We live in a pivotal time.

There are new conversations emerging, some borne out of necessity, some from wonderful creativity and others as a result of the changing times we live in. The hard work of community leaders, caring citizens and nonprofits continues to find better and more efficient opportunities for those in need. Our community is becoming known as a center of innovation, and this distinction will have rippling affects for many. Local leaders have risen to the challenge and have won major victories for the nonprofit community. All are heading in the same direction: creating social and economic change for Albuquerque.

I believe we can join together to make sure everyone, regardless of race, class or where they live, has a fair shot at a good life and opportunities to live to their full potential. This reality is in our reach.

This is our moment to seize it.

The Albuquerque Community Foundation has listened to our constituencies and developed ways we can have the most impact. Our role may be small, but we are excited about our vision for the future, as we dissolve silos, work beyond existing boundaries, fuel nonprofits and leverage partnerships that are bigger and bolder than ever to achieve equity in our community. We are involved in more conversations, collaborations and partnerships than ever before and we encourage you to do the same.

It is with your generosity and dedication we are able to take on these challenges. You fuel us in mind, in spirit and in our real ability to take on complex issues with meaningful investments.

I invite you to continue to partner with us in our growing efforts to harness the power of community and expand opportunity in our city. There is no better moment to Jump In and do your part!

In gratitude,

Jennifer Thomas
Chairman & CEO, Bank of Albuquerque

**Grant Stories**

**Another Great Grant: New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks**
The Building Futures & Foundations (BFF) program matches kids who age out of the foster care system with committed community volunteer mentors. Mentors help to fill that gap by providing guidance, advice and teaching resilience, self-esteem and self-worth.

**Another Great Grant: Healing the Children - Southwest Chapter**
This exemplary organization provides health care to children in New Mexico who are unable to receive care because of either a lack of services or financial resources. Just one example of the way the Foundation, donors and this nonprofit are working together to help families in need: A grant allowed HTCSC to pay for gas and other services not covered by health insurance so that Daniel could travel for cancer treatment. The Foundation is proud to support HTCSC and its work in the community.
This year’s “Driving to the Future” Moonlight Formal will take guests on an extraordinary trip! Departing Saturday, September 19, guests will embark on an expedition into the future, where they will explore an automobilescape of exotic cars displayed beneath an umbrella of shimmering stars.

Inspired by the 1980s film “Back to the Future II,” in which Marty McFly and Doc Brown travel forward in time to 2015, the gala will reflect futuristic fun. The evening begins as guests arrive at the private North Valley estate and are welcomed with hors d’oeuvres, cocktails (a bit of “moonshine”) and time to enjoy the automobile collection. As the moon rises, guests are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner buffet featuring Vernon’s Prime. After a live auction, the evening continues with a moonlight dance to the outrageous tunes of Vanilla Pop.

This year’s auction includes a VIP concert package to see Taylor Swift at AT&T Stadium in Dallas, a Rolex watch donated by Beauchamp Jewelers and a trip to the 2015 Formula 1 Grand Prix in Austin.

The “Cinco Amigos” – Mark Gorham, Jason Harrington, Steve Maestas, Jerry Roehl and Kevin Yearout – are once again crowdfunding for a great cause. “Youth Entrepreneurship” will be the focus this year.

**Moonlight Gala**
Tickets are $250 each.
Tables of 10 and 12 are available,
Call for availability.

**Public Show**
Sunday, Sept. 20, noon – 4 p.m.
Tickets are $20, food and drinks available for purchase.
For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Foundation at 505.883.6240 or visit seehotcars.com

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**Epicenter @ Innovate ABQ**

The “Driving to the Future” technology classroom inside the Epicenter @ Innovate ABQ is the result of a collaboration between the Cinco Amigos, the City of Albuquerque, Nusenda Credit Union, and the University of New Mexico. It opened in April, with nearly 300 people in attendance at the ribbon cutting. Leaders from all sectors of the community came together to celebrate the first project of Innovate ABQ, the new innovation district in downtown Albuquerque.

Focusing on Economic & Workforce Development and Entrepreneurship, the Epicenter provides a space for technology camps for Albuquerque students and a meeting/gathering space for entrepreneurial organizations.
Message from Randy Royster

Nancy Johnson, the Foundation’s highly regarded Grant Manager has retired from the Foundation after 24 years. No one saw the Foundation’s progression like Nancy did — from two staff members to nine, from a $5 million endowment to nearly $70 million, from $600,000 granted annually to $3 million. In her early years, Nancy’s job responsibilities included nearly everything: answering the phone, writing newsletters, planning events, meeting with nonprofits and making grants. We truly appreciate Nancy for her commitment to the Foundation and will miss her passion for our community.

Nancy Johnson

Although replacing a long-term employee like Nancy is a tough task, we are enthusiastic about the appointment of Joanna Colangelo in the role of Philanthropic Services - Grant Advisor, Community Outreach. Joanna has a career background as a community and social engagement professional with more than 10 years of experience in corporate philanthropy, grantmaking, fundraising, grant writing, cause-related marketing, strategic planning and nonprofit organizational development. We are excited to have Joanna as part of the ACF team!

