ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018
A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Greetings from YOUR Community Foundation! This year has been an exciting time at the CFSNM. Our team has been hard at work conducting listening tours with nonprofit partners, working to schedule meetings to get to know our donors, awarding grants and scholarships throughout southern New Mexico (and beyond!) and developing strategies to grow our endowments. We are committed to building on the foundation you established so that the focus remains on the future and ensuring sustainability for the organizations we support. It has been a pleasure to serve, connect and support our community. Thank you for continuing to make southern New Mexico a Great Place to Live and a Great Place to Give!

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 was a year filled with success stories of how, together, we served, connected and supported our community.

Your donor advised funds granted out $900,000 to 7 nonprofit organizations. 85 students were able to benefit from scholarship support. 37 nonprofit organizations are building sustainability for the future with over $770,000 in endowments. Collectively, the earnings of 79 endowments were pooled to grant out $110,000 through the Wellness Fund Grant program, allowing more nonprofits to benefit from this grant than ever before. Your support has made an impact for southern New Mexico!
YOU CHANGED LIVES

Kaleidoscope Creates, a local nonprofit whose mission is to find and meet the needs of our community, received their first ever grant during the 2017 CFSNM Wellness Fund grant cycle for their Scorpion Bicycle Club After School Program. The program, which is held at Picacho Middle School, gives youth a weekly opportunity to learn about bicycling, safety, rules of the road, and bicycle maintenance and repair. During bicycle club one evening, a member had withdrawn from the group. When staff approached the young rider to re-engage them in the activity, they revealed to her that they were feeling depressed and lonely. By creating a safe physical space for this member, a safe emotional space was also achieved. This is just one of the many stories of youth who have been impacted by donor investments to the Wellness Fund grant.

The family of R.W. “Rusty” Van Pelt remembered and honored him on his birthday in September by awarding a scholarship in his memory to Elaine Mora, a New Mexico State University student majoring in early childhood education. The scholarship was created to honor Rusty’s passion for education. With a teaching career spanning over 35 years, Rusty impacted students in Las Cruces who attended Court Junior High School, Las Cruces High School, and Mayfield High School, where he served as assistant principal, athletic director, then principal until his retirement in 1985.

“We strive to create a safe, supportive, fun and loving environment for our members.”
-Naoma Staley, Kaleidoscope Board Member

“Our dad loved kids. As a principal, his office was always full of students, but not because they were in trouble.”
-Lynn Fletcher, Daughter of R.W. Van Pelt

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico serves as a community resource, connects donors to needs, and supports charitable organizations in their work. The CFSNM serves as a vehicle for people of all means to make a lasting impact on quality of life in our community now and in the future.