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NMOGA’s Brighter Future Fund Announces First Awards to New Mexico Non-Profits

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO – Today, the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association’s Brighter Future Fund announced $50,000 in awards to 10 New Mexico non-profit and educational organizations. These awards are the first of a five-year, $1 million commitment to support efforts to expand STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Education, increase economic opportunity, and reduce hunger in communities across New Mexico.

“We’re proud to support these non-profit and educational organizations in the work they’re doing to strengthen New Mexico by investing in our future, increasing access to opportunities and improving the lives of our neighbors,” said Ryan Flynn, Executive Director of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. “We believe investments in our communities are fundamental to the success of our state. We’re at a historic moment in our state’s history where we have the chance to build on the growth of the oil and natural gas industry to the benefit of all New Mexicans, and our future depends on all of us helping one another succeed.”

The awards were announced in conjunction with the global Giving Tuesday movement, an effort to encourage, recognize, and celebrate giving back in communities around world. Each of the organizations awarded will receive a $5,000 grant to support efforts in their fields of expertise and service. The first recipients of the awards and their objectives are:

The Storehouse
To support efforts to reduce hunger.
https://thestorehouseabq.org/

Roadrunner Foodbank
To support efforts to reduce hunger.
http://www.rrfb.org

Explora
To support efforts to expand STEM education and increase economic opportunity.
http://www.explora.us
Girl Scouts of New Mexico
*To support efforts to expand STEM education and increase economic opportunity.*
http://www.nmgirlscouts.org

St. Martin’s Hope Works
*To support efforts to reduce hunger and increase economic opportunity.*
http://www.hopeworksnm.org

Teeniors
*To support efforts to increase economic opportunity.*
https://www.teeniors.com/

Fathers Building Futures
*To support efforts to increase economic opportunity.*
http://www.fathersbuildingfutures.org

National Museum of Nuclear Science
*To support efforts to expand STEM education.*
http://www.nuclearmuseum.org/

Horizons Albuquerque
*To support efforts to expand STEM education.*
https://www.horizonsalbuquerque.org/

Albuquerque Meals on Wheels
*To support efforts to reduce hunger.*
http://www.mow-nm.org

The Brighter Future Fund is supported by the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute (API), and their members. NMOGA and API have committed $1 million to the fund through 2024, and the fund will distribute $200,000 annually with the intention of announcing awards totaling $50,000 by the end of each quarter. The Albuquerque Community Foundation administers the Brighter Future Fund application and award processes and helps ensure funds are focused and invested strategically in communities throughout New Mexico.

The next round of awards is expected to be announced in March 2020. For more information about the awardees, guidelines, and application process, please visit https://www.nmoga.org/brighterfuturefund.

The New Mexico Oil & Gas Association (NMOGA) is a statewide coalition of oil and natural gas stakeholders, individuals, and companies dedicated to promoting the safe and environmentally responsible development of New Mexico’s oil and natural gas resources. With more than 1,000 members, NMOGA advocates for sensible and balanced policies for the development, production, and transportation of oil and natural gas, and works to increase the public’s awareness and understanding of industry operations and contributions to the state.

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