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Philanthropy

Over the last 32 years, we at the Foundation have learned one thing: giving is personal. Generosity comes from a place deep within. Sometimes it is in honor of a loved one or friend. Often, altruism is a reflection of a person's past, or a vision for a future. The Big Picture of New Mexico philanthropy reveals givers with ties across the world. They represent a cross-section of compassion, humble beginnings and dedicated service.

We invite you to take a look at just a few of our Faces of Philanthropy. They have been inspired to give and they continue to inspire us and countless others.

Rae Lee Siporin



Rae Lee Siporin is a first-generation college graduate in her family. Her experiences as a woman whose scholastic goals were devalued have helped fuel her passion for education. She firmly believes that women need extra support to pursue their educational goals and to that end has started several funds to support women through various organizations, including Albuquerque Community Foundation. She started her fund with the Foundation to help support women in Albuquerque and throughout New Mexico.

Rae vividly recalls her ninth-grade homeroom teacher, the school coach, kindly letting her know that boys don't like girls who are good in math and science. This teacher was indicating that perhaps she should not let on that she had strong skills in these areas. Later, an aunt told her she could now get a job and help her family once she got her bachelor's degree, despite her desire to continue her education. These experiences only further motivated Rae Lee to support women in their educational goals, and she is proud to help remove barriers for so many in her community.

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