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Randy Royster Elected to Serve on National Board of Directors

ALBUQUERQUE, NM –Local philanthropic leader and Albuquerque Community Foundation President and CEO Randy Royster has been elected to serve as a member of the Council on Foundations Board of Directors for a three-year term. Royster, the president and CEO of the Albuquerque Community Foundation, was elected to join the Council's 17-member board April 11 at the 2016 Council of Foundation's annual conference.

"The Council on Foundations is honored to have Randy as a new member of its Board of Directors. He joins an exceptional group of community, corporate, private family and independent foundation leaders dedicated to governing the Council on Foundations in a highly ethical, transparent and participatory fashion," said Vikki Spruill, President and CEO of the Council of Foundations. "Given Randy's stature in the philanthropic field, his commitment to community foundations specifically and organized philanthropy in general, together with his leadership role with the Community Foundations National Standards Board, prove his ability to make a significant contribution to the Council and the philanthropic sector at large."

The Albuquerque Community Foundation is proud to celebrate its 35th anniversary of philanthropic leadership in the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area this summer. Randy Royster will also be commencing his 11th year leading the Albuquerque Community Foundation. Under his leadership, Royster has grown the Foundation's assets under management by more than 70 percent; average annual contributions to the Foundation have almost tripled; and, average annual grantmaking has quadrupled compared to the first 24 years.

"Being the Chair of a complex not for profit organization could be a daunting task; but not when its chief executive officer is Randy Royster," said Carl Alongi, Board of Directors Chair for the Albuquerque Community Foundation. "Randy is blessed, with a skill set that is personable, innovative and smart. He has taken the Albuquerque Community Foundation to an operating level that has allowed it to be a multi-dimensional philanthropic leader in the southwest. His collaborative leadership style enhances the Chair and Board roles to think outside the box inspiring us to do great things for our constituents."

Royster has been instrumental in a number of collaborations including the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, the Democracy Collaborative, and the New Mexico Coalition of Community Foundations. His recent professional, board and community affiliations include the Community Foundations National Standards Board (President); University of New Mexico Alumni Association (President); New Mexico Estate Planning Council; New Mexico Association of Grantmakers; and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce.

Royster is a multi-generational Albuquerque, New Mexico native, graduating with a bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University and with his Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico.

The **Council on Foundations** is the leading national voice of philanthropy. It protects philanthropy's interests through Federal public policy work; building learning communities among its members; providing professional development opportunities for philanthropic leaders; and bringing together philanthropic, non-profit and private sector institutions to promote giving on a global scale.

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. It is also a leader in the philanthropic community, supporting many programs including the recent Mayor's Prize for Entrepreneurship. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the creation of the Albuquerque Community Foundation. Since its establishment in 1981, total grant distributions are nearly \$43 million and more than 6,500 grants funded for nonprofit organizations serving the greater Albuquerque area.

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