

Summer 2007



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

2006 - A Record Year for the  
Community Foundation

Letter from the Board President



2006 has been a wonderfully successful year for the Community Foundation. One of the many privileges of being president of this amazing organization is watching the work of so many effective people and programs coalesce into the powerful force that does so much to enhance the quality of our community. We have had a remarkable year

in every way. Our endowment has increased dramatically. This year, the endowment exceeded \$50 million, a goal we hoped to reach in 2 to 3 years when the 25th Anniversary Celebration began. During the first 9 months of this year, we have awarded \$2,080,685 in grants and a total of \$16.5 million dollars over the past 25 years. The wonderful news is that the Foundation's grant dollars come from the earnings of the funds that our donors have established rather than from the corpus. This means that our funds will always continue to help meet the critical needs of our community. Already this year \$450,000 in grants have been awarded to education. Just think of how many students have been touched. Children and youth at risk programs have received \$160,000, and art and cultural programs have received \$375,000 so far this year. Many other grants have benefited – health and human services and historic preservation.

The Community Foundation is, indeed, making life better in every way for all of us. The growth of our endowment has been the result of many critical factors. For 25 years, the Foundation has built a reputation based on trust. Trust means that donors know their philanthropic gifts will be invested wisely and successfully. Trust means the Community Foundation will carefully respect their wishes and their legacy. Finally, donors can trust the fact that when we award a grant to a nonprofit organization, it will be with careful assessment of the capabilities of that organization so that there is a maximum return on investment.

Another critical success has been our extraordinary staff. Laura Hueter Bass, our past Executive Director, devoted 15 years to the Community Foundation helping people learn about philanthropy and more importantly the joy that comes from leaving a legacy that gives back to a community. Randy Royster moved into this role with great skill. This year, he helped to establish a record number of new funds and has led the organization in creating new initiatives which will be a great benefit over the coming years. Randy's sophistication in the complex area of planned giving can help you understand the many ways that you can create a legacy. For the last 16 years, Nancy Johnson, Program Director, helps make certain that your gifts are given to organizations that will utilize the money most

effectively. For 25 years, the Board of Trustees has generously given their time, creativity and financial support and they continue to be critical to our success. Our financial growth has resulted from the strategic management of the endowment currently led by Bob Goodman and our Investment Committee working together with the Foundation's expert Finance Director, Peggy Roberts. Dr. Beth Moise headed up our Organizational Expansion Committee which recently launched a plan to guide us through the next 3 years. This plan provides for continued excellence in doing what we have done so well in the past but also expanding our role in community leadership. The Grants Committee led by Dr. Sue Brown will expand the Foundation's role in the community to working with other nonprofit organizations and foundations to determine important community needs so that we can address them together. The Development Committee is led by Diane Harrison Ogawa. She is working on new programs directed toward family philanthropy and with businesses to create a Now and Forever Fund that will allow the business community to participate in building endowments. All of this good work might go unnoticed if not for the efforts of the Foundation's Marketing Committee led by Rick Johnson and coordinated by Kelli Cooper, whom as imprimatur for marketing and communications have helped raise the level of visibility of this organization. Our goal for the future is focused and simple – build, invest and manage endowment to further enhance the quality of life for our community through informed strategic grant making. We have the capability, the energy and the passion that will allow us to meet these goals. As noted on the outset, the Community Foundation is an amazing organization for which I have the great privilege to be of service.



*Literacy Headstart  
at ARCA*

Barry

Barry W. Ramo, MD

# collaborate

## THE ROLE OF FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

*Foundations like the Community Foundation want to award grants to organizations that not only meet important community needs, but also demonstrate effectiveness and efficiency in their operations. As such a funding organization, it is also our role to think about partnerships and collaborations that create efficiencies. To that end, the Foundation has established a new fund you may find interesting.*

## THE NOW & FOREVER FUND

For those who want to see their philanthropic dollars make both an immediate and perpetual impact, the Now & Forever Fund is a perfect vehicle. This Fund is a collection of permanent funds established by area businesses and individuals. 50% of the dollars contributed to the Fund will be pooled with other Now & Forever Funds and distributed this year. The other 50% will become a part of the Community Foundation's permanent Now & Forever Fund. As this permanent fund grows, dollars available for grant-making will grow. In just a few years, large grants intended to make a colossal impact on targeted charitable focus areas will be awarded. For additional community impact, the Foundation will collaborate with other area grant makers to assess community needs and award grants.

