



New Mexico Children's Foundation

NEWSLETTER

Spring —Summer 2016

Dear Friends,

Hello to all of you for one final time, as I near the end of my term as president of the NMCF. It has been an honor to serve in this position and a very rewarding one. I particularly enjoyed meeting many of you at events and seeing the strong support you so generously give to our organization. Together, we accomplish much that is good throughout New Mexico.

The main job of all of us associated with the NMCF is simply to tell our story. Once our story is understood, donors respond. Operating in a state rated near the very bottom of the child welfare barrel, the NMCF has provided grants to exactly 150 local organizations throughout the state serving children, many of them multiple times. Over our 24 year history we have managed to raise and distribute almost \$1.5 million.

I love telling the story of the NMCF because it is such a good story! The concept that local people know best what is needed in their own communities. Supporting these committed, capable people in their efforts. And most of all, improving the lives of so many children and fostering a better future for us all!

The presidency has been a gratifying experience, allowing me to tell our story to new people and in new ways. One of those new ways has been through our new profile film created last fall. If you have not seen this 7 minute gem, please have a look at ????

I have also dealt with many wonderful people. Sadly, some of our longstanding board members left during my presidency, as their life paths led elsewhere. But we have been joined by a vibrant bunch of new people sold on our story, possessing energy and enthusiasm. The future for NMCF looks bright.

Of course I'm not really going away—just moving aside so someone else can be the main storyteller. All of us at the NMCF hope to see you at our August 27 gala, "Boots, Barbecue, and Bubbly." Pull out your western garb and plan for a rip-roaring good time—one that benefits our youth!

Fondly,

Kathy Schulz, President

Spotlight on the New Mexico Children’s Foundation



Rowan Jensens

Have you watched the new profile piece on the New Mexico Children’s Foundation? Those that have are saying things like,

“I have read a great deal about the Foundation but this film really brought home to me the difference you are making in New Mexico.” “Thank you for making this film, we are thrilled to have our story told as part of your video.”

“Who is that charming young man in the video?”

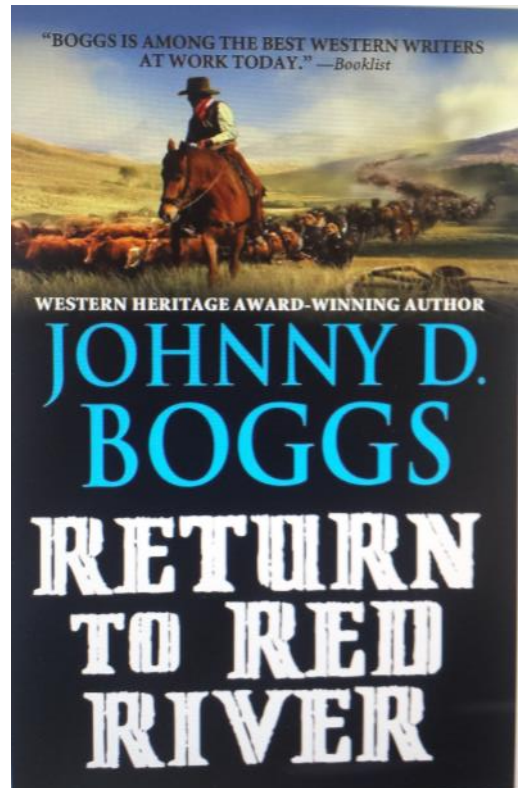
The young spokesperson is Rowan Jensens who attends school in Santa Fe , New Mexico.

Silent Auction Gains Fame for Winning Bidder

At last year’s Color Their World Gala, a unique item was offered for bid by a renowned author. Johnny D. Boggs has been described by Booklist as “among the best western writers at work today.” He donated the opportunity for the winning bidder to have his or her name appear in one of his upcoming books. The winning bidder was Janeen Yankowski.

