Dear Friends,

As you will discover in this edition of Albuquerque Community Foundation’s newsletter, it is a busy and exciting year. The Board of Trustees and staff are grateful to all of you who have supported the Foundation’s work. One of the great pleasures of my position is getting to know and work with the countless people who make the Foundation’s efforts possible. This newsletter will give you a snapshot of our extraordinary network of donors, nonprofit partners, and exciting activities. I hope it leaves you feeling good to be part of this wonderful organization.

The year has witnessed several important milestones. Our donor base has grown; the endowment has grown to $42 million, and the Foundation now holds over 260 endowment funds. We established a great new program, Wonderful Women of Philanthropy, and hosted its inaugural event. We continue to build partnerships with nonprofit organizations through Philanthropy Central. The Future Fund has been busy with their fun and educational activities. And the grant program never ceases to amaze; the programs funded each year continue to address our communities most pressing needs and will continue to do so, forever.

And then there was the change in leadership at the Foundation—after 15 years, Laura Hueter Bass announced her retirement, and the Foundation welcomed Randy Royster as executive director. Laura and Randy worked together for seven months to ensure the transition would be smooth. In honor of Laura, the Board established the Laura Hueter Bass Endowment Fund for Excellence as a tribute to her dedicated service to the community. To contribute to the Fund, please contact the Foundation office.

Now, looking to the future, we begin by celebrating the past. The Foundation kicked off its 25th Anniversary celebration in April and is planning various events to mark the occasion. From tree plantings and beach parties (Tingley Beach, that is), culminating with the Annual Luncheon in October, this year is shaping up to be one you won’t soon forget. We look forward to updating you on these happenings in later communications. Until then, we wish you all the joys of spring.

Warm Regards,
Michael Walker
President
Board of Trustees
A Message to our donors

The Foundation is pleased to announce that R. Randall “Randy” Royster, Esq. has officially assumed the role of Executive Director. After an extensive seven month training period, Randy is ready to lead the Foundation into its second quarter century. “The Albuquerque Community Foundation has changed our community for the better. My vision for the future is to serve a broader constituency of donors, thereby making a more significant financial impact on our community’s nonprofit organizations,” states Royster. “I look forward to building upon the first 25 years and advancing the Foundation as a key collaborator and convener on the many issues the community will face in the future.”

Last September, within 24 hours of starting his job with the ACF, Randy was on an airplane to Seattle where he attended the National Annual Conference for Community Foundations with former Executive Director Laura Bass and Program Director Nancy Johnson. Randy participated in a “Fundamentals for New Executive Directors” training over three days. He also attended a one-day legal training that focused on real estate gifts and donors with intent to affect economic development in their communities. His final one-day training prior to commencement of the general conference focused on an Executive Director effectively working with his/her Board. At the general conference, Randy attended numerous sessions including development of high net worth donors and National Standards. Immediately upon his return, Randy began the major task of completing the documentation required for voluntary certification under the Council on Foundation's National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. The certification recognizes the Foundation carries out its mission with accountable policies and procedures and the highest level of ethical and operational integrity.

Randy has begun meeting the Foundation’s donors and friends, as-well-as professional advisors who work with the Foundation, business leaders, and other nonprofit executive directors. “Through a long friendship with Laura Bass, and my wife’s prior service on the ACF Board, I have always admired the work of the Foundation. Each day I observe the dedication and professionalism of the ACF staff and Board of Trustees, and realize the vast impact the Foundation makes on our community—I am more energized about the Foundation’s role in the future. There is so much opportunity to positively affect our community, and I am honored to be leading the ACF in that effort.”

An attorney and business professional, Randy was most recently Vice President of Human Resources for Lovelace Sandia Health Systems. His prior experience includes General Counsel and Director of Human Resources for Wilson & Company, Engineers & Architects; and General Counsel and Director of Human Resources for Jaynes Corporation. Randy is a multi-generation Albuquerque native. A graduate of Sandia High School, he holds a Business degree from Eastern New Mexico University and is a Law graduate from the University of New Mexico. Randy’s community leadership has included Leadership Albuquerque, Board Director for the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, and the University of New Mexico Alumni Association’s Legislative Committee. In addition, Randy is active with the Albuquerque and New Mexico Bar Associations.
As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we would like to share some memorable moments from our past...