### HERE'S HOW THE FUND WILL WORK

#### The Now.

Each year, nonprofit community leaders and representatives from the Now & Forever Fund will choose a charitable focus area; whatever the group feels is the most pressing need that year. Requests for proposals will be sent to nonprofit organizations addressing that need. Once the proposals are received, a grant committee will determine the specific recipient(s).



#### The Forever.

Because there will be needs in the future that cannot be imagined today, the other 50% will become a part of the Foundation's permanent Now & Forever Fund. Using the same process described above, grants will be awarded from the investment earnings of the endowed fund each year.

A permanent, named Now & Forever Fund requires a minimum \$10,000 contribution, but it can be grown over three years.

For more information about this exciting new fund, contact the Community Foundation office, 505.883.6240

## ALBUQUERQUE HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS- HALLOWEEN AT ARTSTREET

*Families come to make costumes and then parade around AHCH campus trick or treating. It's an excellent opportunity for economically challenged families to come together to make their children's costumes, and a safe way for the kids to Trick or Treat.*



## MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

Check with your employer to see if they offer a matching gift program (your gift to a qualified nonprofit organization is matched up to a certain percentage). The following businesses and Foundations are currently matching gifts to the Community Foundation:

Aegon TransAmerica Foundation, Bank of America, PNM Resources Foundation, Prudential Foundation and Wells Fargo Community Support Program.

# leadership

## OUR SHIP HAS COME IN

“Corazon”, created by artist Patrick Simpson was recently installed at Tingley Beach in Albuquerque’s south valley. A magnificent bronze replica of a World War II era oceangoing tugboat, the artist chose this subject because of the story it tells in its beauty and functionality. On one side, Corazon appears as a normal ship with full hull; the other side is exposed so people can see its intricate interior including passageways, portholes, doors and stairs.

This exciting bronze is the second of three beautiful public art pieces to be installed at Tingley Beach that are supported by the The FUNd, an endowed fund held at the Community Foundation.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION’S BIGGEST ANNUAL EVENT

*Mark your calendars for our annual luncheon —*

*“A Celebration of Giving”,  
Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at  
11:30 a.m. Come celebrate and  
enjoy the company of  
Foundation donors, community  
leaders, grant recipients and  
other special friends from  
around the community.*



## NEW MEXICO HOLOCAUST & INTOLERANCE MUSEUM

Last year, ACF awarded a grant to the New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum to provide transportation for APS students to visit the Museum. Following are quotes from letters students wrote about their impressions of their visit to the Museum:

“The two most sensitive four-letter words are ‘love’ and ‘hate’.” Cortez

“Hate...it’s nothing but wasted emotion.” Chris

“It made me realize how important it is to get educated, because the educated tell the truth about things.” Brianna

“It was thrilling for me to see my students move from their microcosm world to a pluralistic world at large.” Hayes Middle School ESL Teacher

## IMPORTANT GRANT DEADLINES

*New this Year*

### Competitive Grant Program

We are pleased to announce a change in the grant application process due to the growth in the number of grant proposals received and the amount of available funding.

In 2007, the Foundation has two deadlines and will accept proposals by the project or program’s area of interest or focus.

### April 16, 2007-

The deadline for the Arts & Culture, Education and Environmental and Historic Preservation was April 16, 2007. More grants were received for this grant cycle than ever before.

### August 15, 2007-

The deadline for receipt of proposals for Children/Youth at Risk, Health and Human Services is August 15, 2007.

# community

## GREAT GRANTS

### *Maggie's Giving Circle*

Still in its infancy, Maggie's Giving Circle has reached its one year anniversary with more than 40 members and more than \$40,000 in the fund after having made the first round of grants to nonprofit organizations. The Circle's mission statement is "an organization of women committed to the power of philanthropy through focused grant making to benefit the community while educating, celebrating, inspiring and increasing the number of women donors."

With this mission in mind, the 10-member Grants Committee met last fall to review 16 proposals from a diverse group of organizations providing direct services for the arts, education, disability, basic needs, human services and the environment. The committee narrowed down the number of proposals to three for consideration by the full membership.

The group then invited a representative from each group to attend the membership meeting and share information with the women about the work they do in the community and who would benefit through the programs being considered for a grant. After listening to the presentations and discussing each proposal the group came to a consensus: award a grant to each group. Here are the first three grants awarded from Maggie's Giving Circle:

**Cloud Dancers of the Southwest, \$1,000.** Cloud Dancers provides therapeutic recreation in the form of horseback-riding for individuals with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. This grant enables participation in horseback riding activities in a safe environment by helping to pay for the safety and adaptive equipment necessary for each individual.

