Since December 22nd, the Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF) has been supporting the New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger (NMCEH) in the frustrating “Cheese Sandwich” situation with APS. I have learned so much in the process. But one thing continues to grow in my mind that I would like to share with you.

The discussion started with balanced budgets. It wandered over to updated federal legislation and ended up with little or no change in what APS intends to do about changing their policy. They are convinced that the importance of collecting $90,000 of debt in a $27 million budget is worth the potential harmful impact on the children of our community.

Following the January APS board meeting, the Journal published an editorial cartoon showing a kid with a bag on his head reaching for the cheese sandwich being handed him. The kid behind him asked, “Why didn’t your mom just put your lunch in the bag?” Suddenly, it hit me. Most of us look at situations as if the people involved are just like us. We think everyone has a refrigerator at home with plenty of food to prepare a lunch, because we do. We look at the homeless person on the corner and think: he should just get a job because after all, we have a job.

We think our life experience is everybody’s life experience.

The reality is that the kid in line might not have food in the refrigerator at home. That kid may not even have a refrigerator. Maybe the person on the corner wants to work but can’t get his medications so he can have a complete thought.

Maybe things are different for them and that’s why they need our help.

In the last two months I have experienced several things that have driven this difference home. Just before Christmas I was working with Healthcare for the Homeless on some problems they were having with their building. While trying to set up a meeting I was told they were not available because they were holding a vigil for the clients they lost in the last year. I asked how many were lost, thinking that it was probably a few. I was told they’d lost 77 homeless people they knew. 77 people! I was stunned.

I was reading about a local nonprofit that works with victims of domestic violence. Some of their support came in the form of contributions like a dresser or mattress. One of the employees had taken a donated mattress home because she had no mattress for herself or her children. Because of the organization’s business code, the employee was required to return the mattress. She continues to work to help others in spite of her own condition. Over ten years later, she still works there and has been able to slowly improve her own living conditions while continuing to help others.

If you are reading a Community Foundation newsletter, I know that you understand the point I am trying to make. No one chooses to be standing on the corner. No one wants an empty refrigerator.

As leaders in philanthropy, we need to make sure that others can see this reality as well. The current economic conditions require that we as a community develop our empathy muscles so we are aware of those in need. Every community is measured by how they care for those who are unable to care for themselves. We must work together during these difficult times to ensure we are doing all we can for those less fortunate, those whose circumstances may not be visible at first glance.

Sincerely,

Victor Chavez
President
The Albuquerque Community Foundation's role is to connect donors to community needs. In 2008 the Foundation awarded a record $3.6 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and students through scholarships and financial aid.

Nonetheless, we continue to have many worthwhile grant requests go unfunded. Through our communiqués this year, we will provide additional giving opportunities to our donors by publicizing grants we could not fund. See the “Imagine the Possibilities” article in this newsletter.

The Foundation has committed time and resources to what we believe to be one of the most significant needs in our community, hunger. We are part of a state-wide collaboration, the New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger. As mentioned in prior communiqués, the overarching goal of the Plan is to move New Mexico’s ranking in food insecurity from #1 to #5. (Progress is being made—recent reports show NM has moved to #2). In 2008, we helped to fund the operation of Roadrunner Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry. The Food Pantry delivers food to areas where individuals may not have access to food support programs or where feeding programs do not exist - yes, even within the greater Albuquerque area!

As concerned citizens, I feel it is important we enter 2009 with our eyes open. It will be a difficult year for many in our community. At a time when needs are up, available funds for grantmaking are down. Nonprofit organizations should be looking at opportunities to collaborate to meet our community’s needs while stretching every single donated dollar as far as possible. This is not a year for just doing what we did last year. Experts agree that past economic challenges have never been as arduous as those we are facing today. Thus, it is a year for creativity, flexibility and visionary thinking. We have the opportunity to make a difference today by connecting our passions with those working toward a stronger community. We are grateful for your “partnership” with the Foundation and the nonprofit community at large while we work together during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

R. Randall Royster, Esq.

A SMALL GRANT CAN GO A LONG, LONG WAY . . .

Last year, the Hines Family Fund made a grant of $3,500 to Healing the Children for the Hardship Relief Project. This project is designed to meet medical needs not covered by insurance for children whose families are struggling financially. Collaborators include the Children’s Health Center, the APS Nursing Program and APS Homeless Projects, First Choice Clinics and First Choice Dental. Together, these groups cover many of the low-income areas of the city and are able to refer children with specific needs to Healing the Children for assistance.