In the beginning...

Late 1970's: Bill Atkinson, a local attorney and past City Commissioner, hosts a luncheon at Albuquerque Country Club where he gives a presentation to a small group of attorneys and CPAs (including Ray Zimmer) about community foundations. The seed is planted....

1978: Jack Rust mails an article about community foundations to Ray Zimmer who begins researching the subject. Ray, a CPA who works in estate planning, is particularly interested in community foundations. He has seen his clients leave charitable bequests to distant institutions (or even not at all) because there are no vehicles for their general support in Albuquerque. Inspired by a quote he read as a schoolboy: “Better never to have lived than to exist and pass away without leaving a trace,” Ray enlists the help of Albuquerque attorney Steve Moise and together they explore the possibilities of establishing a local community foundation.

1979: Ray and Steve, both former United Way board members, enlist the help of current United Way Board President Laura Threet. At the same time, Marti Goodman and Marion Wolfe, Junior League of Albuquerque (JLA) board members attend a grant writing workshop where the speaker mentions community foundations. Excited about the concept, the two propose the idea to other Junior League members. League members approve the idea and pursue a partnership with the United Way in founding a local community foundation. It is serendipitous - everyone agrees to join forces and work together. They meet monthly for a year, during which time several community foundation experts come to Albuquerque to share their expertise. After thoroughly considering all the angles, the group decides the time is right to establish a community foundation in Albuquerque.

1980: Ray and Steve open a bank account; each deposits $100 to start things off. Then they begin to recruit a board of trustees. They meet with 16 of the community’s most influential business leaders and ask each one to pledge $10,000, and they agreed! (This was a huge sum of money in 1980!) The Junior League also pledges $10,000.

1981: The Albuquerque Community Foundation opens its doors inside the Threet Law Firm which provides free office space and supplies. During the first three years, Trustees set a goal of raising $750,000 for an administrative endowment, the income from which will fund the operating budget. However, donors want their contributions used for charitable grants, not administration, so the Trustees are asked to pledge another $10,000 over the next three years (until the distributions from the endowment can balance the budget), and again the Trustees step up to the plate! The Board membership grows, and Gale Doyel is hired as executive director and holds several fundraisers.

1984: In recognition of its 35th Anniversary, the Junior League establishes the Junior League Enabling Fund with $35,000 to promote voluntarism. This large fund helps the Community Foundation receive a matching grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation’s Cornerstone Grant.

1988: The first million dollar endowment fund is established. The anonymous donor’s confidence in the Foundation is a sign to the community that Albuquerque Community Foundation is here to stay.

To be continued....

A special thanks to Ray Zimmer for his incredible memory, organized filing system, and willingness to share this story and to Marti Goodman, Junior League President 1983-84, who still has copies of files (and knows where to find them) from her years on the JLA Board.
Albuquerque Community Foundation is comprised of over 260 endowment funds established by individuals from all walks of life. Profiles in Generosity highlights a few recently established endowments and the people who chose Albuquerque Community Foundation to fulfill their charitable goals during their lifetime and beyond.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Born one year after New Mexico was admitted to the Union, Carl Scott called New Mexico home for 90 years. A graduate of New Mexico Military Institute, Mr. Scott served in World War II. After suffering an injury and becoming disabled, he returned to New Mexico to work as an engineer for the Civil Service.

Mr. Scott was a private man who lived a simple life. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed his sport in all regions of the state. After retirement, he focused his energy toward helping others by delivering food for Meals on Wheels.

Through Albuquerque Community Foundation, Mr. Scott created two endowment funds: one to benefit New Mexico Military Institute, and the second to benefit graduating high school seniors from Quay County going on to college. Mr. Scott is one of many area donors who have chosen the Foundation to carry out his charitable goals.

ACF is also carrying out the charitable vision of Dr. Gerald Rubin. Gerald Rubin was born in Terahote, Indiana in the early 1900’s. He attended medical school in Indiana and established a successful ophthalmology practice there. During World War II, Dr. Rubin served five years as a naval officer where he performed hundreds of eye surgeries and earned the reputation of a master eye surgeon. Following the war, he moved to Albuquerque to continue to pursue his passion for ophthalmology.

