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Albuquerque Community Foundation Great Grant Giveaway To Award More Than \$90,000 to Nonprofits in Fun Competition

Albuquerque, NM – The Albuquerque Community Foundation is proud to announce the 2016 Great Grant Giveaway that provides funding to six local nonprofit organizations. **The Great Grant Giveaway is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hotel Albuquerque.**

Six local nonprofits present their good work to a room filled with 700 people. A check for \$500 sits on every table ready to be awarded to one of the nonprofits. Generous corporate donors wait in the wings to add even bigger contributions once the Great Grant Giveaway is underway. And, at the end of the process, \$90,000 or more is in the hands of the nonprofits to support the causes they represent.

The format of the event encourages everyone to participate. The audience is presented a short video by each of the nonprofit organizations. Once finished, guests at each table deliberate until they reach a consensus on which nonprofit to award the check. Last year's event provided six nonprofits grants from \$10,000 to \$20,000 each.

"This event is fun for everyone attending and we encourage people to come with their friends and colleagues," said Kelli Cooper, Vice President of Philanthropic Services. "Everyone has their own area of personal interest and it is fun for participants to advocate for whom they believe the table should present the \$500 grant. This really is a celebration of generosity and the excellence of our local nonprofit ecosystem. The audience is always amazed at the work being done and the results being achieved in our community."

The Foundation selects the nonprofits each year, one from each of the six fields-of-interest the organization serves. All are selected because of their excellent work and the results they have achieved in our community. This year's nonprofits are:

Arts & Culture: **Fusion Theatre**

Economic & Workforce Development: **CNM Ingenuity, Inc.**

Education: **Boys & Girls Club**

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Environmental & Historic Preservation: **The Nature Conservancy**

Health: **Adelante Wellness Referral Center**

Human Services: **There's A Better Way**

The Great Grant Giveaway is sponsored by **Yearout Companies, Lovelace Health System, Wells Fargo, Bank of the West and Southwest Capital Bank.**

Tables of 10 for the Great Grant Giveaway are \$400. Those wishing to sponsor a table grant can also contribute \$300 with the Albuquerque Community Foundation matching \$200 to create the \$500 grant. Individual tickets to the event can be purchased for \$42. Contact the Albuquerque Community Foundation to reserve your table to this popular event.

Those wishing to show their individual support for one or more of these nonprofits, can pre-purchase grants of \$25 or more by contacting the Albuquerque Community Foundation at (505) 883-6240 or going online to www.albuquerquefoundation.org. The individual purchasing the grants will receive the check or checks at the event to present to the nonprofit helping them compete to receive the largest overall grant. For anyone unable to attend, the Foundation will present the grant check.

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. 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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