



New Mexico Children's Foundation NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019-Winter 2020

Dear Friends,

The welfare of New Mexico's children as based on the Anne Casey, Kids Count Report, continues to be a problem. The work of the Foundation continues to be critical to fill in the many gaps. We are encouraged to see the efforts of the Governor and our Legislature to improve the plight of New Mexico's children.

For 2019-2020, twenty-nine deserving nonprofits that provide services to children are recipients of over \$80,000 in grants. Close to 90% of the funds that NMCF raises are dedicated to our grants program.

Our Gala A Night in Casablanca was a wonderful success. The Lumpkins Ballroom was transformed to a Moroccan theme including life size pictures of Humphrey Bogart. We were honored to have special guests, the Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico and the Honorable Alan Webber, Mayor of Santa Fe. Our Auctioneer, Paul Thompson did an outstanding job and we are so grateful to all who attended. I particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to play with the band.

We are working on the details for 2020 Gala which will be held on August 22, 2020 again at the La Fonda Hotel on the Plaza in Santa Fe.

After 12 years of dedicated service with NMCF, our Executive Director Carol Robertson Lopez will be retiring this spring. Carol started while my mother, Alice King, was actively involved. We thank Carol for the great job and wish her the very best.

Sadly, this fall we said goodbye to Jay Miller whose wife Jeanette Miller served as Executive Director of NMCF with my mother. We also note the passing of Natalie Dodge, mother of long-time Trustee and Past President, David Dodge. NMCF received numerous donations in given in memory of these persons.

Thank you for these donations and the generosity of you, our donors!

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.

Rick Sandoval, Twenty Years of Service as Treasurer of NMCF

The New Mexico Children's Foundation has benefitted greatly from strong financial management thanks to our Treasurer Rick Sandoval shown here with his wife Carolyn and charming grandkids.

Richard, more commonly called Rick, is a Certified Public Accountant and Partner of the well-known and prestigious firm of Zlotnick, Laws & Sandoval, PC. The firm provides accounting, tax preparation and audit services to private companies, governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations over the past 33 years.

Rick graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in Accountancy. His favorite hobbies are anything outdoors, especially fly fishing.

When asked about his twenty years of service as Treasurer of the Foundation, Rick said, "It has been very rewarding to watch the assets of the Foundation grow while we continued to provide a robust grants program. I have enjoyed my service making life a little better for New Mexico's children."

We salute and thank Rick for his dedicated service!



The 2020 Buckaroo Ball's Grant Recipients:

Esperanza "Seeds of Hope"

NDI New Mexico

Solace Crisis Treatment Center

For more information, on the 2020 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.

The Buckaroo Ball will be held at the beautiful La Mesita Ranch on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

\$80,000 in Grants Awarded for 2019-2020

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.

Bookkids, \$1000, *Santa Fe*. Promotes literacy and the love of reading by providing books for Santa Fe public school children to own and enjoy. Schools are selected based on student need.

Bridges Project for Education, \$2000, *Taos*. Provides counseling and support for students to pursue postsecondary education.

Camp Corazones, \$2500, *Statewide*. Provides a summer camp at no cost to children 5 to 12 years with or impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Canones Early Childhood Center, \$6000, *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.

CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, First Judicial District, \$5000, *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.

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.

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.

Down Syndrome Foundation of Southeastern New Mexico, \$3500, *Roswell*. Health and Wellness Program developed to help provide self-advocates (individuals with Down Syndrome) and their families ways to support a healthy lifestyle. Participants receive services to improve their mental and physical well-being.

- Embudo Valley Tutoring Association**, \$3000, *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.
- Equine Spirit Sanctuary**, \$2000, *Taos Area*. Horses Helping Kids combines therapeutic riding and equine- assisted learning to help kids with special needs gain life skills.
- 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**, \$2000, *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.
- Imagination library of Grant County**, \$3500, *Silver City and Grant County*. Registers children to receive books every month from birth to age five to enhance early childhood literacy.
- Kirtland Youth Association**, \$4000, *Kirtland and San Juan County*. All-day summer recreation, literacy and mathematic skill development programs with breakfast and lunch provided.
- 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**, \$3000, *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.
- Ojo Sarco Community Center**, \$3000, *Ojo Sarco Community Center*, Books, activities and music programs for children to promote literacy plus a summer lunch program.
- Pueblo De Abiquiú Library and Cultural Center**, \$4000, *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.
- Self Help, Inc.**, \$2500, *Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos & Northern New Mexico*. Provides assistance to families with children in need due to lack of shelter, clothing, food & life-saving medical care.
- STEM Santa Fe**, \$1000, *Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico*. Host a one-day conference for girls 5th to 8th grade to encourage young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Tarnoff Art Center**, \$1000, *Pecos & Rowe*. Eight week, summer arts program with arts education in studio for industrial metal arts.



Executive Director Announces Retirement

Carol Robertson Lopez who has served as Executive Director since 2008 will be leaving the Foundation this spring. “It has been an incredible honor to serve as Executive Director for over 12 years. I am very proud of the work that has been accomplished with the dedicated Board Presidents and Trustees. The nonprofits that we serve work tirelessly to improve

the lives of children in New Mexico.” Carol joined NMCF while Alice King was actively involved. “Alice King insisted that we guard our resources to maximize our awards to our grantees.” Since 2008, NMCF has seen its endowments and resources grow to over \$2,000,000. Carol will be engaged with her appointment as Honorary Consul of Uzbekistan and as the Chair of Sister Cities International. We wish Carol the best in her work as a citizen diplomat dedicated to understanding and world peace.

\$80,000 in Grants Awarded for 2019-2020 (continued)

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

Valencia County Literacy Council, \$3000, *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., \$3500, *Roswell & surrounding areas*. 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.

Wings for L.I.F.E. International, Albuquerque. \$3500, *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.

For information on applying for a grant 2020-2021, please view Grant Guidelines on our website, www.nmchildren.org. Deadline to submit applications is March 13, 2020

2019 A Night in Casablanca Sponsors

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SILENT AUCTION DONORS : Thanks to the wonderful community minded businesses who donated items to our silent auction.

Happy

New Year!

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year's
Gala!

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2020 Resolution

Be kind to Mother Earth.

Go GREEN!!! Send your email address to info@nmchildren.org to start receiving communications by email. Save trees!

Mission Statement: *To support small programs state-wide that serve the physical, mental, educational 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.