In 1976, at age 70, Dr. Rubin embarked on a new career, establishing Eye Associates of New Mexico with two young partners, Dr. Robert Reidy and Dr. Steven Cobb. Working 20 hours a day, seven days a week, the doctors saw patients all day and operated all night. “Boy, (his unique way of addressing any male compatriot) you’re never going to be big unless you think big,” he affectionately said to his partners as the practice grew.

Today, Eye Associates of New Mexico continues to expand upon Dr. Rubin’s dream and employs 40 doctors and over 400 employees.
Specialists commute to small communities across New Mexico that could never sustain a local office to provide consistent, quality eye care to local residents.

Dr. Rubin died in 1991, and his wife Alice passed away soon after. The partners at Eye Associates of New Mexico established an endowment fund, the Eye Associates Gerald and Alice Rubin Memorial Foundation, at Albuquerque Community Foundation to honor their memories while providing eye care services to the indigent and continuing education in ophthalmology.

A donor to Albuquerque Community Foundation can create a personal philanthropic fund in his name (or any name he chooses); specify the purpose of the fund; retain as much or as little involvement as he wants in identifying grant recipients; and may name himself, his children, or other associates as the fund’s advisors and successor advisors. The following story illustrates the flexibility of a donor-advised fund:

In 1997, Frank and Dee Hines established the Frank and Dolores Hines Family Endowment Fund to honor Frank’s Polish immigrant father, Frank Zajac, by supporting a student from Poland studying in America. Over the years, five scholarships from the Hines’ fund have been awarded to Polish students attending Armand Hammer United World College in Montezuma, New Mexico.

In April of this year, the Hines also supported a visit from former world leader Lech Walesa to the United States through a grant from their fund to the United World College. Mr. Walesa, the Polish electrician turned labor union leader turned politician, helped shape the 20th century as the leader of the Solidarity movement that led the Poles out of communism (a movement that rippled throughout Central Europe, eventually ending the cold war). In 1983, Mr. Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

During his trip to New Mexico, the former president of Poland attended a private reception in Santa Fe before traveling to Montezuma for more planned events at the college. Everyone agreed Mr. Walesa’s visit was very successful and rewarding, and Frank and Dee Hines are proud to share their dedication to education with our New Mexico communities.
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During the past 25 years, Albuquerque Community Foundation has awarded close to 1,000 grants for a total of about $3.7 million in the field of Education (not including scholarships or financial aid for students). Most grants did not go to schools but supported the educational programs of nonprofit organizations.

At the 2005 Annual Grant Awards and Donor Appreciation Luncheon, ACF awarded three grants to nonprofit organizations for innovative programs in the field of criminal justice. All three programs are working to keep our community safer by intervening in cycles of behavior that lead to jail or prison time.

The Albuquerque Homeless Advocacy Coalition, Inc. received $10,000 to support the APD-Homeless-Community Relations Project to improve relations between people experiencing homelessness, service providers, advocates, and the general community. This pilot project brings together members of the Albuquerque Police Department, direct service providers, and advocates to lay the foundation for building solid and active community support for improved homeless services, homeless prevention efforts, and affordable housing. AHAC estimates there are 1,500-3,000 children, youth, and adults experiencing homelessness on any given night and only 300-400 shelter beds. This effort is designed in part to educate the community about homelessness as a social issue that everyone is responsible for solving. Funding was through the Human Services field-of-interest within the ACF Competitive Grant Program.

ACF grant recipient Southwest Creations Collaborative was established in 1994 to create good jobs for low-income women. Today it runs its own production facility, employs 28 full-time staff members and services the production needs of companies nationwide.
PB&J Family Services, Inc. received a $6,000 grant from the Nicholas C. Nelllos Memorial Fund for At-Risk Children to support KidPACT, a program providing counseling groups for school-age children of prisoners and children from families with a history of criminality seeking to break the intergenerational cycle of incarceration among these at-risk groups. Children of prisoners often live in poverty, isolated and afraid to share the fact of incarceration with friends as well as deprived of any contact with the incarcerated parent leading to aggression, anti-social activities or self-destructive behaviors. KidPACT includes in-school support groups to decrease isolation and teach skills such as anger management. Children also receive individual counseling and case management services if needed.

