With over $600 billion in the endowments of U.S. foundations, it is logical to consider how these funds can be put to use beyond generating income for grantmaking. As well, a spirit of creativity and beyond-the-box thinking has begun to flow into philanthropy. Many foundations are placing some of their assets into Impact Investments intended to generate both a positive social impact and a financial return. The process allows philanthropic organizations to unlock a larger share of their capital and deploy it in innovative ways.

For example, the Cleveland, Baton Rouge, and Vermont Foundations have each transformed vacant buildings and land into businesses that provide jobs for diverse, low- to moderate-income and minority communities. The Seattle Foundation recently financed 187 rental-housing units in a low-income and minority community.

In some cases, investment came through intermediaries like enterprise funds and Community Development Financial Institutions. The Oregon Community Foundation's investment in the Oregon Angel Fund makes early stage equity investments in Oregon companies for financial return and social impact.

Closer to home, in 2012 the Santa Fe Community Foundation Board authorized their own local impact investing initiative. The foundation reallocated 5% of endowed assets into investments in economic development and job growth, affordable housing, financial security for vulnerable families, nonprofit capacity building, education, food security and the environment.

So you see, impact investing is becoming a permanent part of the philanthropic toolkit of many community foundations interested in finding additional strategies for place-based impact.

Earlier this year, Albuquerque Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees authorized a social impact investing initiative to reallocate a portion of endowed assets into Social Impact investments. We committed to a five-year pilot period where up to 5% of endowed assets would be invested in programs providing access to economic opportunities, economic development, workforce enhancement and education. Additionally, we invite donor-advised and potential fund holders to join us in an effort of growing our impact investment fund.

While there are many more details our Impact Investing committee, led by Walter Stern have to work out, we are committed to make our first investment before the end of 2016.

Impact matters. Impact investing is an emerging component of the philanthropic tool chest, and we hope that the Foundation’s Impact Investing initiative can be a model for how a smaller community foundation can make a lasting impact on our community. We believe, that a growing economy, which we hope our Impact investing will enhance, drives philanthropy.

Ciao,
Carl Alongi

On July 15th, we hosted a pizza party and reception for this year’s scholarship recipients! 100 students, family, friends and donors attended. Denise, our scholarship manager, recognized the awardees with a certificate and small gift.

This year, through our 18 scholarship programs, we awarded $150,000 in aid to students from across New Mexico! More celebration pictures appear on our Facebook page.
This year we celebrate Art on 4 Wheels with another magnificent display of collector automobiles.

Our categories for this year’s show are:

- **The Masterpieces** featuring our past show winners
- **Leonardo di Vinci** featuring Italian automobiles
- **Van Gogh** featuring automobiles representing his famous painting, “Lemons On Plate”…
- **Norman Rockwell** featuring American originals
- **Georgia O’Keeffe** featuring New Mexico’s own—Low Riders
- **Street Art** featuring 4-wheeled sculptures that move!

Tickets are available today at SeeHotCars.com or by calling the Foundation at 505.883.6240.

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The Cinco Amigos, organizers of Concours du Soleil, added a new fundraising event this year called Rally du Soleil. It was a great success and will now become an annual event. Rally participants traveled across beautiful northern New Mexico landscapes in pre-1970 vintage automobiles, staying over in Chama, Taos and Santa Fe.

**In 2017 the Rally du Soleil will take place from May 24 – 28.**

Visit rallydusoleil.org for more information.
FUTURE FUND

This year, the Future Fund, the Foundation’s giving circle for professionals in their 20s and 30s celebrates 19 years! The group kicked-off their grantmaking at the Foundation’s Great Grant Giveaway (GGG) in April by awarding their first $1000 Microgrant to the “There’s A Better Way” program.

Members were also invited to support another GGG recipient earlier in the year by attending “Stupid F*ing Bird,” at the Cell Theatre in Downtown Albuquerque. Bravo to the cast for a wonderful performance, and many thanks to FUSION for introducing us to yet another wonderful nonprofit helping to revitalize downtown.

