



New Mexico Children's Foundation

NEWSLETTER

Spring Summer 2018

Dear Friends,

My first year as President of the New Mexico Children's Foundation has been exciting!

In July the Foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants to thirty-nine deserving nonprofits. These programs are located across the state and have a strong impact on children in their local communities. Our Grants Committee, led by Sara Armstrong of Roswell, worked tirelessly to make our grant money go as far as possible for the sake of our young people. We received many requests for impressive programs that could not be funded with current resources. We hope to be even more successful in our fund-raising endeavors over the upcoming year so we can help more great programs make New Mexico a better reflection of our Founder, Alice King's vision for children. Read more about this year's stellar grantees inside.

On September 14th we join forces with Santa Fe Children's Museum to hold a joint Gala under the stars at the Museum. The theme of this year's gala is Starry Starry Night-a fitting tribute to the many wonderful people who are dedicated to serving New Mexico children. Proceeds will be used to fund our grant program. There will be dinner, dancing and exciting live and silent auctions. I want to thank our Honorary Chairs, Senator Tom Udall and Jill Cooper Udall and Senator Jeff and Ann Bingaman. Please join us for a fun evening and help New Mexico's children.

One of the highlights of being the Chair is working with the dedicated and committed men and women that serve as Trustees on our Board of Directors. Through their ongoing support we have been able to achieve much as a Board including updating our strategic plan so we can better serve children in our next 25 years. Thanks to Herb Crosby for facilitating our planning. He is a true professional. We are also working to increase representation on the board through the addition of geographically diverse new members with great talent in skills related to children and their development. I am truly excited about the future of the Foundation and its growing strength to serve our young people and our communities. I hope you will consider increasing your support of our efforts in the coming year. Thank you for all YOU do for New Mexico's children.

Sincerely,

Gary King, President
Board of Directors



Create a Legacy of Support for Children in Need

By Donna Pedace, Vice President, NMCF

Planned Giving for the New Mexico Children's Foundation

The giving options that allow you to consider larger gifts than you might make from your regular income are collectively called planned giving. Planned gifts may use estate and tax planning techniques to provide for charity and heirs in ways that maximize the gift and/or minimize its impact on the donor's estate.

What they have in common is that they are ideal ways for you to continue and possibly increase your support for the children of New Mexico, and help even more children.

Through the generosity of donors like you, the Foundation issued grants totaling \$100,000 this year to a variety of programs that serve the neediest children in New Mexico. We remain the only nonprofit that provides funding throughout the state.

Planned Gifts May Allow You To:

Make a larger charitable gift to the New Mexico Children's Foundation than you thought possible and create a legacy of support.

- *Reduce estate costs of your heirs.
- *Reduce your current year income tax.
- *Avoid or minimize capital gains tax on appreciated assets.

Please discuss the possibility and options of Planned Giving with your Financial Advisor.

The Donor/Development Committee began a program last year to increase awareness of the Foundation in both the Santa Fe and Albuquerque communities through a series of small events that allow potential new friends to learn more about the Foundation. If you know of someone you think we should invite to one of these events, please call the office with their contact info and we will include them in the future. We plan to extend these events to other areas of the state in the near future. If you would be interested in having such an event in your area, please contact Donna Pedace at pedaceabq@aol.com or call 505-349-8850.

Dr. Jessie Groothuis Elected Secretary of the Board of Directors

During her career as pediatric neonatologist Jessie Groothuis, MD made discoveries that saved the lives of millions babies worldwide. Now, retired in Santa Fe, she continues her passion to improve the lives of children.

Jessie was one of four tenured woman professors in the Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. During her long career, Dr. Groothuis focused on developing a means to prevent Respiratory Syncytial Virus lower respiratory infection (RSV LRI), which is the most common cause of re-hospitalization in fragile premature infants. She was a leader in development and approval of Synagis, a humanized monoclonal antibody that protects high-risk preterm infants against RSV LRI. Today, Synagis has been used to protect over 3 million infants in over 60 countries.