The $3,500 grant assisted 32 children for needs such as wheelchair repair, leg braces, dental work including cleanings, x-rays and fluoride treatment, eye exams and glasses, allergy medication, rehabilitation tools and antibiotics. Providers were generous with their resources - a homeless child seeking treatment for a toothache was also given a complete exam with cleaning, treatment for his other teeth, as were his two siblings. The dentist charged nothing for over $2,000 worth of treatment.
Imagine the Possibilities

While the Foundation holds hundreds of charitable funds, each has its distinct purpose designated by the individual, family or organization who established it. There are a small number of Impact and Field-of-Interest funds making up the Competitive Grant Program to which grantseekers can apply for support, allowing the Foundation to respond to immediate needs. Each year we receive many more requests for this funding than we can possibly support.

Grant proposals submitted for consideration through the Competitive Grant Program may also be funded by an individual or family-advised fund or by one of the Foundation’s Giving Circles. However, at the end of last year, 75% of those proposals received in 2008 remained unfunded. The requests are from very worthy organizations for important programs providing direct services to children, youth and families as well as conservation of wildlife or preservation of historic buildings or the natural environment. Without necessary funding, many of these programs will never reach their full potential. To demonstrate how difficult it is to make these decisions, the following is a brief description of some of those we were unable to support in 2008 although we have successfully funded them in the past.

Home - New Mexico facilitates housing choices for New Mexicans with disabilities to ensure that their community, accessibility and affordability preferences are met. A grant of $10,000 would cover costs of housing counseling and mortgage loan services to about 120 people, enabling more than 30 of those counseled to purchase a home of their own and live more independently in our community.

Hawks AloeF requested a grant of $6,819 to provide an educational program in underserved classrooms: “Living with the Landscape: Building a Future for Communities and Wildlife,” would raise student awareness of, and knowledge about, environmental, ecological and biological issues.

Southwest Creations Collaborative provides low-income women with opportunities to increase dignity in their lives by engaging them in good jobs and family support programs. A request for $10,000 in funding would cover costs of GED, language, financial literacy and computer classes for 30 low-income working women who are moving their families out of poverty.

RIO Grande Food Project, the largest and longest operating, almost all-volunteer food pantry on the west side, distributed 186 tons of food to 5,445 households last year. A $7,500 grant would allow purchase and delivery of food to more than 5,000 hungry children, youth, adults and seniors in emergency situations.

Keshet Dance Company requested a $10,000 grant to continue support of an ongoing mentorship dance program for incarcerated teens and young adults at the New Mexico Youth Diagnostic & Development Center. The program enhances core high school academics while addressing issues of self-esteem, conflict resolution and collaboration.

New Mexico Human Rights Projects requested a $10,000 grant for “Choices; Through the Eyes of Students,” a four-week educational program for 4,000 middle and high school students, educators, counselors and administrators to provide hands-on activities addressing issues of stereotyping, prejudice and racism in history and today.

Animal Humane New Mexico requested a $6,630 grant for the “Emergency Pet Sheltering Program” which safely harbors companion pets for those temporarily displaced from their homes.

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra requested a $10,000 grant to continue its “Informances Program” that provides on-school-site interactive introductions to symphonic music in 100 elementary schools.

S.A.F.E House requested $6,285 to provide language and document interpretation and translation services for the non-English speaking and hearing impaired survivors of domestic violence for whom they provide services.

East Central Ministries requested $7,600 to increase the capacity of the “Wellness Fund Project” to provide onsite dental and speciality care for residents in the southeast heights community.

Goodwill Industries requested $10,000 for funding of their “Pathways to Self-Sufficiency Program” serving homeless and near-homeless individuals to end their cycle of homelessness through job assessment, training and placement.

If you would like more information, or to fund any of these requests, contact Nancy Johnson, Grant Director, at 505.883.6240 or email her at njohnson@albuquerquefoundation.org. We have additional unfunded grant requests that she can also discuss with you.
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New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger Builds Momentum

The New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger has grown to include over 50 public, private and government groups united to address our state’s food insecurity. Hunger affects many across the state, and the differences of rural life may shock urbanites; for example, the same gallon of milk that costs $3.50 in Albuquerque costs $8.00 in rural areas. Whether you live in a large city or small town, food insecurity is a reality for one in six New Mexicans.

The Collaboration plans to affect over 35,000 New Mexicans during three years, 2008 - 2010. In the first year, the Community Foundation funded the Roadrunner Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry operation, increasing aid to rural communities. We also helped implement the Intergenerational Summer Food Program, which provided food to over 5,600 children at 37 sites across the state. Both of these programs will continue in 2009.