In May, the Future Fund held its first member recruitment event hosted at Future Fund Board Member Rebecca Lujan’s South Valley home. Not only did members and guests get to enjoy a cool evening breeze while listening to Mariachis, they also had an opportunity to learn about the work of Centro Savila - the organization that received the second $1000 Microgrant of 2016. These young philanthropists will host more events before the year-end. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Future Fund, contact Gabriela Gómez at 505.883.6240.

RAE LEE SIPORIN SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN • DO YOU KNOW A DESERVING CANDIDATE?

Rae Lee Siporin is the first person to graduate from college in her family. Her experiences as a woman whose scholastic goals were devalued have helped fuel her passion for education. She firmly believes that women succeed when provided with extra support to pursue their educational goals. To that end, Rae decided to support women scholars by establishing several funds at various organizations, including Albuquerque Community Foundation.

Rae vividly recalls her ninth-grade homeroom teacher, who was also the school coach, kindly telling her that boys don’t like girls who are good at math and science. Later, once Rae had graduated from college, an aunt told her she could now get a job and help her family, despite her desire to continue her education. These personal experiences, along with many others, only further motivated Rae to support women in their educational goals.

One to three scholarships will be awarded for up to $1500 each.

The applicant must be a female New Mexico resident who:
• has completed her freshman, sophomore and junior years of college
• is returning to college to complete her senior year
• has taken an official break during her educational career
• will attend a New Mexico college or university for a minimum of one semester
• will be a full time student taking a minimum of 12 hours each semester UNLESS fewer hours are needed to graduate

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need. Scholarships are still available for the 2017 school year.
Deadline for submitting: 10/1/16

To download the application, visit albuquerquefoundation.org or email or call Denise Nava at denise@abqcf.org or 505.883.6240.
Social Giving Club

The Social Giving Club, as it nears 50 members, is closer than ever to making its first $25,000 grant. In June, member Karen Lovelady hosted the group at her beautiful home in Los Ranchos. Guests enjoyed summer sangria and discussed the field-of-interest(s) they would like to explore during their grant-making season.

Welcoming the Club’s newest and pledged members:

Rohini Arter
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Many individuals contribute to our operations. These gifts allow the Foundation to strengthen services for donors and nonprofit organizations in our community that improve the quality of life in the Greater Albuquerque Area – today, tomorrow and forever. If you haven’t made your contribution yet, please mail your check today. Thank You!

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(Contributions as of 7.15.2016)
**Mayo’s Prize for Entrepreneurship**  
*powered by the Albuquerque Community Foundation*

The Albuquerque Community Foundation is committed to our collective impact model, which was designed to create jobs and new companies through entrepreneurial growth in Albuquerque. One of the most important strategies in our arsenal is the Mayor’s Prize. The Mayor’s Prize generates substantial support from individuals and businesses in our community by awarding grants to entrepreneurial support organizations (ESOs) that work with individuals to create and grow businesses. Supported by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the Prize Program will continue this fall, awarding $200,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations working in this field. Visit albuquerquefoundation.org to learn more.

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.”

-Winston Churchill

Donors who support the Mayor’s Prize for Entrepreneurship include:

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**Welcome New Board Member**

Please join us in welcoming the Foundation’s newest trustee, Arellana Cordero. Arellana is Senior Vice President of Finance at Southwest Capital Bank. She currently serves on the Economic and Workforce Development committee at the Foundation. With deep roots in Albuquerque (especially in the downtown neighborhood of Barelas), Arellana has been involved with the nonprofit community for several years. You can spot Arellana volunteering her time with Vintage Albuquerque or managing at Cocina Azul, her family-owned restaurant. We are excited and proud to have Arellana as a part of our group!