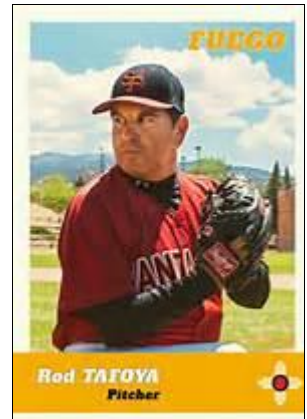
Johnny’s latest book, Return to Red River, begins: “Janeen Yankowski had named Mathew Garth’s zebra dun. At least, when naming the horse, Mathew had used the word the cook and servant frequently said. *Debil*. It meant “idiot,” only a lot more bad mannered-if you understood Polish.”

Janeen Yankowski’s name appears thirty-three times in the novel. NMCF has invited Johnny and his wife to attend our Gala, Boots, Barbecue and Bubbly.



New Members to our Board of Directors

What does a baseball player, a Congressional Staffer, a renowned and retired Physician and Medical Researcher whose work continues to save the lives of premature babies, professor who consults in Mongolia, and a (something for Debbie Ray) have in common? These unique individuals are the newest members of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Children's Foundation. We welcome new board members: Bridget Condon, Candace Kaye, Shirley Machaudon, Donna Pedace, Debbie Raye and Rod Tafoya.



Thanks to Outgoing Board Members and Two Past Presidents

Ann Kenyon and Ann Bealle joined the Board of Directors of NMCF in 1999. Both ladies went on to become Presidents of the Foundation and were actively involved in the work of the Foundation. Ann Kenyon recently chaired the committee that produced our new profile piece and our Nominations Committee. Ann Bealle served on every committee and was instrumental in the formation of our Investment Committee. In addition, two other long-serving board members who joined in 2006 are leaving New Mexico. Lois Chiarito and Tricia Elmer offered ten years of dedicated service to the Board. Thank you also to Janice Quinn and Cynthia McCreary for their service.

New Offices with ARTsmart

Sanbusco Market Center will soon be the home for the state chartered New Mexico School for the Arts, which means we need to find a new office. We are delighted to announce that ARTsmart is renting us space in their beautiful new building in the Siler Road Arts District, not too far from Meow Woof. ARTsmart's mission is "teaching art, literacy, and life skills, ARTsmart empowers and transforms lives. "

Their vision statement: is, "By ensuring that children have the opportunity to explore, experience, and engage in diverse visual expressions, Artsmart provides a constructive learning environment that fosters creative thinking, encourages individuality, and supports critical analysis. Programs reduce truancy, improve grades, and inspire the realization of dreams, which positively impacts students, families, and communities. "

ARTSsmart provides art materials and year-round visual arts instruction for elementary through high school students in northern New Mexico public schools, charter schools and other arts organizations.

Grants Funded for 2016-2017

Forty –six worthy organizations applied for grants this year. The Grants Committee had a difficult time selecting the programs and non-profits to receive a grant. Twenty -seven have been awarded grants. All these non-profits are community based with budgets less than \$300,000—most have budgets that are far less. Criteria for applying for a grant is available on our website: www.nmchildren.org.

The total awarded is \$50,000. Unfortunately, a major grant we hoped to receive did not come to fruition. We remain hopeful and committed to raising funds to help the community based organizations of New Mexico that are making a difference in the lives of New Mexico’s children.

Here is a list of our grantees:

Asombro Institute for Science Education, \$2000. Las Cruces. Promotes hands-on science activities that develop science literacy and critical thinking skills. Curriculum incorporates science into language arts and math standards.

Assistance League of Chaves County, \$3000, Roswell and Chaves County. Operation School Bell provides new school clothes and supplies for children in need from grades K-8th and provides age-appropriate books for these children.

Camp Corazones, \$3000, New Mexico. New Mexico. Provides a summer camp at no cost to children age 5 to 12 years with or impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Cancer Services of New Mexico, \$2000, New Mexico. New Mexico. Provides education and support to the 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 Retreat

Canones Early Childhood Center, \$3000, Canones. Project Literacy Outreach brings early childhood education, child development and early/emergent literacy services to the under-served population of rural, isolated, minority families in northern New Mexico.

Common Bond NM Foundation, \$1000, Albuquerque. Supports LGBT youth with a safe environment with diverse activities, guest speakers, and facilitated discussions.

CASA First Judicial District, \$1000, Santa Fe, Rio Arriba & Los Alamos Counties. Provides advocacy for abused children in juvenile proceedings and trains volunteers to serve as advocates for children in foster care.

