Message from Board Chair

My year as Chair of the Foundation’s Board has flown by. We are doing so many good things in our community, it gives me great optimism for the future of our city.

We announced earlier this year that the Foundation would be expanding its grant interest areas to include Economic & Workforce Development. Since that time, we have had an outpouring of interest. Community members, business leaders, donors, friends and other nonprofits have reached out to us to say, “Count me in, I want to help on whatever you are doing.” We are listening and will continue to convene meetings on the topic of philanthropy’s role in Economic & Workforce Development. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Foundation and add you name to an upcoming meeting.

In this newsletter you will read about two Workforce Development projects the Foundation has participated in already this year, ‘Driving to the Future’ and Running Start for Careers. Both exemplify the kind of work philanthropy can do to better our community. Trust me, these are just a start, we have many more ideas to pursue in the upcoming months.

Regarding the Community Foundations merger or consolidation, our task force continues to explore the possibilities and will be ready to announce our findings and future plans early in 2015.

As my year as Chair concludes, I want to recognize the staff and the great job they do under Randy’s leadership. We are very well represented in the community and the staff works very hard to keep our name prominent throughout the City. I am proud to have each of them as our ambassadors. I also want to sincerely thank our partners for all you do to support the Foundation. It is because of you we continue to grow to serve our community in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Kevin Yearout
Chair

Board Member Elected Chairman of the Kansas City Federal Reserve

Foundation trustee Steve Maestas, managing partner of NAI Maestas & Ward, has been named chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Federal Reserve. We are honored to have Steve serving on our board. His knowledge and perspective are valued as chair of the Development Committee, co-chair of Economic Workforce & Development Committee and a Cinco Amigo.

Good News NM

For Good News about our Community visit GoodNewsNM.org. You are invited to join in and post your stories there too.
In our 8th year of Concours du Soleil, we can honestly say this was the best yet in terms of fundraising through collective giving!

What does that mean?

Raising $207,000 through a combination of contributions from the Cinco Amigos who organize the event, generous business sponsors, those who purchase tickets, auction items and the supporters of our crowd-funding event...that’s collective giving!

Grants have been made to:
A New Day, $17,000
UNM Law School for Scholarships, $25,000
Future Fund of Albuquerque Community Foundation, $8,000
UNM Formula SAE (engineering student race car program), $13,000
Driving to the Future, $113,000
Albuquerque Community Foundation, $25,000

What’s Driving to the Future?
Looking for an avenue to directly affect Economic & Workforce Development in our community, the Amigos introduced “Driving to the Future”, a partnership between Concours du Soleil, the City of Albuquerque and Microsoft. Our goal is to fully fund a computer classroom located in the new Innovation District in downtown Albuquerque in which Microsoft will teach programming classes to middle-school students. Technology is the fastest growing career field and promises to provide good paying jobs for many years to come.

Called YouthSparks, the first camps were introduced in Albuquerque last summer in a temporary space. Hugely successful, under-served middle-school students recruited through local nonprofits, attended the one-week camp leaving excited about the opportunity for a career in technology. This is where we met a young girl who attended the camp and intends to grow up and become a computer programmer. We named her “Kat” and produced an animated video to tell her story. (pictured at left)

With a generous contribution from one of the Concours car owners, Jack Vigil of Harmonex Technologies and the funds raised during the event, we are set for the build-out of the computer lab. Stay tuned for more details as this project becomes a reality.

SeeHotCars.com

Concours du Soleil

Jerry Roehl, Roehl Law Firm; Jason Harrington, HB Construction; Mark Gorham, Lorelei Investments; Kevin Yearout, Yearout Mechanical, Steve Maestas, NAI Maestas & Ward

Driving to the Future

“Kat”

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Running Start for Careers (RSFC)

Over two-years, the Foundation has awarded $100,000 through two Impact Grants to RSFC, a collaborative project between private and public sector stakeholders designed to decrease the high school drop-out rate while creating a skilled workforce pipeline from high school to targeted, growing industries.

The mission of the program is to give at-risk high school students an opportunity to explore career pathways through industry-developed and taught curricula, preparing them to seek higher education or obtain a job in their chosen career field upon graduation. Running Start allows students to fulfill elective credits by participating in approved job training programs.

At the end of the Foundation’s first year of funding, RSFC reports:

• 99% graduation rate.
• The program earned a national grant through the Mayor/Governor Initiative allowing twelve AmericCorp members to be hired to track the performance measures on the student’s success internships, job opportunities and employment of each student.
• Many students have found jobs including: Finance-teller; Construction-office positions, construction jobsites and HVAC companies; Hotel & Tourism-front desk, kitchen, marketing and sales; Healthcare-nursing tech.
• Classes also offer internship opportunities such as surveying with industry partner Holman’s and healthcare with Presbyterian Hospital.
• In September, the White House awarded one of its ten Latino Educator Champions of Change Awards to RSFC teacher, Shana Runck of New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union who teaches classes about the different career paths in the financial services industry as well as general financial literacy.