Since the beginning of this year, media attention has enhanced community awareness of the Collaboration. Recent Collaboration work includes a number of groups focusing on policy issues related to food stamps, federal reimbursement, and local food production and distribution. Educating our neighbors and peers about these issues encourages confronting and resolving hunger.

We anticipate 2009 will be a year of success as organizations and individuals partner to better serve our state. We thank each of you who contributes to the Collaboration. Your time, talent and/or treasure make this work possible. Please visit www.endnmhunger.org to learn how you can join our efforts.

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To the Partners of the Community Foundation

Thank you to those who have supported the Community Foundation’s annual Partners in Philanthropy campaign to support our mission. With your help, we continue to build endowments and create an enduring legacy for future generations of New Mexicans. These gifts enable the Foundation to enhance grantmaking and scholarship programs, customize services to donors and charitable organizations and provide lasting resources for future generations. The campaign runs through 12/31/09, so for those of you who have not given yet, please contact the Foundation at 505.883.6240.

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2009 Competitive Grant Deadlines

April 2, 2009
• Arts & Culture, Education
• Environmental and Historic Preservation

May 1, 2009
• Sandia Foundation

July 21, 2009
• Children/Youth at Risk, Health, Human Services
**2009 Student Aid Deadline**

The Foundation administers 11 student aid programs for those wishing to continue their education. If you know someone who might qualify for one of the following programs, please direct them to our website for each program’s criteria and application forms at www.albuquerquefoundation.org.

Applications for the **Sussman-Miller Educational Assistance Award Program** must be received by April 24th for New Mexico high school graduating seniors who will attend college out-of-state or attend a New Mexico private, nonprofit school. Awards provide financial assistance to fill the gap in student financial aid packages with awards between $500 and $2,500. The deadline for students entering a New Mexico public college or already in college anywhere in the country is June 26th, 2009.

**Excel Staffing Companies Scholarship for Excellence in Continuing Education Program** has expanded from those residing in or working in Albuquerque to include Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia or Santa Fe Counties. Four or more awards of up to $1,000 each will provide financial assistance for individuals who work a minimum of 30 hours a week. Deadline is Wednesday, July 1st, 2009.

**The Manuel Lujan Excellence in Education Scholarship Program** is available to graduating seniors from 24 designated high schools. One graduating high school senior is chosen annually by each school’s committee for a student who will continue his or her education in New Mexico. Each recipient receives $700 per year for a total of four years of undergraduate work. Deadlines are established by the individual schools.

For more information visit: www.albuquerquefoundation.org and click on Student Aid Programs.

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**Philanthropy Central**

In addition to the role as a leader in encouraging philanthropy and grantmaking, the Community Foundation works with other nonprofit organizations to establish and build their own endowment funds within the Foundation. All nonprofit organizations can benefit from the annual income an endowment fund with the Foundation provides. These funds—commingled with the other funds of the Foundation—provide better investment opportunities than any one smaller fund invested separately. Organizations are free to add to their endowments at any time and have the option of receiving their annual distribution or reinvesting for growth of their fund.

The Foundation currently holds the endowments of over one hundred nonprofit organizations. Here is one example:

**New Mexico Engineering Foundation**

Established in 1991, the New Mexico Engineering Foundation (NMEF) conducts and supports educational programs in engineering. The organization grants scholarships, provides guidance, supports mathematics and science-related competitions, and by other means encourages worthy students to pursue training in scientific areas leading to engineering fields. NMEF fosters, promotes and preserves the profession of engineering through the dissemination of educational information in all its forms and serves as a catalyst for the advancement of engineering education.

NMEF can eliminate the redundancy of fundraising efforts, reduce scholarship administration burdens, represent a unified engineering community, fund your educational programs, allow you to invest in New Mexico’s engineering future, help attract new clients due to increased visibility and provide a tax-deductible contribution avenue for you and your company.
FUTURE FUND

Future Fund members traveled “around the world” during their recent annual membership party.

Longtime Future Funders mingled with potential new members as everyone enjoyed food from Japan, Italy, Mexico and New Orleans as well as international beers and wines. The event was hosted by Future Fund Board Members.

The Future Fund is looking forward to a full 2009 with a focus on philanthropy in the field. This year the group has planned site visits to organizations that have received grants from the Foundation, and they’ve joined the New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger. This summer they will pack backpacks for the Summer Intergenerational Food Program that helps feed kids when they are not in school, the highest months of food insecurity. And of course, they’ve planned several social events as well as their two annual grant committee meetings.

Thank you to Jenny Ramo and David Kutz for opening their beautiful home for the Future Fund gathering.