Jessie is deeply concerned about the welfare of children in New Mexico. She has been an active advocate for children in her tenure as a Trustee for the New Mexico Children's Foundation. Jessie was elected to serve as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of NMCF.



Getting the word out!!!

Jessie Groothuis, MD, and fellow Trustees are launching a speaker series for civic organizations and other groups. The presentation includes our profile video that features nonprofits telling their stories about the impact of the grants awarded by the Foundation. Do you need a talented and enthusiastic speaker for your next event? If yes, please contact the Foundation at carol@nmchildren.org or call 505-986-2043.



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Foundation.**



\$100,000 in Grants Awarded for 2018-2019

NMCF received fifty grant applications this spring. Each member of our Grants Committee evaluated every grant application and then met as a group to make a recommendation to the entire Board of Directors. Thanks to Sara Armstrong, Chair, and Trustees Jessie Groothuis, Valerie Ingram, Gary King, Babara LaGree, Nora Miller, Donna Pedace, and Chuck Pacheco for their work on the Grants Committee.

Asombro Institute For Science Education, \$3000, *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 Chaves County, \$2000, *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.

Bike Works, \$3000, *Silver City*. The Earn-A-Bike Program allows youth to obtain a bike in exchange for volunteering at the facility where youth learn how to maintain and repair their bicycles and how to safely ride bicycles.

Boys and Girls Club of Bloomfield, \$3000, *Bloomfield*. After-school 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.

Canones Early Childhood Center, \$3000, *Canones*. Project Literacy Outreach brings early childhood education, child development and early/emergent literary services to an underserved population of rural, isolated, minority families in Northern New Mexico.

Career Guidance Institute (Albuquerque Reads), \$3000, *Albuquerque*. ABQ Reads is a program that provides one-to-one tutoring sessions for students with volunteers using a curriculum that reinforces classroom teaching.

Children's Reading Alliance, \$3000, *Dona Ana County*. The First Teacher Program is a bilingual parent education program that promotes literacy & reading skills among preschoolers.

Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, \$1000, *Statewide*. Provides a book and training on preventing child sexual abuse.

Common Bond New Mexico Foundation, \$2000, *Albuquerque*. Support LGBT youth in safe environment with diverse activities, guest speakers and facilitated discussions. Connects youth with needed services, food and clothing.

Compassionate Touch Network, \$2000, *Albuquerque, Rio Rancho & Santa Fe*. Trains facilitators for classroom presentations on mental illness. Goals are to recognize its symptoms, to get appropriate treatment, to understand the importance of early diagnosis and treatment and to promote compassion and remove stigma.

Court Appointed Special Advocates, First Judicial District, \$3000, *Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos Counties*. Provides advocacy for abused children in juvenile proceedings and trains volunteers to serve as advocates for children in foster care.

Down Syndrome Foundation of Southeastern New Mexico, \$4000, *Roswell*. Health and Wellness Program developed to help provide self-advocates (individuals with Down Syndrome) and their families ways to support a healthy lifestyle.

El Rito Library, \$3000, *El Rito*. Summer reading program encourages youth to appreciate books through creating their own books and to read for pleasure. Year-round, the library serves 245 youth under the age of 18.

Embudo Valley Library & Community Center, \$3000, *Embudo Valley, Rio Arriba County*. Summer reading program provides extended learning opportunities, STEM projects, art & cultural projects and free reading to foster a love of learning.

Embudo Valley Tutoring Association, \$2000, *North Central New Mexico*. Provides students with dyslexia with free multi-sensory language therapy programs as well as free services for learning disability support, conventional tutoring, small group learning and training for tutors.

Feeding Santa Fe Inc., \$3000, *Santa Fe*. Addresses hunger for families and children through the weekly distribution of food bags.

Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico, \$3000, *Curry & Roosevelt Counties*. 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.