**The Crossroads, \$2,000.** Crossroads provides supportive services to women transitioning from incarceration, in-patient programs or directly from the streets and provides support for the women and their children to live independently in the community. This grant will support employment services for homeless women with co-occurring mental and addictive disorders.

**Watermelon Mountain Ranch, \$1,000.** The Ranch strives to make a difference in the lives of abandoned, abused and unwanted animals through rescue, recovery, care and placement in permanent homes. This grant will support a program pairing at-risk teens with rescued dogs to teach compassion, respect and reduce violence and to give the dogs a better chance at successful adoption.

## PHILANTHROPY CENTRAL

In addition to our role as a leader in encouraging philanthropy and grant making, 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 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 seventy nonprofit organizations and several organizations have multiple funds established for varied purposes. The following are just a few of the organizations receiving annual grant distributions from their endowment funds in Philanthropy Central:

**Albuquerque High School Alumni Association** provides educational scholarships and other forms of charitable philanthropic assistance to qualified AHS students and preserves the history, traditions and legacies of Albuquerque High School for prosperity.

**The Filipino American Foundation of New Mexico** was established in 1998 to promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation and enrichment of Filipino Americans. The distributions from this fund contribute to scholarships for Filipino Americans to attend college. Filipinos first arrived in New Mexico in 1910 and today there are 5,000 Filipino Americans in the state including many professionals such as engineers, accountants, nurses and medical doctors.

**Chamber Music Albuquerque** presents the world's finest chamber music artists in live performances and shares the power of music with the Albuquerque community. Although best known for the June Music Festival, CMA presents performances throughout the year of internationally acknowledged artists as well as local artists with exceptional talent.

## PHILANTHROPY CENTRAL - *continued*

**Animal Protection of New Mexico, Inc.** advocates for the rights of animals by effecting systemic change resulting in the humane treatment of all animals. They offer spay-neuter programs for domestic animals and have established a network of safe havens for animals of domestic violence victims. Their educational and advocacy campaigns foster the prevention of cruelty to domestic animals and wildlife.

**Christina Kent Day Nursery** has provided high quality childcare, early education and nutritional services at reduced rates for children from low income, working families for more than 80 years. The Center offers a play-based program of hands-on learning activities for 65 children between the ages of two and five.

**Futures for Children** works to improve the quality of education for American Indian children through mentoring and training. Ninety-five percent of the students in their programs graduate from high school. Futures' has more than 150 volunteers providing mentorships for students to create educational success in Hopi, Navajo and New Mexico Pueblo tribal communities.

**Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity** builds community one home, one family at a time by making it possible for low-income families to own simple, decent, affordable homes. Habitat has built 100 homes since 1987 and each Habitat household works 500 hours of "sweat equity" building their own home at a cost-to-build price, with a 25-year interest free mortgage.

**Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center** was established in 1984 to support the Nature Center's mission to preserve and protect the Rio Grande Bosque and educate the public about this fragile and endangered environment. Friends provide classes for more than 12,000 school children each year, manage the gift shop, and support a number of ecological research projects.

If your organization has been talking about the benefits of an endowment fund, let us show you the benefits of working together with the Community Foundation. Contact Randy Royster, Executive Director, 505.883.6240.

## SANDIA FOUNDATION APPOINTS CF TO ADMINISTER FUND

The Sandia Foundation was established in 1948 by Hugh and Helen Woodward to support the University of New Mexico, Dickinson College and Albuquerque charities. Since its inception the fund has awarded over \$55 million. This year the Hugh and Helen Woodward Fund awarded 25 grants totaling \$265,000. According to Patrick Glennon, Executive Director of the Sandia Foundation, "The Community Foundation's grant making expertise will simplify the process of grant awards from the Hugh and Helen Woodward Fund; Sandia Foundation's Trustees will continue to review and recommend grant recipients; the CF will organize and perform required due diligence."

Sandia Foundation grants are awarded once a year, the application deadline this year was May 1. Visit [www.sandiafnd.com](http://www.sandiafnd.com) for more information.