If you're interested in joining the Future Fund or know people in their mid-40's or younger who might like to participate, please visit our website, www.albuquerquefoundation.org or contact Cathy Cavanaugh at the Community Foundation at 505.883.6240.

NEW FOUNDATION DUGS

Sometimes things just fall into place. Early last year the space next door to the Community Foundation was vacated. A long-time donor and friend who owns the center offered it to us for significantly less than market value. After that, all the pieces just came together. Board President, Vic Chavez, and Board Member, Kevin Yearout, coordinated a host of subcontractors to donate their services to complete the job. Today we find ourselves in a beautiful space with new furnishings and an unbelievable art collection on loan from one of our generous donors. The new space also includes the Gorham Family Community Conference Room, which is available for all nonprofits to use, at no charge, for meetings.

For more information, contact Shuko Kawase at 505.883.6240.

We always consider ourselves fortunate to be working to connect fantastic donors with dedicated nonprofit organizations. Doing our work in our gorgeous, remodeled offices makes for a sunny day everyday at the Community Foundation.
**Ladder to Leadership: Developing the Next Generation of Community Health Leadership**

Albuquerque is one of nine communities in the country selected for a national program with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the Center for Creative Leadership. The purpose of “Ladder to Leadership” is to develop a cadre of future health leaders with skills in influencing systems, bringing about organizational change, adapting innovations from other fields, creating more client-focused services, and working across traditional organizational barriers. This will increase the leadership capacity of community-based health and health-related nonprofit organizations. It will build stronger, sustainable organizations and systems that provide better community health and healthcare in under-served/resourced communities.

The Community Foundation will assist the Center for Creative Leadership in identifying health-related nonprofits, community health-related issues and community leaders. Thirty emerging leaders will be selected from health-related nonprofits (not including hospitals or schools) to receive full scholarships to participate in this program.

An information session is scheduled for Friday, March 13th for anyone interested in applying for a full scholarship to the “Ladder to Leadership” program. Sponsors and mentors are being sought for this important program that will certainly benefit an important need in the community.

Additional details are available at www.albuquerquefoundation.org.

**Sandia Foundation**

The Sandia Foundation was established in 1948 by Hugh and Helen Woodward to support the University of New Mexico, Dickinson College and Albuquerque charities. The Community Foundation administers the community grant program. In 2008, the Hugh and Helen Woodward Fund awarded 31 grants totaling $310,000 to Albuquerque nonprofit organizations.

**2008 Grants**

- Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, $15,000
- Albuquerque Youth Symphony, $10,000
- APS Title I, Homeless Projects, $10,000
- ARCA, Inc., $20,000
- Art in the School, Inc., $5,000
- Assistance League of Albuquerque, $7,500
- Barrett Foundation, $10,000
- Boy Scouts of America, $10,000
- Casa Esperanza, $8,000
- Catholic Charities, $20,000
- Crossroads for Women, $12,000
- Direct Action for Youth Foundation, $10,000
- Dismas House, $12,000
- Explora Science Center, $10,000
- The Fractal Foundation, $7,000
- Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity, $10,000
- Home - New Mexico, $8,000
- Jewish Family Service of New Mexico, $8,000
- New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty, Inc., $10,000
- PB&J Family Services, Inc., $15,000
- Presbyterian Ear Institute, $12,000
- Rape Crisis Center of Central New Mexico, $10,000
- Rio Grande Food Project, $8,500
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of New Mexico, $5,000
- S.A.I.E. House, $10,000
- Samaritan Counseling Center, $8,000
- Senior Citizens’ Law Office, $5,000
- The Storehouse, $7,000
- WESST Corp, $12,000
- Working Classroom, Inc., $5,000

Sandia Foundation grants are awarded once a year; the application deadline is May 1. Visit www.sandiafoundation.org for more information.
Concours du Soleil

Held in September each year, Concours du Soleil is an annual fundraiser the Foundation administers. The event showcases 100 collector cars superior to any show in the southwest. A sold-out black-tie gala begins the weekend and concludes with a public presentation. This year’s event raised just under $100,000, which was distributed as follows:

2008 Grants

All Faiths Receiving Home to support La Solana del Valle Day Care
ARCA to support “Arca Organics”
Cinco Amigos Fund established by the creators of Concours du Soleil to grow a permanent fund benefitting the community through annual grants forever.
Future Fund established by young donors who pool their money and make grants for greater impact. Members helped to implement Concours.
Global Opportunities to support the “Beginners’ Fishing Program”
UNM Foundation to support scholarships.

Please Make Note

Due to the fact that the Foundation has changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year, we will not have a community luncheon until 2010.

Watch for our “25 Years of Grantmaking Celebration” this summer.
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