



New Mexico Children's Foundation NEWSLETTER

Spring —Summer 2017

Dear Friends,

Twenty-five years ago, Alice King realized her vision to create a foundation to fund community non-profits that help children and families. Citizens throughout New Mexico participated in the 1992 founding of the New Mexico Children's Foundation. As a result, over \$1.5 million has been distributed to 162 small non-profit organizations in communities around the State (read about our latest grants inside this newsletter).

We are celebrating this milestone with our 25th Anniversary Party and Benefit Concert performed by TajMo: The Taj Mahal & Keb' Mo' Band at the Santa Fe Opera on **September 17th**. The preconcert party will take place in Stieren Orchestra Hall adjacent to the Crosby Theatre where the concert will take place. Tickets for the event can be purchased at www.nmchildren.org. Honorary Chairs Gary and Yolanda King hope you will join us for a memorable celebration, **Birthday Boogie & Blues!**

Thank you to our long-time friends Steve Flance and Gary and the Wombats whose recent dance concert benefited the Foundation. It was a very fun evening and raised additional money for grants. Most of the funds for grants are raised through events like these and donations. Thanks to increases in our endowments through successful investing, we are also able to use earnings to help fund our grants.

This year we have launched a **25th Anniversary Matching Fund Challenge**. Some very special anonymous donors will match each dollar we raise up to \$50,000. This \$50,000 will be deposited in the Alice King Endowment Fund to support the work of the Foundation by increasing the annual earnings we are able to donate to worthy organizations. Please consider making a gift as your contribution will be doubled.

I want to close by remembering Alice King and her dedication to helping the children and families of New Mexico. It was a pleasure to know and work with her. The work she started continues today thanks to the dedicated men and women who work diligently as members of our Board of Directors. My sincere thanks to you, our supporters and donors. Your generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of New Mexico's children.

Sincerely,

David Dodge, President
Board of Directors

Donor Relations by Donna Pedace

Exciting Announcement



Twenty-five years ago, First Lady Alice King set in motion what would become the New Mexico Children's Foundation (NMCF). During these 25 years, NMCF provided valuable funding to a wide range of small non-profits that have given vital support to the children of our state. As we celebrate this very special anniversary, we are delighted to announce that two very generous families have pledged a \$50,000 challenge grant for NMCF.

They will match every dollar we raise – up to \$50,000, which means that every dollar you donate will be doubled.

We hope that NMCF supporters have always understood that your donations make a significant difference to the non-profits that we fund, most of which have few other sources of support. Many of these non-profits are located in small villages with limited resources for the local children. The money given by our generous donors is combined with other donations and monies raised from fundraising events, which allows us to fund between 40-80 grants each year to support programs benefiting children throughout New Mexico.

The money given through NMCF provides: special summer and after-school programs; reading, science, and math tutoring; snacks and meals to those most in need; grief counseling for children who have lost a parent; camps for children dealing with cancer; and many more programs that improve the lives of New Mexico's children, many of whom live in desperate circumstances.

This year, your support will be twice as important as in the past and we hope that you will review your funding opportunities and give as generously as you can to NMCF. Help us help the children of New Mexico.

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ALICE KING

**First Lady of
New Mexico & Founder of
the New Mexico Children's
Foundation**



Alice King worked tirelessly throughout her adult life to improve the lives of New Mexico's children. In an interview granted shortly before her death in 2008, when asked about her legacy, Alice said, "Mine's always children, children, children."

Alice inspired the creation of the first-in-the-nation Children, Youth and Families Department, founded the New Mexico Girls Ranch, was chair of the New Mexico Children's Trust Fund, a major supporter of the Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital and in 1992 she founded the New Mexico Children's Foundation.

Commenting on the founding of the New Mexico Children's Foundation, Alice said, "As Bruce and I travelled throughout New Mexico, we saw many communities that didn't have facilities or programs for young people and needed them very badly, so we thought if we could start an organization that would fund small groups in the communities throughout New Mexico it would help a lot of children and that's the way we started the New Mexico Children's Foundation."

At the New Mexico Children's Foundation, we continue the work to realize Alice's vision. Over the past 25 years, the foundation has provided grants to more than 160 organizations throughout New Mexico and our work continues. We thank the dedicated people who have served as members of our Board of Directors over these 25 years.

Grants Funded for 2017-2018

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

Grants Funded for 2017-2018

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.

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 who have or are 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.

Career Guidance Institute, Albuquerque Reads, \$1000. *Albuquerque*. ABQ Reads is a program that provides one-to-one tutoring sessions for students with volunteers using 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 that promotes literacy & reading skills among preschoolers.

Common Bond NM Foundation, \$2000, *Albuquerque*. Supports LGBT youth in a safe environment with diverse activities, guest speakers, and facilitated discussions. Connects 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 reading goals and includes 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 coaching 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 be academic champions for their children.

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 coupled with year round enhancements 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 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.

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 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. *Abiquiu Area*. Program provides art activities, community service, leadership development, and agriculture including a large productive garden.

Ojo Sarco Community Center, \$2000, *Ojo Sarco-Taos County*. Books, activities and music programs for children to promote literacy plus a 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 meet at least 2 hours a week through the school year and showcase their work at an end-of-year public festival.

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.

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 that 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.



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW BY CALLING THE LENSIC AT 505-988-1234 OR VISITING WWW.TICKETSANTAFE.ORG.

TICKETS ARE \$125 EACH OR BUY A HOWDY NEIGHBOR TABLE FOR 10 AT \$1,125.

For more information, please call Carol Thompson at 505-603-0833.

The Buckaroo Ball Advisory Fund is a fund of the New Mexico's Children Foundation.

BIRTHDAY BOOGIE & BLUES

25th Anniversary Party & Benefit Concert for the New Mexico Children's Foundation, performed by TajMo: The Taj Mahal & Keb' Mo' Band at the Santa Fe Opera

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

PRICE OPTIONS

Pre-concert Party and Ticket to Concert: \$200

Reserved Table and Tickets to Concert: Includes special reserved table, wine for the table, premium seats together at the concert, and recognition in the KebMo Benefit Concert Program.

8 people: \$2000

4 people: \$1000

25th Anniversary Pre-Concert Party Only: \$130

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

ON LINE AT: www.nmchildren.org
OR

CALL: 505-986-2043 OR

EMAIL: info@nmchildren.org



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**Gary & Yolanda
King
Honorary Chairs**

25th ANNIVERSARY PARTY & BENEFIT CONCERT

Join us in celebrating 25 years of changing the lives of New Mexico's children.

September 17, 2017

**Pre-Concert Party begins at 4:30 pm
in Stieren Orchestra Hall
Concert at 7:00 pm**

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Mark your calendar for these fall events:

November 2, **100 Women Making a Difference**,
Santa Fe

December 3, **Holiday Tea** at the Rancher's Club
at the Crowne Plaza, Albuquerque

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



**25th Anniversary
Matching Fund
Challenge**

Every dollar you give
will be doubled by very
special anonymous
donors. Please give
today and help us meet
our \$50,000 goal.