the right way. It makes me want to do the right thing. I still attend the Wings for LIFE program at my school. I would recommend this program to all young kids so that maybe drugs and alcohol and bad choices could be done away with.

The above article was written by a participant in a program NMCF has funded in Roswell. The Executive Director, Shelly Currier, is dedicated to helping children and has close to 100 participants. Subjects covered include building self-esteem, respect for others, emotional intelligence, empathy, identifying and managing anger, home safety, identifying safe neighborhoods, bully awareness and prevention, adult role models, network of support and succeeding in high school. Wings for L.I.F.E. is a transformative program for this children. Congratulations and thanks to Shelly Currier for her important work.