Concours du Soleil - Annual Fundraiser

This year, our “Toast to the Coasts” theme celebrates the beauty of the automobile from Daytona Beach to Pebble Beach. California Dreamin’ Original American Classics, Hollywood, Daytona Race Cars, British, Exotics and Convertibles are the featured collection.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m. • Sunset Formal Black Tie Gala

The evening begins when you arrive in beautiful Los Ranchos. Mingle with friends, sample savory hors d’oeuvres and peruse the juried automobile collection. As the sun begins to set, guests are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner buffet featuring Vernon’s famous steaks. Following a highly selective live auction, dancing to the crazy Vanilla Pop! The evening draws to a close near midnight.

This year’s auction includes a Rolex Daytona donated by Beauchamp Jewelers, trips to the 2014 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix in Austin and the 50th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards at AT&T Stadium (Home of the Dallas Cowboys) hosted by Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan.

The “Cinco Amigos,” Mark Gorham, Jason Harrington, Steve Maestas, Jerry Roehl and Kevin Yearout (Concours organizers), have opted to use a part of the proceeds to help bring technology education to New Mexico youth. Through a partnership with Microsoft, free technology classes are being offered to middle school aged children. The “YouthSparks” camps began in August and will continue year-round. Students are recruited from schools and nonprofit organizations.

Studies show that interested, young students allowed to participate in classes such as these are more likely to stay in school and move on to good paying technology-based careers. According to Microsoft, there are tens of thousands of unfilled jobs in this sector due to an untrained workforce.

Tickets are $250 each. Tables of 8, 10 and 12 are available and selling fast.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 12:00 – 4:00 Concours Public Show. $20 per person, food and drinks available for purchase.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Foundation, 505.883.6240 or visit SeeHotCars.com.
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The Frank and Dolores Hines Endowment Fund

This year, the Foundation received a note of thanks for the opportunities one of its endowment funds has afforded students over the years. The note came from the Polish UWC National Committee and eight Polish students whom the Frank and Dolores Hines Endowment Fund has sponsored to the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West since 1998. With the recent 50th anniversary of the UWC movement globally, and with the number of Polish UWC alumni approaching 200, the UWC's National Committee offered its heartfelt gratitude to Dee Hines for the Frank Zajac Scholarship.

“Thank you for helping us become engaged citizens of the world!” the note read.

The letter also included testimonials from students who were impacted by the scholarship, including some whose experience helped them embrace new perspectives and opportunities. Others were offered scholarships to attend prestigious universities such as Wellesley, Oxford and Harvard. And still others were moved to adopt philanthropic missions of their own. These students have traveled the globe, committed to improving not only their own lives but the lives of all they touch.

The Frank and Delores Hines Endowment Fund already has built a legacy of supporting exceptional students, giving them the opportunity to go on to world-changing work. The Foundation is proud to be home to such an exemplary fund.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Programs

The Foundation now manages 18 funds to benefit New Mexico students. They are as diverse as the donors who founded them and often reflect the memory of a loved one.

The David R. Woodling Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of David Woodling, a mechanical engineer who loved to work with his hands. David died working on an excavating project in the East Mountains in 2007. In honor of his memory, his family established this fund for the benefit of students pursuing an applied science degree in metals technology.

We just received this note from a recent recipient:

“I was very happy to learn that I was a recipient of the David R. Woodling Memorial Scholarship. I am writing to thank you for your generous financial support toward my higher education.

I am a welding technology major who plans to pursue a welding career. I am currently working for a roustabout company in Carlsbad, N.M., and getting some experience in the field.

By awarding me the David R. Woodling Memorial Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on what is important for me, education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal. Thank you once again!”

Cristian Tatum, N.M.
It’s no secret Albuquerque is lagging behind other communities in our country’s economic recovery. As a private business owner, I see my business gradually improving, as are those of my friends and colleagues. I am encouraged to see that members of our community are beginning to work together to move the recovery process along more quickly. Communities like Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh and San Antonio have rebuilt and we can too!

You may wonder why I bring this up in the Foundation’s newsletter. I do so because I firmly believe that challenges are better solved when we have businesses, government and the nonprofit community working together.

If you recall, a few years ago, we saw headlines that New Mexico had just been ranked 50th (worst) in the country for hunger. I remember it well because the issue was brought before the Foundation’s board. A “Collaboration to End Hunger” was forming and needed support. We jumped in immediately and actively participated with what grew to be 69 other organizations consisting of business, government, philanthropy and others. Within four years of the implementation of the plan, New Mexico improved his ranking on the list to 37th*. Not perfect, but an excellent demonstration of what the power of collaboration can do. Unfortunately, the Collaboration dissolved and here we are back at 50th again in hunger. Today, a new collaboration is forming to tackle this issue. Let’s hope it is successful and ever-lasting.