Gila Valley Library, \$3000, *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.

High Mountain Youth Project, \$2000, *Lincoln County*. This collaborative project provides a safety net for students and youth experiencing homelessness to support successful graduation from high school.

Horizons Albuquerque, \$1500, *Albuquerque*. Six-week summer school program coupled with year-round enhancements for students and families aimed at educational success.

Imagination library of Grant County, \$2500, *Silver City and Grant County*. Registers children to receive books every month from birth to age five to enhance early childhood literacy.

Literacy Link-Leamos, \$2500, *Silver City and Grant County*. Promotes literacy by distributing donated books from publishers to needy children.

Los Alamos Arts Council, \$500, *Los Alamos*. Through theatre program, offers children the opportunity for self-exploration, development of social and communications skills, self-discipline, strong work ethic and understanding of team concept.

Many Mothers, \$4000, *Santa Fe*. 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.

New Mexico Cancer Center Foundation, \$3000, *Central New Mexico and Santa Fe*. The CLIMB program provides support to children and teens to help them cope with a parent/guardian's cancer.

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

Northern Youth Project, \$3000, *Abiquiú Area*. Program provides art activities, community service, leadership development and agriculture including a large, productive garden and food preparation.

Pandemonium Productions, \$1500, *Santa Fe*. Provides educational musical theater experience to diverse young people and audience members of all ages, teaching students the craft of theater.

Pueblo De Abiquiú Library and Cultural Center, \$3000, *Abiquiú*. A summer reading program strives to keep children engaged in a variety of activities centered around reading including presentations and research. Teen interns work with younger children and program continues through the year.

\$100,000 in Grants Awarded for 2018-2019 (continued)

Silver Bullet Productions, \$1000, *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.

STEM Santa Fe, \$500, *Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico*. Host a one-day conference for girls 5th to 8th grade to encourage them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Summer Youth Corporation, \$3000, *Gallup & McKinley County*. 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.

Tarnoff Art Center, \$2000, *Pecos & Rowe*. Eight-week, summer arts program with arts education in studio/painting arts, ceramics/pottery and industrial metal arts.

Transformational Learning and Coaching, \$2000, *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.

Truchas Services Center, \$4000, *Truchas*. Provides a month of learning for children from 6 to 12 years that includes a science related lesson and art activity daily.

True Kids 1 (TK1), \$1000, *Colfax & Taos Counties*. Offers media art classes, skill workshops and internships for hands-on experiences in radio, television and film productions.

Valencia County Literacy Council, \$4000, *Los Lunas*. Family Literacy Pre-school provides child-centered instruction to develop literacy in children ages birth to five years with parents reading daily to their children and staff providing a lending library and numerous educational activities.

Villa Therese Catholic Clinic, \$4000, *Santa Fe*. The Clinic, staffed by volunteers and paid staff, provides integrated children's medical and dental services for the uninsured.

Wings For L.I.F.E., \$4000, *Roswell & surrounding areas*. Provides an after-school program that promotes positive choices 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.



The 2018 Buckaroo Ball's Grantees:

Gerard's House
Santa Fe Mountain Center
Solace
The Sky Center

For more information, on the 2018 Buckaroo Ball, please call Carol Thompson at 505-603-0833.

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

Buy your tickets today at the Lensic Box Office, 988-1234.

The New Mexico Children's Foundation and the
Santa Fe Children's Museum
invite YOU to join our Honorary Chairs and Committee
for a fundraiser benefitting the children of New Mexico

Starry Starry Night

Friday, September 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM

at the Santa Fe Children's Museum, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

\$150 ea, \$1500 Table of Ten

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2018 Resolution:

Be kind to Mother Earth.

Go GREEN!!! Send your email address to
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communications by email. Save trees!

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



New Location

The NMCF Office
has moved to a new
location: 466 W.
San Francisco, in the
same building as
CASA First.