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Letter from President and CEO

Economic development, entrepreneurship, job creation and the quality of education outcomes—these are all areas of shared interest among funders and philanthropists in Albuquerque. Many are concerned about the long-term economic stability of our city and state. And it is not surprising. The statistics around poverty, community health and hunger are stark; many in our community face inadequate access to economic opportunity, which results in a host of other challenges like food security and community health. This inequality is a serious threat to our society, our economy and the future of our community.

Access to economic opportunity, income and wealth are accentuated along racial lines both in Albuquerque and across the country. Race equity, it has become clear, is one of the key issues of our time. In order to improve Albuquerque’s poverty metrics, we must take action to ensure that all of Albuquerque’s citizens, regardless of zip code, income or race, have access to the educational and economic opportunities they need. If we don’t, the healthier, safer more vibrant communities we hope for will continue to be just that, a hope.

Albuquerque is at a turning point. To put it simply, Albuquerque will not thrive until the majority of our residents are employed at wages that can support their respective families.

The Mayor’s Office, prominent business owners, community leaders and philanthropic organizers in our city recognize the critical need for disruptive innovation to combat long-term economic stagnation and inequality. Now is the time for us to lead measurable change that disrupts historic patterns and drives sustained long-term economic opportunities.

Philanthropy’s Role:
Currently, there is insufficient capital in support of the creation of new and high-growth businesses in Albuquerque that can drive sustainable economic growth. There is an opening for philanthropy to be a primary catalyst that drives economic growth, sustainability and equity so that all of Albuquerque’s residents can access the economic mobility they need for happier, healthier lives.

The Albuquerque Community Foundation is emerging as a leader in this space. We know that, as always, we are better together; it is essential to excite and catalyze other funders and donors to engage more deeply in combating economic stagnation through supporting the work of thoughtful entrepreneurs with game-changing ideas. We believe these investments in homegrown entrepreneurs and businesses will have dramatic and positive long-term results in improving the lives of all of Albuquerque’s residents.

Our work in this effort includes:
1. Democracy Collaborative: A “Place Based Wealth Initiative” – This project, now in its preliminary planning stage, seeks to bring area “anchor institutions” together to affect significant economic and workforce development.

2. The Mayor’s Prize for Entrepreneurship Powered by the Albuquerque Community Foundation – The Mayor’s Prize is designed to support entrepreneurial success, and has brought in contributions from forty businesses and individuals. All contributions have been matched by an out-of-state funder.

3. Economic & Workforce Development Field-of-Interest – This new field provides competitive grant funding for nonprofits working to assist individuals as they start and grow businesses here.

4. Albuquerque Living Cities Integration Initiative – This cross-sector, collective impact effort seeks to improve the lives of low-income people through wide-scale systems change and policy innovation that catalyzes job creation and economic mobility.

At the Foundation, we believe that supporting organizations and companies where diverse, talented and motivated people can thrive in a culture of innovation and entrepreneur-led growth is not only the right thing to do, it is the key to making a more successful city where people of all backgrounds can succeed. Let’s work together to accelerate the pace of meaningful and lasting change for every child, family and community.

Randy Royster
President & CEO
The Albuquerque Community Foundation has a long history of supporting organizations and initiatives that have the expressed goal of making our community better. For years, we’ve awarded grants to many of our community’s best and most forward-thinking nonprofits. These organizations work tirelessly on behalf of Albuquerque’s most underserved populations. But we’re wondering…have we really made a difference?

Maybe not. More people live in poverty than ever before. Research classifies 70% of Albuquerque’s residents as “the working poor.” Safe neighborhoods, food security, access to healthcare and quality education continue to elude many of our city’s residents. This fundamental inequality affects us all.

We simply cannot move our city forward until the majority of Albuquerque residents are employed at wages that can support their family. If our residents are not working, then they should be seeking education leading to employment. I recently heard Ben Hecht, President of Living Cities—a national organization of twenty-two collaborating foundations—say, “We must find ways to achieve dramatically better results for low-income people, faster. We will not have to ask if we have succeeded, we will know in our heart.” This sentiment resonated deeply with me, both personally and when thinking about the Foundation’s work.