*Future Fund members:  
Adam Honnegger,  
Kate Honnegger,  
Cathy Cavanaugh,  
Erica Forde,  
David Friede*

## FUTURE FUND ANNUAL LUNCHEON CELEBRATES GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Community Foundation's young donor group, the Future Fund, awards grants each year through a panel of members. Grant recipients are asked to report back to the members on the results of the funded project. This year the organization awarded \$15,000 total to two nonprofit organizations; Junior Achievement of New Mexico and Talking Talons Youth Leadership. During the Future Fund's annual luncheon, recipients discussed how the grant dollars were spent to educate youth in the community. The luncheon was held at the CNM Workforce Training Center where lunch was planned, prepared and served by CNM students and APS catering for their mid-term project.

# partner

## THANK YOU! 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. These gifts enable the Foundation to enhance grantmaking and scholarship programs, customize services to donors and charitable organizations and provide a lasting resource for future generations. It is not too late to join this year's Partners. For information about this program, contact the Foundation office, 505.883.6240.

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## ULTIMATE GIFT

Don Chalmers, a Foundation board member invited all donors to a private preview of the movie, *The Ultimate Gift*. Recently showing in theatres nationwide, the *Ultimate Gift* was written by Jim Stovall about a young man's journey to receive "the Ultimate Gift". Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the moving story and all guests received a copy of the book, compliments of Don Chalmers.

Visit our website

[www.albuquerquefoundation.org](http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org) for additional learning opportunities related to the ideas presented in this inspiring story.



*Foundation donors Frank & Judy Love and Walter & Allene Kleweno enjoyed the show.*

## FOUNDATION BOARD NEWS

Dr. Barry Ramo assumed the role of president of the Foundation's Board last July. Seven new members joined the Board at that time: Susanne B. Brown, Mark L. Gorham, Diane Harrison Ogawa, Rick Johnson, E. Larry Lujan, Beth M. Moise, PhD and Courtney Jackson, past president of the Junior League. "These new board members bring strong professional skill sets to the service of the Foundation", says Dr. Ramo. "They are leaders who have demonstrated deep commitment to the greater Albuquerque area. We are very pleased to have them join our outstanding group of Board members. I look forward to the energy and talents they have to contribute".

**Through our communiqués, we would like to introduce you to the Foundation's Board members. Here are three:**



### **Victor Chavez, *President-elect***

Join us in congratulating Vic Chavez for receiving the "PNM Award for Excellence in Ethical Business Practice in Honor of John Ackerman," during the Samaritan Counseling Center's annual New Mexico Ethics in Business dinner. We are proud and honored to have a Trustee and President-elect receive such prestigious recognition! Vic is a founding partner in the Albuquerque civil and structural engineering firm of Chavez-Grievies Consulting Engineers, Inc. Vic has been active in the community since his college days including his presidency of the Engineering College Alumni Association, Hospice of the Rio Grande and New Day Shelters. Last year, Vic and his wife Pamela, chaired the Quality of Life Initiative. Vic looks forward to his term as Foundation President - stating, "Board members of all organizations are being asked to do more. Every member has a vital role in the areas where they have expertise and each one of them has a lot to give."



*Diane and her daughter Ally accepting President's Award presented by Jay Hein*

### **Diane Harrison Ogawa**

After several years of being an active Future Fund member, and serving as co-chair with her husband Greg, Diane Harrison Ogawa added Trustee to her list of accomplishments with the Community Foundation. Diane is committed to the future of this community and has dedicated her time to seeing that it becomes a better place for even its most disadvantaged. Professionally, Diane is the Executive Director of PNM Resources Foundation. She is chair of the Manzano Day School Board and also actively involved with United Way Women in Philanthropy, CNM Foundation, the Golden Apple Foundation and Albuquerque Academy's Parents' Association. Diane has two daughters, Ally and Katie. It's no wonder that last month, Diane was honored with a U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Award which recognizes those who have dedicated at least 4,000 hours to help their neighbors, communities and nation.

# legacy



## Mark Gorman

As a native New Mexican, Mark Gorham knows the Albuquerque community inside and out. He is an active volunteer currently serving on the board of All Faiths Receiving Home and chairing (his 4th) Vintage Albuquerque, the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra's largest annual fund raiser.

Mark's involvement in the Community Foundation also began with the Future Fund where he has been an active board member. After 20 years as an orthodontist, Mark sold his practice to explore new opportunities as a commercial real estate investor and is always looking for new projects. He and his wife Ingrid are avid sports enthusiasts and are raising their two daughters, Kristi and Anika to follow in their footsteps!

## Suzanne Barker

Trustee Suzanne Barker has resigned one year early from her second term with the CF Board. Suzanne has left her practice at the Modrall firm to commence her new role leading the Thornburg Foundation. Our sincere best wishes to Suzanne in her new venture.



