



Reaching Children

Others Overlook.

**Empowering Underserved Communities.
Building Brighter Futures.**

For 34 years, New Mexico Children's Foundation has funded organizations that larger funders often miss. Through a statewide network of trusted nonprofit partners, NMCF reaches children in every corner of New Mexico with opportunities that help them learn, grow, and thrive.

\$145K

AWARDED THIS
CYCLE

59

NONPROFITS
FUNDED

38,558

CHILDREN
SERVED

88¢

OF EVERY DOLLAR
TO GRANTS

\$2.5M

DISTRIBUTED
SINCE 1992

FOUNDED BY A FIRST LADY. FUNDED BY A COMMUNITY.

Founded in 1992 by former First Lady Alice King, New Mexico Children's Foundation invests in small nonprofit programs that support the physical, emotional, educational, and social development of New Mexico's children. Through statewide grantmaking, NMCF helps ensure children in rural and underserved communities have opportunities to thrive.



OUR COMMITMENT TO NEW MEXICO'S CHILDREN

A Message From Our President and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

This year, a dentist in a school gym checked the teeth of a child who had never been to one. A teacher on The Navajo Nation handed a student a soldering iron for the first time. A librarian in Rio Arriba County put a book into the hands of a child who does not have one at home.

None of these moments make the news. Most of these organizations are too small for larger funders to notice, working in counties too rural for most philanthropy to reach. That is exactly why New Mexico Children's Foundation exists: for 34 years, we have found the grassroots nonprofits doing this quiet, essential work and gotten them the resources to keep doing it.

For the 2026-2027 grant cycle, that meant standing behind 59 organizations, including the Embudo Valley Library and Community Center in Dixon, Ke'yah Advanced Rural Manufacturing Alliance on the Navajo Nation, and Bridges Project for Education, serving Taos County and rural Northern New Mexico. Each one is small enough to know the children it serves by name, and each is now able to reach more of them because of the support gathered here.

We are especially grateful this cycle to the Maloof Foundation, whose investment allowed us to fund more grassroots organizations than ever before, alongside the continued generosity of the Lineberry Foundation and several family foundations connected to our own Board. The support of foundations, as well as our dedicated individual donors, becomes a dental screening, a book, or a robotics kit, in the hands of a child who might otherwise have gone without. This year, our Board voted to double our contribution from the Alice King Endowment, a fitting tribute as we approach our 35th year.

With gratitude,

Gary King

BOARD PRESIDENT



Jonika Horton

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





EVERY STATISTIC IS A CHILD
New Mexico ranks last.
Our children don't have to.

For nine consecutive years, New Mexico has ranked #50 in education and overall child well-being. 1 in 4 children lives in poverty. 1 in 4 goes to bed food insecure. These are not statistics — they are the children NMCF exists to serve.

#50

IN EDUCATION

9 consecutive years · NAEP 2025

27.4%

CHILD POVERTY RATE

Highest in the Nation

1 in 4

CHILDREN FOOD INSECURE

100,000+ Kids statewide

21%

CHILDREN ON SNAP

Highest in the U.S.

20%

READ AT GRADE LEVEL
Only 23% proficient in math

37%

NM NONPROFITS
\$1B FEDERAL GRANTS
Now at risk

\$153M

EXTRA NM
ANNUAL SPEND
Starting 2027 from SNAP cuts

#50

OVERALL CHILD
WELL-BEING
Education, health, family
& economic

New Mexico's challenges are not abstract. They are the reason 59 organizations across all 33 counties and 4 Pueblos are working every day to help children thrive.



Federal cuts are pulling the floor out from under New Mexico's families.

SNAP — Largest Cuts in U.S. History

- ~20% national SNAP reduction by 2034
- 35,000+ NM families with children lose benefits
- Federal shutdown (Nov. 2025) forced NM to spend \$30M to feed 460,000 recipients
- NM must spend \$153M extra / year starting 2027

Medicaid — \$8.5B in New Mexico Cuts

- \$350,450 NM children on Medicaid at risk
- New Mexico Medicaid finances 70% of all births
- \$1 trillion in federal cuts over 10 years
- Coverage and access now in jeopardy

Education & Nonprofits — Funding Pulled

- AmeriCorps grants terminated midyear
- Head Start funding delayed and Title I funding remains at risk
- 61% of NM nonprofits report they may have to cut programs or close
- Communities left without a safety net

THE NEED HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER

Government programs are shrinking at the exact moment families need them most. NMCF fills the gap — and your support has never mattered more.