ACF’s young donor group, the Future Fund provided a $5,000 grant last fall to Advocacy Inc. for the Second Judicial District to implement a criminal justice intervention program for adolescents who are referred to Children’s Court for some type of violence – either as a victim, a witness or an offender. Children’s Court judges and staff designed two programs to involve parents in their children’s treatment program which includes education, family and individual counseling, and experiential therapy. The grant will provide program materials and therapy for children and families in PEG, “Program for the Empowerment of Girls,” and SNAP, “Say No to Abuse Power Program.” Both programs attempt to intervene in the cycle of domestic violence by providing youth with the tools to change self-defeating behaviors and realize their potential. Youth participants learn accountability and responsibility for their actions, intentions, thoughts, feelings and wants. Parent participants seek to improve their ability to discipline and reward their children effectively.
The **Future Fund** is a program developed by ACF to acquaint younger members of the community and those new to charitable giving with responsive philanthropy. Future Fund members contribute a minimum of $200 annually to the Future Fund’s permanent endowment which has grown to $312,000 over the past nine years. Each year members assess community needs and identify innovative programs. Grant recipients are invited to report on the progress of their grants to the Future Fund membership during its annual spring luncheon.

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**THE LORAX, DR. SEUSS**

This year, members were invited to a seussical soiree at the North Fourth Art Center-VSA arts of New Mexico (an ACF grant recipient). Executive Director, Margery Neset presented an overview of the remarkable programs offered by VSA. The center offers a plethora of dance and theater performances, concerts, and art exhibitions presented by their clients. Lunch was served in VSA’s brand new black box theater!

The current Future Fund grant recipients discussed their programs receiving Future Fund support: **Children’s Court & Advocacy, Inc.** received a $5,000 Future Fund grant to support the S.N.A.P., Say No to Abusing Power Program. The program’s primary purpose is to intervene in violence issues referred to Children’s Court. Children and parents attend counseling for domestic violence issues. During the Children’s Court presentation, Judge Romero and Judge Zamora emphasized the importance of families learning to recognize abuse so it can be stopped.

**The Assistance League of Albuquerque** received a $2,500 grant to support Operation School Bell. This program purchases, packages, and delivers new school uniforms to disadvantaged school children to encourage school attendance.

The third Future Fund grant recipient, **Barrett Foundation**, received the second installment of a two-year $15,000 grant. In 2004-05, the Future Fund awarded Barrett Foundation the substantial grant to support the building and stocking of a library in their new facility.

The Future Fund of ACF and its grant recipients continue to remind us of how important it is to care a whole awful lot.
Organization Endowment Funds, established by a nonprofit organization, and Donor-Designated Organization Funds, established by an individual donor, provide an annual distribution designated solely for the use of the named organization. Through the funds, ACF is able to help area nonprofit organizations by assuring a permanent fund with undisturbed capital as well as professional fund management by the Foundation. ACF considers effective management of organization endowments an important contribution to the strength of our community’s nonprofit institutions.

The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program is delighted to be celebrating our 50th Anniversary season. We are very proud to be associated with a great community partner, Albuquerque Community Foundation. We are confident in ACF’s stewardship of our Endowment Fund which, with their help, has grown and added a great deal of stability to our organization. Happy 25th Anniversary to Albuquerque Community Foundation!

Kristine Purrington, Executive Director
Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program
Wonderful Women of Philanthropy

Albuquerque Community Foundation’s Wonderful Women of Philanthropy is a program to celebrate and recognize women who have the vision and foresight to support their charitable causes and their community’s charitable needs now and far into the future through the establishment of a permanent charitable endowment fund; to provide them with philanthropic educational and social opportunities; and to encourage others to follow in their philanthropic footsteps.

Recently, the Foundation’s Wonderful Women of Philanthropy gathered in the parlor of a beautiful New Mexico home for an enjoyable afternoon of refreshments and tête-à-tête. Everyone was surprised when Doña Tules joined our group. “La Tules” was one of the most colorful, independent, wealthy, and influential Hispanic women in New Mexico history. She operated an elaborate gambling establishment in Santa Fe and played a prominent role in the bustling world of 1840’s Santa Fe. Dona Tules was committed to improving the lives of people in New Mexico. She adopted young orphan children and provided for them throughout their lives. She also built a cathedral for local residents.

La Tules captured the hearts of the Wonderful Women of Philanthropy during this enchanted afternoon. La Tules is a speaker with The Chautauqua Program of the New Mexico Humanities Council.