If you are in the neighborhood, feel free stop by to meet our new colleague.

Joanna Colangelo

Future Fund

The Foundation’s young donor group celebrated the summer with “Beer & Brats in the Bosque”! About 80 members and guests gathered to enjoy a beautiful Albuquerque summer evening with like-minded friends and colleagues who share a commitment to the future of our city. Members voted to award a third $1,000 microgrant of 2015 to Enlace Comunitario. Enlace provides bilingual, holistic and comprehensive social and legal services in Spanish to victims of domestic violence and their children.

For more information about the Future Fund, contact Gabriela Gómez or Andy Williams at 505.883.6240, or visit the Foundation’s website, albuquerquefoundation.org/futurefund.

Members Denise Nava and Corey Cooper

Future Fund Board Chair, Maureen O’Leary welcomes guests during “Beer & Brats in the Bosque.”

Future Fund Board Member, Rebecca Lujan, with representatives from The Rock at Noon Day, Enlace Communities and Samaratin Grief Counseling hope for a microgrant.
**TEAM TÍO YOUTH GOLF CLINIC**

Team Tío, an endowment fund managed by the Foundation, partnered with the Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) and the Jewish Community Center to sponsor the Team Tío Youth Golf Clinic during the 2015 Rio Grande Charity Slam on June 26. In addition to supporting NB3F’s ability to address the profound health and wellness issues impacting Native American children, the clinic afforded 150 local kids an opportunity to learn the game and meet a local sports legend.

Team Tío provides access to youth athletics for underserved kids. The fund was created by two Albuquerque brothers, Matt and Ray Rivera, who played little league at Zia and Mile High Little Leagues. Recognizing the value of youth athletics in their lives, they are working to make sure all kids—regardless of their economic situation—can get in the game as well.

Notah Begay is a four-time PGA Tour winner, current NBC Sports/Golf Channel Analyst, NB3F’s founder and donor to the Notah Begay III Scholarship Fund. Mr. Begay said, “I’m grateful to Matt, Ray and Team Tío for recognizing that together we can open the door to more young kids playing golf, while raising critical resources so more kids live healthier lives through sports and wellness.”

**SOCIAL GIVING CLUB**

We’ve created an opportunity for past members of the Future Fund and others who like to combine their social life with their giving life. “The Social Giving Club.” The inaugural party is Wednesday, October 21.

The “Social Giving Club” membership contribution is $1,000 annually. Your donation will be divided in half, with $500 added to the “Social Giving Club Endowment Fund” for future grantmaking, and the other $500 pooled to make an immediate grant chosen by members of the Club. In other words, members will make one large impact grant annually!

To add your name to the invitation list, contact denise@albuquerquefoundation.org or 505.883.6240.

**PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY**

We invite you to jump in and support the Foundation so we can continue to grow our important work. We sincerely appreciate all gifts. Your gift of $500 or more will designate you as a Partner in Philanthropy for an entire year providing you the opportunity to attend Foundation events as you’ve read about in this newsletter, be informed through our communication materials and participate in the positive change happening in Albuquerque. Please respond with the enclosed contribution panel. Thank you.
Brian Colón

Brian, a partner at Robles, Rael & Anaya, P.C., practices transactional negotiations, personal injury, medical malpractice, inadequate security, products liability, insurance bad faith, and corporate transactions. He has been involved with the Foundation for many years, including as chair of our young leaders group, the Future Fund. Brian is actively involved in several community and professional nonprofit organizations, including the Spanish Colonial Arts Society and serving as the immediate past chair of the UNM Alumni Association.

2015 NEW TRUSTEE

DONOR STORY • GAAR’S $1 MILLION GOAL

The Greater Albuquerque Association of REALTORS® is an association of professional Realtors who work together to advance the industry and actively support the communities they serve.

Through their efforts, members see firsthand the need for permanent sustainable funding to help create adequate housing and improve education in our community. Recognizing the value of collective impact, members of GAAR contribute annually to The REALTOR® Fund of the Greater Albuquerque Association of REALTORS®. Beginning on the 90th anniversary of GAAR, the fund was established with a $90,000 contribution, a symbolic way to honor the 90 Presidents who have served the association. With subsequent gifts, the goal is to reach $1 million by the 100th anniversary of GAAR, in 2020. While growing the fund, they are supporting organizations addressing housing and educational needs for our local youth.

Members of GAAR are to be commended for their ongoing involvement in the community and their expression of gratitude for a healthy real estate industry.

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Held at the magnificent Albuquerque Rail Yards, our annual donor party highlighted the unique characteristics that make us proud to be Albuquerqueans. Authentic New Mexican cuisine, iconic art, craft beer, spirits and wine (yes, all made in Albuquerque), marimba music, agua fresca and paletas were enjoyed by hundreds who stopped in to share an evening with their Foundation friends.