The Foundation’s staff strives daily to improve impact. Still, we came to realize that our definition of bettering the community needed to shift. With the goal of promoting systemic change, we believe our grantmaking, asset development and community leadership must be aimed at access to economic opportunities.

Simultaneously, we began to engage in partnerships with business leaders, government and nonprofit organizations to promote job growth and workforce development. Through our various grant programs, we’ve provided support to organizations like the South Valley Economic Development Center, Technology Ventures Corporation, Global Ties ABQ, WESST, ABQid, the Epicenter@InnovateABQ and the CNM-STEMulus Center. We join their work to retain and grow local businesses in areas as diverse as the arts, technology and entrepreneurship.

Not all community foundations are directly engaged in economic development services and programs. We at the Albuquerque Community Foundation believe in community reinvestment—a profound support of the ideas that expand opportunity for all—by creating places where people of diverse backgrounds can connect across economic divides. We believe in supporting people who are eager to work and learn. We believe in supporting ideas that attract and retain talented people. We believe in supporting the ideas that expand and create a culture of engagement. We believe in collaborating with tenacious, goal-setting people and organizations that are rethinking the future of Albuquerque.

We believe we can do better than simply reporting results. We believe we can move the needle through collective impact. As always, we are better together. We invite you to join us.

Kelli Cooper
VP Philanthropic Services
#SquadGoals at the Foundation

Andre Durham
Andre has been hired as the new accounting associate. A graduate of UNM’s Anderson School of Management with a Bachelor in Business Administration and a concentration in Accounting, Andree is studying for the CPA exam and hopes to obtain his license by the end of 2017.

Hallee Kells
Hallee has been hired part-time as the event planner for Concours du Soleil, splitting her time and professional skills between the Foundation and the Mayor’s Office as a policy advisor. She graduated from UNM in 2010 with an undergraduate degree in mass communications and earned her master’s degree in public administration in 2014.

Interns, Angelica Ortega, Michelle Mwei, and Victoria Leon de la Vega
At the Foundation, we always look forward to summer. Why? Because we get to work with wonderful interns, Angelica Ortega and Michelle Mwei. Angelica will be a sophomore this year at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA, where she is studying political science. Michelle Mwei will be a senior at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, and will graduate next May with a degree in mechanical engineering. Victoria joins us from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. As a junior in high school, Victoria has just completed a summer program in social entrepreneurship at Cornell University.

Gabriela Gómez, Donor Services Manager
Philanthropic services team member, Gabriela, has recently been promoted to Donor Services Manager. Gabriela has been with the Foundation since 2012 and will be working on our strategic donor relations plan. Congratulations, Gabi!

Randy Royster, Newly Elected Council on Foundation Board Member
In April, Randy passed the gavel as President of the National Standards Board for Community Foundations. Subsequently, he was elected to the Board of the Council on Foundations, which provides service and oversight to nearly 1,000 private, community, corporate, family and public foundations. Randy intends to use his service to bring more attention and opportunities from national philanthropy to Albuquerque and New Mexico. Congratulations, Randy!

Making the Change—Exempt from Overtime

Do you need clarification about the new overtime regulations going into effect on December 1st? After two years of waiting, the Department of Labor has finally released updated regulations, which make significant changes to employee overtime payment. Our analysis indicates that nonprofit organizations and employers in rural areas are likely to be the hardest hit by the changes. The Albuquerque Community Foundation and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence are partnering to offer two trainings to help organizations better understand these new regulations and strategize how to implement the changes. All sessions will include information about the regulations, guidance on implementation and tips to assist organizations in communicating the changes to their employees.

Both sessions are 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 25th at the Albuquerque Community Foundation • Thursday, September 22nd at the United Way of Central New Mexico

The presentation will be led by Alice Kilborn, JD PHR SHRM-CP and founder of Kilborn Consulting, LLC, an employer-counseling practice devoted to preventing workplace litigation and improving the employer/employee relationship. Alice is a frequent and enthusiastic national speaker on workplace issues, employment law and public policy related topics.