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

El Rito Library, \$2000. El Rito. Promotes literacy for 2-5 year-old toddlers who come to the library twice a week for different activities that include math, science and story time. The grants also assists in creating a space for pre-teens and teenagers.

Embudo Valley Library/Community Center, \$2000, Embudo Valley, Rio Arriba County. Summer reading programs engages youth to establish and meet summer reading goals while events are scheduled throughout summer including field trips, presentations and hands-on activities.

Equine Spirit Sanctuary, \$1000, Taos area. Horses Helping Kids combines therapeutic riding and equine-assisted learning to help kids with special needs gain life skills.

Family Promise of Albuquerque, \$1000, Albuquerque. Provides safe shelter and basic needs for homeless families with support for finding employment and permanent housing.

Gila Valley Library, \$2000, Gila Valley in Northwestern Grant County. Promotes children's literacy through library programs for youth from 2 years to 12th grade in a large rural area.

Healthy Futures, Inc., \$2000, Anthony, Berino, Chaparral, Sunland Park, Southern Dona Ana County. Summer reading program to encourage literacy, raise skills in reading and encourage and motivate parents to become champions for their children's educational goals.

JudyGails Place, \$1000, Helps families transitioning out of domestic violence by providing services for support and stability for the children.

Keres Children's Learning Center, \$1000., Cochiti. Preschool students experience a culturally and linguistically rich learning environment offered in the Keres language.

Literacy Link—Leamos, \$1000. Silver City. Promotes literacy by distributing donated books from publishers to needy children with a totally volunteer operation.

Many Mothers, \$2500, Santa Fe County. Provides free, in-home care and support to any Santa Fe family with a newborn to improve the health and development of our youngest residents.

Mesa Prieta Petrogyph Project, \$1000, Velarde. Summer Youth Intern Program provides archaeological training and stewardship for local youth at this historical site.

Moving Arts Espanola, \$1000, Espanola, Offers affordable quality education in the Fine Arts and Culture with 30 weeks of programming after-school and during the summer.

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

Self Help, Inc. , \$1000, *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.

Grants Funded 2016-2017 (continued)

Valencia County Literacy Council, \$3000, *Los Lunas*. Family Literacy Pre-school provides child-centered instruction to develop literacy in children ages birth to 5 years with parents reading daily to their children and staff providing a lending library and numerous educational activities.

Villa Therese Catholic Clinic, \$2000, Santa Fe. The Clinic, staffed by volunteers and paid staff, provides integrated children's medical and dental services for the uninsured.

Wings for LIFE Roswell, \$3000. Roswell and surrounding areas. Wings for L.I.F.E. (Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education) provides an afterschool program that promotes positive behaviors to reduce risk-taking behaviors and serves as a prevention program to prevent young children and youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

Young Fathers of Santa Fe, \$2500, Provides young fathers with support in choosing healthy lifestyles for themselves and their families and assists young fathers in sustaining stable and nurturing relationships that promote their children's well-being.

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

Kathy,

Do you think we should do an article on the gala and silent auction here????? This page can allow for some pictures.....



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Roundin' Up Some FUN!

Sat. August 27, 2016

Boots, Barbecue & Bubbly

New Mexico Children's Foundation
Annual Gala

La Fonda Hotel
100 E. San Francisco St., Santa Fe

6:30 cocktails 7:30 dinner 8:30 dancing

music by the Buckaretttes

\$150 per person

Tickets Santa Fe, 505-988-1234, www.ticketssantafe.org
505-986-2043 or info@nmchildren.org

For 24 years, the New Mexico Children's Foundation has provided grants to programs and projects which serve the physical, mental, educational and social needs of New Mexico children and their families.

Join us for great food, great music, and a great time for a great cause!

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Mission Statement: To support small programs state-wide that serve the physical, mental, educational and social needs of children and their families.

Last month, the New Mexico Children's Foundation recognized and thanked establishments and individuals for their contributions to our Live and Silent Auctions. We inadvertently left out the **Abiquiu Inn** which has been a long-time and generous supporter of the New Mexico Children's Foundation.