My point is: Collaboration works, as long as participants remain diligent.

Earlier this year, the Foundation added a sixth field-of-interest: Economic & Workforce Development. We did so because we believe we can participate in our community’s economic recovery. We intend to collaborate with local companies, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and business leaders who will serve as the backbone of this initiative, providing support and leadership while facilitating critical relationships and conversations.

Within the next few months, I will be leading the initial effort to bring representatives with this shared value together. We will include anyone who wants to join, especially those already working in the field. Contact the Foundation if you would like to participate.

Sincerely,
Kevin Yearout
Chair

* New Mexico No Kid Hungry Capacity Assessment 2011 Results
**Grant Program**

**Donor Advised Grants**
Throughout the year, the Foundation distributes grants from a variety of donor advised funds. Many of these funds support organizations and charitable projects specified by the fund donor or advisors.

Quite often, donor advisors rely upon the Foundation’s knowledge and expertise to identify particular agencies and programs they might wish to support with their philanthropic dollars. That’s why it is so beneficial for grant seekers to discuss their needs with Grant Director Nancy Johnson. With our ever-growing community of donors, you never know just how or when the right funding connection might be made.

**Field of Interest Grants**
Significant investments are made to the community from the funds of donors who ensured support of various causes in perpetuity. These funds mainly support our six fields-of-interest: Arts & Culture, Economic & Workforce Development, Education, Environmental & Historic Preservation, Health and Human Services.

Want to Join In on a Grant Panel? We are always looking for dedicated volunteers willing to serve on a grant panel. This requires reading and evaluating proposals, and then discussing them with a committee. Not easy, but interesting and fulfilling. If you have an interest, please contact Nancy Johnson, grant director, at 505.883.6240 or nancy@albuquerquefoundation.org.

**Another Great Grant:**
Noon Day provides a hot lunch to hundreds of Albuquerque’s homeless and near-homeless population every week. Food boxes are provided to families who do not have access to meals when leaving. Everyone is served with dignity, joy and a smile.

**Another Great Grant:**
Albuquerque Museum Foundation
20 years. Almost 160,000 students. Over 150 bus trips each year on average.
The statistics may be impressive, but the really important number might be one. One child. One trip to a museum. One significant experience.

“I had a real blast. My family hasn’t been to very many museums. I would like to go again and look at all of the exhibits. I had a really fun time and I cannot wait to go back and see everything else.”

Student from Navajo Elementary

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Great Grant Giveaway
You’ve Got to See it to Believe it!
650 generous people…6 Outstanding Nonprofit Organizations…$69,940 Immediate Grant Funding. The Foundation’s annual meeting has become the talk of the town. Called the Great Grant Giveaway, six nonprofits were preselected to compete for “Great Grants,” one representing each of the Foundation’s six fields-of-interest:

   Arts & Culture--NDI • Economic & Workforce Development -- Albuquerque Economic Development Foundation
   Education -- Big Brothers/Big Sisters • Environmental & Historic Preservation-- ABQ BioPark • Health-- Global Opportunities
   Human Services-- Heading Home

A video depicting the work of each nonprofit leads into the giveaway, when guests at each table award their $500 grant. Grants are sponsored by local individuals, foundations and businesses and then matched by the Albuquerque Community Foundation from our unrestricted grant pool. This year, six local businesses “sweetened the pot” by adding a $5,000 grant to one organization. Thank you to Bank of Albuquerque; Lovelace Health System; NAI Maestas & Ward; New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union; PNM and Yearout Mechanical for making the day even better with a “Great Big Grant.”

Global Opportunities
With your support at the Great Grant Giveaway, so far this year we have been able to assist 20 disabled veterans through our hand-cycling and off-road wheelchair GO Trekking program. We have also provided approximately 20 disabled children from the Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital with outdoor adaptive fishing excursions.” Dustin Berg, Executive Director

New Mexico BioPark Society
“The Great Grant Giveaway money will go to support the BioVan, which is a free educational outreach program that travels to elementary schools and other locations in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho bringing hands-on, interactive science education to over 10,000 local students each year. The curricula of the BioVan is environmental stewardship and Bosque-focused.” Barry Bitzer, Director of Development
We have been reporting for nearly a year now on the Impact Grant we made to Running Start for Careers (RSFC), in August of last year. This program gives high school juniors and seniors who are at risk for dropping out of school the opportunity, through dual-credit classes, to begin working toward a career they have a particular interest in.