Please register at CenterforNonProfitExcellence.org.
What we can learn from iconic musician, Prince.

The world mourned after the untimely death of music icon, Prince. During his "Purple Rain" years, he ignited many people with his spirit, fashion sense and musical talents. With his passing, we learned about his musical legacy—the many songs he wrote for others, as well as the hundreds of unreleased recordings he left in a vault in his home. But Prince's legacy wasn't limited only to his musical genius; it turns out he was a generous philanthropist committed to changing the world.

Since his passing, we've learned stories of Prince's commitment to giving—quietly, sometimes anonymously—to causes he cared about. Prince's philanthropic causes spanned from economic development and job growth to environmental issues and disadvantaged youth. He gave millions of dollars over the course of his lifetime.

Sadly, we learned something else about Prince—he did not leave a will. His siblings are now working through the legal process to distribute his estimated $300 million estate, a process that will likely take years and many dollars in legal fees. So now, in addition to our grief over the loss of a musical icon, we also grieve that this generous philanthropist did not create a charitable legacy that would have benefited the causes he cared about—forever.

55% of Americans don’t have a will*. If someone dies without one, the state intervenes and decides what happens with their money—which is exactly the situation Prince's family is experiencing right now. This can create great tension with heirs, as well as cause a colossal waste of dollars in legal fees.

It’s well known that two of the most dreaded conversations in a lifetime are about money and death. No one wants to chat about either, but it’s smart, forward-thinking and ultimately responsible to do so. The plans we put in place during our lifetimes can provide for surviving family members, as well as offer a vehicle for leaving a charitable legacy.

The Albuquerque Community Foundation was established 35 years ago, by and for people who care about their community and want to see it thrive. Over time, a gift left in a long-term charitable fund can change the landscape of the community, while honoring the donor with a lasting contribution. Through your will, you can support general causes, or you can choose to name specific nonprofit organizations you want to support.

We are lucky to live here in Albuquerque, an amazing and evolving city. Our legacy donors are planning for the future, beyond their own existence, creating a better Albuquerque for generations to come. Albuquerque Community Foundation supports our donors and nonprofit organizations by managing funds that honor our donors’ wishes.

Through a will, Prince could have continued to change the future — leaving an impact beyond the legacy of his music. Hopefully, his siblings will work to sustain Prince’s philanthropy for future generations. Hopefully, you will too.

*American Bar Association

All Aboard for the Trolley and Walking Tours!

Make plans now to attend our first trolley tour of the year on Friday, September 23, from 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the Foundation promptly in the morning, and will be on our way to exciting destinations including the New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society, Quelab Hackerspace and Rio Grande Community Farms. Lunch will be served, picnic style, while at the Farm. We'll visit each stop for 25 minutes and learn, first hand, about the work each nonprofit does in Albuquerque and the role they play in enhancing our community. Once again the Foundation is delighted to collaborate with Molina Healthcare for the generous use of their Trolley (shuttle bus) for this adventure.

We’re excited to offer a walking tour in the fall, too! On Friday, November 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we’ll put on our walking shoes for a tour of Downtown sites Crossroads for Women, Amy Biehl High School and 516 Arts. Lunch for this trek will be in the Downtown area (details to come). While strolling the sidewalks, we’ll have a chance to enjoy the hustle and bustle of Downtown Albuquerque’s thriving city life.
The Foundation recently concluded its first round of the 2016 Competitive Grant Program, giving grants in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education and Environment and Historic Preservation. After months of reexamining the Foundation’s Competitive Grant Program, these grants were the first to integrate the theme of providing access to economic opportunities for more individuals in our community. Local nonprofits responded overwhelmingly well to this new focus and submitted grant proposals for innovative programs that work in diverse and creative ways to increase economic growth. Programs ranged from skills-based, paid internship programs in education, to revitalizing Downtown Albuquerque by bolstering the creative economy. One executive director of a nonprofit noted: “The framework of ‘economic opportunity’ helped me to articulate the nuances of our program, our goals and our impact in a way I don’t get to do very often. It was an opportunity to write about [what we do] in a holistic way.”