Lauren – a 2014 graduate of Cibola high school who enrolled in the Lab Sciences program. Now working as a full time employee of Tri Core Labs as a Phlebotomist, Lauren continues her education at CNM and is using this job to pay for her schooling. Lauren’s goal is to work at Tri Core labs at a higher level.

Community Conversations

The Foundation will be hosting a number of convening’s on a variety of topics we want to learn more about. Including:

Alternatives to Violence
Economic & Workforce Development
Education
Behavioral Health
Arts in Education
Competitive Grant Program

If you would like to participate, please contact Kelli@albuquerquefoundation.org
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2015 Great Grant Giveaway

Save the Date: Friday, March 27 • 11:15 am

Note: We are having a luncheon this year!

Six nonprofits have been selected, one from each of our six fields-of-interest: Arts & Culture; Economic & Workforce Development; Education; Environmental & Historic Preservation; Health and Human Services.

Audience members will award $500 grants to the organization their table selects. Over $60,000 Will Be Awarded!

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This holiday season we are inspiring giving by offering you a fun and easy way to give back. Through the #GiveItForward campaign, make a donation of $50 or more (in $50 increments) to the Foundation’s Economic and Workforce Development Fund supporting small business, entrepreneurship and job training and the giving won’t stop there.

Half of your donation will be sent back to you in charitable gift card(s) to give to someone on your holiday list. They can give the card to any Albuquerque based nonprofit.

The gift cards you receive back will be packaged in coffee cups to fill for free with hot coffee at our community partners listed below!

All Albuquerque nonprofits accept the cards.

To purchase, call the Foundation today, 505.883.6240 or purchase online, albuquerquefoundation.org
With a donor-advised grant, the New Mexico Philharmonic performed *Peter and the Wolf* for 6000 4th grade students at Popejoy Hall. The children participate with singing, rhythmic movements and introduction to instruments. Dancers from Festival Ballet bring the characters to life.

Each year 24 New Mexico high school students are awarded a $600 scholarship for each of their four undergraduate years. Following is a letter from one of this year’s recipients:

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. Since my classes are mainly science classes, the prices of the textbooks were very high. The cost of all my textbooks was over $600. Thanks to this scholarship, I was able to easily afford all my school materials.

I am attending UNM and will graduate in 2018. My major is Chemistry, minor is Psychology. I plan on studying medicine after my four years of undergraduate schooling. My goal is to have a G.P.A. of 4.0 or above. I volunteer at a food center called The Storehouse and participate in the UNM Hospital Youth Empowerment Program, where we learn about the human body and medical terms.
NM Foundation for Open Government (FOG) A 24 year old bipartisan nonprofit dedicated to opening the doors to government and enforcing the state's sunshine laws. The free media/citizen hotline receives hundreds of calls every year from the media, citizens and public officials who work to keep government transparent. FOG educates, advocates and sometimes litigates in the name of open government throughout all of New Mexico.

ARCA’s HealthMatters teaches health and wellness lessons. As a peer instructor twenty-four year old Steven Hernandez has enthusiastically participated in most “Move and Groove” events. Now he makes positive health choices and enjoys the benefits of stretching and yoga. Steven also has a passion for reading, dancing, singing, and making music with his harmonica and keyboard.

The New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks, Building Futures & Foundations Mentoring project, recruits, screens and trains committed community volunteers to be mentors to kids who have or are about to age out of the foster care system. Mentors establish long term relationships and provide guidance and teach about self-esteem and self-worth.

Assistance League of Albuquerque a grant from Sandia Foundation provided clothing for 100 students by providing a voucher for three polo shirts, three pairs of pants (or skirts), six pairs of socks and two pairs of shoes. In addition, 200 students received a book of their very own.
The past two months have been busy ones for the Foundation’s young donor group, the Future Fund, awarding and earning grants. During the annual Grant Night, the membership decided on New Mexico Child Advocacy Network and Meals on Wheels to receive grants totaling $16,310. A few weeks later, the board was awarded an $8,000 grant from Concours du Soleil.

The Future Fund is finishing up the year with huge plans for 2015. With an endowment about to reach a half million dollars, total grants about to surpass a quarter million dollars and almost 200 memberships, next year will bring great milestones.

The Board will also say goodbye to an outstanding group of leaders who will be exiting the board at yearend. The Future Fund and the Albuquerque Community Foundation would like to thank Danelle Brennan, Cathy Cavanaugh, Claire Dudley Chavez, Renee Gwyther, Brianne Hutson and Ramona Martinez for their leadership and commitment.
Happy Holidays!

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