Two past grant recipients, Working Classroom and OffCenter Arts Project, participated to add even more fun to the evening. Working Classroom brought two of their outstanding young artists, one who sketched caricatures and another who helped guide guests in a collaborative oil painting that is now hanging at the Foundation. OffCenter Arts Project handmade huge papier-mâché hot air balloons to set the scene for what is truly Albuquerque unique. To view photos of this fun event, visit the Foundation’s Facebook page.

In an effort to promote some of the incredible aspects that make our town such a special place to live, we began the “Who’s Who of the Albuquerque Community Foundation” series. We want everyone to meet the wonderful people who make up the Foundation. Donors, supporters and friends all come from diverse backgrounds with varied experiences.

The Foundation hosted the first of many in the presentation series this summer by inviting anthropologist, author and Foundation endowment donor David E. Stuart, Ph.D., to the Champion Building to present to other donors. In a fascinating presentation named “American Roots, American Dreams and American Myths: The Experience of Four Colonial Families, 1630-1950”, Dr. Stuart introduced four colonial families and expanded on the ways they contributed to the world we now live in today. Keep an eye out for the invitation for our next “Who’s Who of the Albuquerque Community Foundation.”
Scholarship Recipient Lunch

The Foundation manages 16 scholarship funds for deserving Albuquerque students. Each is very different and represents the interest of an individual donor.

For example, we have a fund for students living in a manufactured home, another for students living in foster care. We even have programs available for soccer players and debate team members. Each of the funds honor the memory of a loved one, a personal experience or the understanding that education is the best road to a better future. This year, we invited all scholarship recipients and donors for lunch to meet one another. We learned more about the educational goals of the students and enjoyed introducing them to the donors who started the fund. With all the wonderful feedback, we hope to host the reception annually.

Philanthropy Central

We love our Philanthropy Central Partners.

Over 100 nonprofit organizations trust the Foundation with their endowment funds. One of our partners, the historical Albuquerque Little Theatre is enjoying a well-deserved renaissance as it begins its 86th year of continuous production. ALT is kicking-off of a major capital improvement campaign to expand, upgrade and beautify the front areas of the theatre. Renovations will include space for expanded education programming, a new addition to increase cultural and social interaction and the restoration of the exterior to the original John Gaw Meem look. The campaign will also include an endowment component to ensure the Theatre’s long-term financial stability.

Improvement to this community icon will not only enhance the audience experience but also the quality of life in the neighborhood, the re-designed Central Corridor and our city as a whole.

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Trolley Tours

This summer we loaded up the “ABQ Trolley” with donors and community leaders to visit some of our favorite neighborhood nonprofits. Our first stop was the Fusion Theater. During the visit, the NM Academy of Rock & Blues was rocking out on the stage. Also home of the Cell Theatre, Fusion has exciting plans for the future. With a plan to buy and renovate the historic property next door, Fusion could soon be home to a number of local theatre companies sharing not only the stage but dressing rooms, costumes and ticket office. This collaborative effort will help integrate efficiency and expansion into a performing arts complex.

Back aboard the trolley, we headed to the CNM STEMulus Center, an education and training center at the Galleria in Downtown Albuquerque. Programs include a Deep Dive Coding Bootcamp, fundamentals of modern web development and coding and the Ignite Community Accelerator. The Ignite program helps local entrepreneurs grow their business through classes in marketing, management and financial literacy.

Our final stop took us to Working Classroom. This organization is a multi-ethnic, intergenerational community of students, professional artists, writers, actors and directors with a conscious commitment to supporting new and diverse voices and visions in the arts. The second tour of the season took us to Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, a collaborative effort with the VA and other organizations. AHCH provides medication, dental and vision services, all of which are a critical necessity for health and employability. However, their main goal is to get the homeless housed so their health needs can be effectively treated.

Next, we stopped at OFFCenter Community Arts Program for a hands-on arts experience. OFFCenter is an open studio filled with art supplies. Everyone is welcome to create art.

Our final stop was Albuquerque Heading Home where we learned about famed psychologist Abraham Maslow’s hierarchy of needs and flipping that idea upside down. The model for reducing homelessness had been to first receive services and then become eligible for housing. Heading Home believes that model is upside down. A safe place to call home has been moved to the top of the pyramid. In 2014, 81 percent of Heading Home’s clients continued to be housed after 12 months.

Here’s what some of our trolley tour guests had to say:

- “Amazed at the knowledge, competence and passion of all the places and people we visited today.” – Nina
- “Good learning experience!” – Allene
- “Touched by people who really want to help.” – Corinne
- “Very impressed with the knowledge and commitment of the people in charge and proud of what they do. They are very dedicated and motivated.” – Olinda
Be part of something bigger.

For generations to come. No one knows exactly what tomorrow may bring. So what can we do now to help assure that our community’s future needs are met? The Impact Fund was created to address this question. It presents an opportunity for all who love Albuquerque to invest in our most important issues, initiatives and needs for generations to come. Think of it as our savings account for the future of our community. The flexible dollars it provides enable the Albuquerque Community Foundation to respond to emerging needs as they arise - and invest significant funding leadership in initiatives that strengthen both our community and our future. We are simply better together.

To find out more, visit www.albuquerquefoundation.org/impactfund.aspx or call (505)-883-6240.
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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