**Grantees include:** 516 Arts; Fusion Theatre; Keshet Dance Company; New Mexico Philharmonic; Working Classroom; Galloping Grace Youth Ranch; Manzano Mountain Art Council; New Mexico Acciaqu Association; New Mexico Steam Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society; Rio Grande Community Farm; The Nature Conservancy; Trust for Public Land New Mexico; APS Education Foundation (LapTime Reading Program); CLN Kids; Explora; and Prosperity Works.

Of these 16 grantees, 10 organizations were first time awardees in the Competitive Grant Program. Four organizations are first time grantees of the Foundation.

**Economic Opportunities at Work:**

**Keshet Dance Company** was awarded a grant to support their Movement+Mentorship=Metamorphosis (M3) program, which creates self-sustainable lifestyles for at-risk populations, helping to break the cycle of youth incarceration through the art of dance. Students who complete the program have spent hundreds of hours working with artist-mentors, creating positive life goals and learning academic skills. The program gives many students their first taste of success in the classroom. Keshet hopes participants’ sense of success and possibility will eventually lead to gainful employment and meaningful engagement in the community.

It costs the State of New Mexico an average of $88,000 per year to incarcerate an individual. Keshet’s post-release program currently maintains a 0% recidivism rate. Using the conservative projection that Keshet impacts 10 youth per year who remain out of jail, this translates to an $880,000 first year savings to the community, increasing by an additional $880,000 each year.

**Rio Grande Community Farm** received funding for the Las Huertas program, a farmer training and incubator program for high desert residents of New Mexico. Las Huertas is a skills development program dedicated to training both current and aspiring producers in certified organic farming techniques that are specific to the arid environment of New Mexico. The program also assists current and aspiring food producers to become small-scale food entrepreneurs. Las Huertas, which seeks to graduate 8-15 students per year, anticipates as many as 20 new farmers growing on the Los Poblanos Fields Open Space land by 2017.

**State of the Arts: A Community Discussion on Arts & Culture in Albuquerque**

The Foundation recently hosted a community discussion to explore the role of arts and culture in Albuquerque. The event, held at THERAPY, an art gathering space downtown, was developed with support from “We Are This City.” The lively event featured a 30-year Arts & Culture Policy overview presentation by Sherri Brueggemann from the City’s Public Art Urban Enhancement Program. Individuals representing theater, music, visual arts, technology and culinary arts joined the conversation to share their thoughts on leveraging opportunities for arts and culture in Albuquerque. Fusion Theatre’s Dennis Gromelski and Albuquerque’s poet laureate Hakim Bellamy moderated the discussion, which generated constructive dialogue about how arts and culture directly contributes to the city’s economic, social and creative well-being. The conversation showed how closely tied the creative economy can be to Albuquerque’s growing economic development initiatives.

As we look forward, the Foundation aims to enhance connections and foster partnerships between those working in the development and growth of Albuquerque’s Arts and Culture, and those spearheading the City’s economic development programs.

“The arts are the good news about Albuquerque’s downtown. It is [one of] the vibrant and growing areas in our economy.”

- Attendee

“We have a wonderful arts community, but we need to work together to truly make the arts a focal point for the city, funders and community.”

- Attendee
Today's customers and clients want to do business with companies that help make the community in which they operate a better place to live and raise a family. Supporting the Foundation sends a visible message to your current and prospective employees and customers that you care about your community and want to be a part of positive change. When you invest in the Albuquerque Community Foundation, you create a win-win partnership that benefits your company, the Foundation and the Greater Albuquerque Area. You help improve the community where your employees and customers live, play and work. THANK YOU!

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