NMCF Fills the Gap

For 34 years, NMCF has channeled private dollars to grassroots organizations the government cannot reach. As the federal safety net frays, your single investment reaches communities that government programs and large foundations cannot.

88% of every dollar goes directly to grants — no bureaucracy, no overhead waste. The organizations NMCF funds are often the only private funders in their rural communities. When the government steps back, we step forward.



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DIRECTLY TO
GRANTS

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COUNTIES
& PUEBLOS

34
YEARS OF
GRANTMAKING

YOUR GIVING GOES FURTHER THROUGH NMCF

Most foundations give directly to a handful of organizations they already know. NMCF works differently.

We pool gifts from multiple donors, rigorously vet applications from across the state, and distribute funds to 59 grassroots organizations that larger funders never find. Your gift reaches further — into communities, programs, and children that private philanthropy otherwise misses entirely.

As the federal safety net frays, NMCF deploys pre-vetted gifts through 34 years of grantmaking relationships across every corner of New Mexico. When you give through NMCF, your single investment reaches communities that government programs and large foundations cannot.

\$400,000 Maximum Grantee Operating Budget

NMCF intentionally funds small, community-rooted nonprofits that larger funders overlook. By limiting grants to organizations with operating budgets under \$400,000, we maximize the number of communities we can support — ensuring that more of New Mexico's 33 counties and 4 Pueblos receive direct investment in the programs that matter most to their children.



Amplified Impact

Zero office overhead, all-volunteer board. 88 cents of every dollar reaches communities no single donor could find alone.



Rigorous Vetting

Every application reviewed for measurable outcomes, geographic need, and community root — by people who know New Mexico.



Statewide Reach

All 33 counties and 4 Pueblos — including the most remote rural and tribal communities that larger funders overlook.



Filling the Gap

As federal safety nets shrink, NMCF channels private generosity where government has stepped back — from SNAP to Head Start.



PROGRAM AREA I

Food Security, Health & Safety

12

GRANTEES (20.3%)

21.2%

OF FUNDS

47%

OF CHILDREN SERVED

18,129

CHILDREN REACHED

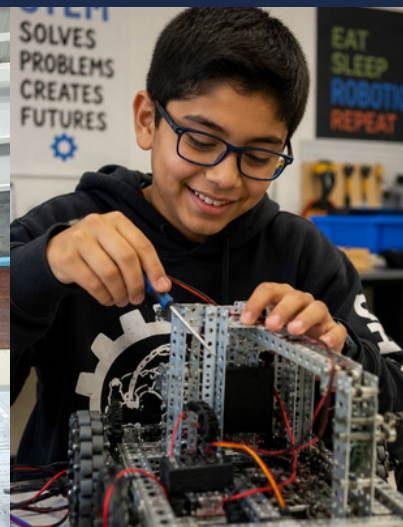
New Mexico Dental Association Foundation delivers free dental care and oral health education to 6,000 children across the state. NM Lions Operation KidSight provides vision screenings and replacement eyeglasses to 3,000 students, helping children see clearly and succeed in school. Kids Cook! teaches 3,000 students in Title I schools how to cook and eat well. Hero's Path Palliative Care supports children and families facing serious illness, while Cancer Services of New Mexico provides practical and emotional support to families navigating cancer treatment and recovery.

"A student slipping on new glasses, lighting up because the world just came into focus — that moment changes how they learn and how they see their future."

Bryson McCool, Director NM Lions Operation KidSight · All NM Counties · 3,000 students

2026-2027 GRANTEES · 18,129 CHILDREN

The Foster Alliance	Bernalillo County	200
Free Flow NM	Santa Fe/Rio Arriba	1,334
OverFlow Free Store	San Juan County	3,550
Kids Cook!	Bernalillo/Torrance	3,000
The Counseling Center Inc.	Otero	250
Cancer Services of New Mexico	Statewide	150
Seeds Of Sharon	Bernalillo	100
Hero's Path Palliative Care	Bernalillo	120
Moreno Valley Angels	Colfax County	25
NM to Prevent Gun Violence	Bernalillo	400
NM Dental Assoc. Foundation	Statewide	6,000
NMLOKS: NM Lions Operation KidSight	All NM Counties	3,000



PROGRAM AREA 2
STEM Education

8
GRANTEES (13.6%)

11.7%
OF FUNDS

4,092
STUDENTS REACHED

Inspired by Science brings free, hands-on STEM programming to 2,000 students in Eddy County, helping young people explore science through engaging, real-world experiences. The New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering hosts statewide conferences and programs reaching 1,000 students, encouraging participation in STEM careers. Ke'yah Advanced Rural Manufacturing Alliance equips Navajo Nation youth with manufacturing and technology skills, while STEM is Child's Play Foundation and STEM Santa Fe create opportunities for students to build confidence through hands-on learning, innovation, and problem-solving.

