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Nonprofits Compete for Funding at the Great Grant Giveaway ***Community Invited to Participate***

Albuquerque, NM – The Albuquerque Community Foundation is proud to host the Great Grant Giveaway contest where five deserving nonprofits will compete for the heart of the crowd and for the \$500 checks sitting on each table at the event. And, one lucky attendee will get to select one of the nonprofits to present \$5,000.

The Great Grant Giveaway takes place **Thursday, March 29, from 11:15 – 1:00 pm at Hotel Albuquerque**. Major companies from across Albuquerque join in the fun and present larger grants to the nonprofits outlined below. Each of the organizations compete to receive the most in grants.

The five organizations identified as the recipients for this year's Great Grant Giveaway are Barel Community Coalition; Encuentro; Junior Achievement; New Space New Mexico; and, Working Classroom.

The community can still participate. The event is sold out but grants can be purchased for a designated nonprofit on the day of the event on the Great Grant Giveaway Facebook page or prior to the event by calling 505.883.6240 or going to www.albuquerquefoundation.org. Sponsors of this year's Great Grant Giveaway are Garcia Automotive Group, Lovelace Health System, NAI Maestas and Ward, Southwest Capital Bank, US Eagle Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo and Yearout Companies.

"Our diversity makes Albuquerque a community of rich differences – differences that create a stronger whole when individuals, organizations, companies and communities bring new perspectives together and establish common ground for the greater good of Albuquerque," said Randall Royster, CEO of the Albuquerque Community Foundation. "These nonprofit organizations have varying missions or serve different populations, but at the heart of what they do lies the dedication to support the people of Albuquerque and the passion to make our community thrive for generations to come."

2018 Nonprofit Partner Recipients **Barel Community Coalition (BCC)**

BCC is focused on enhancing the quality of life in Barel through intergenerational organizing and building community alliances that strengthen education; promote economic development and job opportunities; advocate for affordable housing; ensure

the responsible redevelopment of the Barelays Railyards; and preserve the community's heritage and historical resources.

Encuentro

Encuentro's Home Health Aide program is a partnership with CNM and aligns a workforce of primarily Latina immigrants with the fastest growing industry in New Mexico – senior home health services. The *EnCasa Care Connections* employee matching website connects graduates of the Home Health Aide program with families across Albuquerque in need of medical care.

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement works with schools to help young people manage finances and foster entrepreneurial thinking. In 2018, JA is working specifically with Bernalillo High School, APS Indian Education Department and Native American Community Academy (NACA) to extend financial literacy and work readiness curricula to Native American high schoolers in the Greater Albuquerque Area.

New Space New Mexico

With science, technology, national research laboratories and universities all colliding in to lend resources and vision to the swiftly developing space industry, a group of public-private collaborators has established celestial common ground to analyze the impact that the new commercial space industry could have on Albuquerque and the strategies that will help promote, attract, support, and sustain a stronger aerospace industry in Albuquerque and New Mexico. In 2018, the New Space New Mexico group will craft a comprehensive, near-term strategy for Albuquerque to be the innovation hub for new entrepreneurial space.

Working Classroom

Working Classroom is a multi-ethnic, inter-generational community of student and professional artists, writers, actors and directors with a commitment to supporting new and diverse voices and visions in the arts. Through a partnership with Prosperity Works, paid Working Classroom student-interns open matched Child Savings Accounts to invest their earnings in continuing education or build their creative entrepreneurial skills.

The **Albuquerque Community Foundation** administers a permanent community endowment comprised of many gifts, large and small, and uses the earning from that endowment to make grants to other nonprofit organizations. Since its establishment in 1981, the Foundation has distributions of nearly \$52.5 million through its grant and scholarship programs.

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