## EMERITUS BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Emeritus Board of the Community Foundation is comprised of former trustees who have both demonstrated long and distinguished service and contributed significant and ongoing financial support to the Foundation.

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*Dear Community Foundation,*

*"Fort Lewis College in Durango, Co. has been a heaven on earth for me. I love the majestic mountains, the friendliness of the people, the stimulating class lectures and support I receive from all who work at Fort Lewis."*

*Thank you for the financial support you have given to me...your scholarship is helping me afford the cost of chasing my dream of becoming a middle-school teacher..."*

**Brian**

**Sussman-Miller Educational Assistance Fund financial-aid recipient**

## Letter from the Executive Director



As I conclude my first year as Executive Director of the Community Foundation, I'd like to take a moment to stop and reflect on the exciting events of the past year.

My first priority was obvious -I needed to learn the not-for-profit world. Prior to being selected for this position, my 25 year career had been in the for-profit world as in-house counsel and human resources director for several local and out-of-state corporations. This exciting and enlightening journey would not have been successful without the outstanding Foundation staff of Nancy Johnson, Program Director, Peggy Roberts, Finance Director and Kelli Cooper, Communications Director, along with the expert guidance of our stellar Board of Trustees. I have also taken advantage of every opportunity to meet with other non-profit and foundation executive directors in order to familiarize myself with the entire community. I have gleaned great encouragement and insight from these impassioned leaders. I have been absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity, thoughtfulness and commitment so many in our community have for the underserved populations.

I'm thrilled to report that simultaneously the Foundation achieved several significant milestones:

First, (just in case you haven't heard by now), the Foundation's endowment surpassed \$50 MILLION! In the world of community foundations this is an important milestone because it affords us the opportunity to expand what we do. Obviously, the most exciting aspect of endowment growth is increased grant dollars. In anticipation of increased grant requests and the quantity of work required to process the requests, we have split our grant awards program into two cycles. Read about the deadline changes on page 3 of this newsletter, or visit the Foundation's website, [www.albuquerquefoundation.org](http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org).

A second benefit of a rapidly growing endowment is that it presents us with the opportunity to collaborate with other nonprofits and foundations and to convene funders to assess the community's most pressing needs as we work together to address them. In this newsletter on page 5 you will read about our association with the Sandia Foundation and also a new permanent fund we have created to address future community needs, the Now & Forever Fund on page 2. Watch for other innovative collaborations, endowment products and grants as we move toward our new endowment goal of \$75,000,000 by 2010.

In January, the Foundation earned its National Standards approval. More details are included in the article on this page. This was not a simple process; every member of the staff spent countless hours to be certain their individual areas of responsibility met every rigorous standard of the National Council on Foundations.

I am extremely proud of what the Community Foundation has done over the past 25 years and look forward to expanding our role in the community and our state over the next 25 years. I will continue to spend my time getting better acquainted with more of the Foundation's donors and friends. You are the reason we have grown to be a community catalyst. I look forward to the opportunity to meet and visit with you, and I welcome your call at any time if I, or one of the staff may be of service.

Sincerely,



R. Randall Royster, Esq.  
Executive Director

## NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR U.S COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

The Good Housekeeping Seal indicates those products meeting the Good Housekeeping Institute's tough consumer policy. The American Dental Association awards products that have met the ADA's criteria for safety and effectiveness with its Seal of Acceptance.

These third-party marks attest to the evaluation, testing and endorsements of products and services. As a safeguard against puffed-up promises, empty claims and hollow slogans, each validation provides assurance and inspires trust.

Now, community foundations have their own "seal of approval."



Our Community Foundation is displaying it with pride. The National Standards Seal shown here signifies that we have met rigorous National Standards and have demonstrated our commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. The process of meeting National Standards is arduous, even by the Community Foundation's standards. The program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grant making and administration. Documentation is then reviewed by a national panel of community foundation experts, appointed by the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C. The Community Foundation was confirmed in compliance with National Standards in January, 2007. Randy Royster, Executive Director states, "The National Standards Seal says this house is in order. It is excellent validation of the work we do on behalf of our donors and our community."

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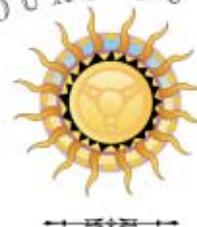
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Members of the Foundation's Future Fund  
are arranging this thrilling fund-raising event  
**September 15-16, 2007.**

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