Currently, all the RSFC classes are full and the class schedules and offerings are expanding to meet the need of more students who are interested in participating.

Local industry leaders have come together to create curricula that will inspire students to consider heading straight into careers instead of jumping from job to job after graduation.

The most recent addition to the curriculum is health care. Students will be exposed to a variety of health careers and topics: professional behaviors, teamwork, communication skills, legal and ethical responsibilities, cultural consideration in the health care industry, problem-solving, decision-making, personal responsibility and self management. They will participate in hands-on, real-world activities: health career clusters, health and health care systems and trends, environmental safety and infection control, medical ethics and liability, ethical and legal responsibilities, professionalism and employable skills, cultural awareness and diversity and a basic introduction to CPR. The students will shadow a health professional, experience simulation labs and visit healthcare facilities. According to one healthcare professional, “this program is a part of developing a strong, diverse future health care workforce that New Mexico very much needs.”

Students in the health care classes come from schools all over the city and have a variety of ambitions. Carmen, a 17-year-old from Los Puentes Charter School, said she has wanted to be a doctor since she was a little girl. She said she comes from an immigrant family and her parents, who never graduated from high school, pushed her to take advantage of the opportunity. This is exposing Carmen to the many aspects of the health care field to give her a better understanding of the career.

Two additional recent highlights are:
1. RSFC received a special AmeriCorps Mayor/Governor Initiative Award. A very competitive process through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), CNCS seeks to prioritize the investment of national resources in economic opportunity and education, and focuses on programs that improve academic outcomes for youth and young adults. This is a multiyear award that provides AmeriCorps members at the schools and RSFC sites to encourage students, especially those on the verge of dropping out, or facing educational or other barriers, so they can succeed in graduating high school and ultimately be successful in college or a career.

2. The recent graduating class of Leadership ABQ had a project team that worked on creating a partnership between RSFC, CNM and Century Link. This new RSFC program will be implemented in fall 2014, and students will be trained in skills for telecommunications. Internships will be provided at CenturyLink and other telecommunications companies.

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To celebrate the breadth and diversity of the grants we are able to make on behalf of you, our generous donors, we’ve begun asking our nonprofit partners to drop by the Foundation to pick up their grant check. It’s been a lot of fun meeting the faces behind the names and learning more about the programs being offered through OUTSTANDING nonprofit organizations!
grants

Clint Wells, Museum of Natural History

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Dear Friends,

As a friend and long-time supporter of the Albuquerque Community Foundation, I have visited the new Champion Building a number of times. I always leave feeling proud of the Foundation and their work. I can honestly say, too, that I am proud of my long-term association with the Foundation, from serving as a trustee on the board in the early years, to the establishment of several funds, including an Administrative Fund to support their operations forever.

I recently read in the Foundation's 2013 annual report that they have established the “624 Champion Building Endowment Fund” for the ongoing maintenance of the building. This will ensure it stands for another 100 years. To show my support of their vision and long-term planning, I have sent a check for $25,000 to be added to this fund. I am inviting you to make a gift too. Together, we will ensure the ongoing good work of the Foundation and the preservation of a historic treasure in Albuquerque.

Legacies are important. They communicate who we are and our trust in the next generation. Hopefully, we inspire thoughtfulness and generosity in those who follow in our footsteps.

Bob Stamm

624 Champion Building Endowment Fund

Groups of people who pool their donations and select beneficiaries together are known as giving circles. They are an attractive channel of philanthropy for many, especially young donors looking to make an impact on their community.

The Foundation’s young donor group, The Future Fund, is now 17 years old and is a successful giving circle in the community foundation world. Having grown to nearly 200 members this year and an endowment about to hit $500,000, the fund allows members to participate in social and volunteer events to recruit others, while having fun building new friendships and making a difference in their community through collective grantmaking.

Future Fund

Give Grande New Mexico

It was a Grand Success because of YOU!

New Mexico’s “first day of giving”, called Give Grande, was held on May 6 and raised over $873,000 through 7,880 gifts to 409 New Mexico nonprofit organizations. Every participating agency earned at least one donation! The success was not only in the number of dollars raised, but in the record number of people who contributed throughout the state.

Each of the five members of the Community Foundation Coalition of New Mexico contributed $7,000 to support the administrative cost for the implementation of Give Grande. In addition, the ACF raised $4,000 through donations from Bank of Albuquerque, Lovelace Health System, NAI Maestas & Ward and Yearout Mechanical to be used for prizes for the extra effort of many of the nonprofit organizations.

The day was part of the national campaign Give Local America, which raised over $50 million.
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.