2026-2027 GRANTEES · 4,092 STUDENTS

Inspired by Science	Eddy County	2,000
NM Network for Women in Science & Engineering	Statewide	1,000
SE-NM Homeschool Hub	Eddy/Lea County	360
Applied Dynamics Initiative	Bernalillo	232
STEM is Child's Play Foundation	Sandoval	200
STEM Santa Fe	Santa Fe/Pueblos	100
Intl Space Hall of Fame	Alamogordo	100
Ke'yah Advanced Rural Manufacturing Alliance	Navajo Nation	100

"Without partners like NMCF, we could not offer high-quality, hands-on STEM education. Every child deserves the opportunity to explore whether that path is right for them."

Deena Antiporda, Executive Director

Inspired by Science · Eddy County · 2,000 students



PROGRAM AREAS 3 & 4

Afterschool Programs & Multi-Day Camps

From after-school play in San Juan County to a week-long camp for children with cancer — these programs provide safety, joy, and healing for New Mexico's children.

24

COMBINED GRANTEES

38.4%

OF TOTAL FUNDS

10,440

AFTERSCHOOL STUDENTS

1,668

CAMP YOUTH

Pipers Play Foundation provides after-school programming for 5,000 children in San Juan County, creating safe spaces for recreation, learning, and growth. The School of Baseball serves 2,500 youth in Taos through athletics, mentorship, and character development, while Music from Angel Fire engages 1,600 students through music education and performance opportunities. Additional programs offer outdoor education, therapeutic activities, counseling, and enrichment experiences that help children build confidence and connections.

Artrageous Artreach provides arts-based camps and enrichment programs for more than 800 children statewide, while Meadow City Academy of Music serves 323 youth through immersive music experiences. Northern New Mexico Recreation & Outdoor connects 150 children with outdoor learning opportunities, and Camp Enchantment New Mexico creates life-changing camp experiences for children affected by cancer. Additional camps provide arts, recreation, leadership, and cultural experiences that inspire growth, creativity, and resilience.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS · 10,440 STUDENTS

Pipers Play Foundation	San Juan County	5,000
The School of Baseball	Taos	2,500
Music from Angel Fire	Taos	1,600
Española Valley Fiber Arts	Rio Arriba	250
4 Corners K-9 Search & Rescue	Navajo/San Juan	250
Carnelian Center	Rio Arriba	50
Soulful Presence	Santa Fe/N. NM	50
Tamaya Wellness Center	Sandoval	30
Nature Friends	Doña Ana	125
Child Counseling Center	Northern NM	100
The Heartbeat Music Project	McKinley County	110
Equine Spirit Sanctuary	Taos County	80
100% Otero	Otero County	130
Talpa Community Center	Taos County	125
No Squad Youth	Otero County	40

MULTI-DAY CAMPS · 1,668 YOUTH

Camp Enchantment New Mexico	Statewide	100
Artrageous Artreach	Bernalillo County	800
Meadow City Academy of Music	Las Vegas NM	323
Northern NM Recreation & Outdoor	Chama Valley	150
Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch	Colfax County	50
Gallup Children's Museum	McKinley County	30
Chama Valley Arts	N. Rio Arriba	75
Foundation of Youth Arts	Luna County	80
Cloudcroft Summer Youth Program	Otero County	60

"The arts open doors to empathy, teamwork, and curiosity in ways nothing else can. Every performance sparks confidence and kindness that lasts far beyond the stage."

Lauri Francis, Executive Director

Artrageous Artreach · Statewide · 800+ children

**3**

PROGRAM AREAS

15

COMBINED GRANTEES

28.6%

OF TOTAL FUNDS

11%

OF CHILDREN SERVED

PROGRAM AREA 5**Literacy & Closing the Gap**

Only 20% of NM children read at grade level. Programs provide books, literacy support, tutoring, and reading mentors to children who need them most.

GRANTEES · 3,094 YOUTH

Literacy Link Leamos	Statewide
Global Give-a-Book	Bernalillo
El Rito Library	Rio Arriba
Soc. of the Muse of the SW	Taos County
EVLCC Embudo Valley Library	Rio Arriba/Taos

PROGRAM AREA 6**Cultural Awareness & Libraries**

From Taos Pueblo arts camps rooted in Indigenous traditions to rural library STEAM programs — NMCF honors the richness of New Mexico's communities.

GRANTEES · 580 CHILDREN

Oo-Oo-Nah Art & Cultural Center	Taos Pueblo
Gila Valley Library	Grant/Catron Co.
MAS Comunidad: Peñasco Theater	N. NM/Taos
Pueblo de Abiquiu Library	Rio Arriba
Ojo Sarco Community Center	Ojo Sarco

PROGRAM AREA 7**Mentorship & Pathways to Success**

First-generation college access. Fathers learning to parent. Programs that help students and families build pathways to success, leadership, and opportunity.

GRANTEES · 555 STUDENTS

Bridges Project for Education	Taos County
MANA de Albuquerque	Bernalillo
Voices For Changes	Luna/Hidalgo
M.E.N.D. Men Empowering New Dads	Bernalillo
Monochromatic Mommies	Eastern NM

"The funding we receive from NMCF is crucial for uplifting not just our children, but the entire community. Your investment helps ensure we continue providing essential services year-round."

Kathryn Vigil, Program Director

Ojo Sarco Community Center and Library · Rio Arriba County



Grant dollars up 84%. Nonprofits funded up 44%. Children served up 59% in two years.

"The model works. The need demands we keep growing."

GRANT CYCLE	GRANT DOLLARS	NONPROFITS FUNDED	CHILDREN SERVED
2023-2024	\$79,000	41	—
2024-2025	\$100,000	38	24,298
2025-2026	\$120,000	44	26,000
2026-2027	\$145,000	59	38,558

+84%

GRANT DOLLARS
SINCE 2023 - 2024
\$79,000 → \$145,000

+44%

NONPROFITS FUNDED
SINCE 2023-2024
41 → 59 organizations

+59%

CHILDREN SERVED
SINCE 2024 - 2025
24,298 → 38,558 children

2026-2027 Impact by Program Area

PROGRAM AREA	GRANTEES	% OF FUNDS	% CHILDREN SERVED	WHAT WE FUND
Food Security, Health & Safety	12	21.2%	47.0%	Dental care, vision, food pantries, cancer support, health equity
Afterschool Programs	15	21.0%	27.1%	After-school enrichment, therapeutic riding, outdoor education
STEM Education	8	11.7%	10.6%	Robotics, science cafes, girls in STEM, digital media, Pueblo outreach
Multi-Day Camps	9	17.4%	4.3%	Cancer camp, arts & music intensives, outdoor conservation
Literacy	5	9.7%	8.0%	Early literacy, book access, reading programs, mobile bookmobile
Cultural Awareness & Libraries	5	8.6%	1.5%	Heritage preservation, rural library programming, Science Saturdays
Mentorship & Training	5	10.3%	1.4%	College counseling, leadership, service learning, parenting support

High Impact. Low Cost.

Small grants can have an outsized impact. NMCF funding helps trusted local organizations provide food, literacy, afterschool learning, STEM education, camps, mentorship, and other essential programs for children across New Mexico.



LOOKING AHEAD

Thirty-Four Years In. A Milestone Ahead.

The past four years have shown what is possible when a community invests in New Mexico's children: more dollars granted, more children served, in every county and Pueblo, each cycle than the one before. That growth is not incidental. It is what happens when donors keep showing up.

As federal support for New Mexico families contracts, the case for community-based, statewide grantmaking has never been stronger. Looking ahead, we are focused on bringing more donors into this work and deepening our investment in the grantees already doing it well, larger awards that let proven partners do more, so every dollar goes further for the children they serve.

Larger Awards

Growing the size of individual grants so proven partners can expand what they already do well.

Growing Our Donor Base

Bringing new individuals, businesses, and foundations into this work, so more grantees can receive larger awards.

35th Anniversary Campaign

A dedicated push to mark three and a half decades of grantmaking and fund the next chapter.

35

YEARS OF GRANTMAKING · 2027

For 34 years, we've found the children other funders overlook. Next year, we mark 35, and we want you there for it.

*You made 34 years possible.
Help us make 35 unforgettable.*



FOUNDED BY A FIRST LADY. FUNDED BY A COMMUNITY.

Support Kids in Every Corner of **New Mexico.**

Together, we are creating a future where every child
has the opportunity to thrive.



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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