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The impact of this grant by the numbers:

- Over 40 health apprentices benefitted from new core competencies, trainings in mental health and skills
- Over 95 patients participated in ongoing bimonthly yoga classes in English and Spanish
- 40 apprentices trained in various aspects of mental health
- Over 200 individual visits for integrative healing for mental health

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I find myself as Chair of Albuquerque Community Foundations Board of Trustees at a very exciting time. As the only organization in Central New Mexico that works with children and families in this way, the Children’s Grief Center eliminates barriers so vulnerable families in our communities can receive critical mental health support services at no cost.

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A Collective of Socially Responsible Small Businesses, Business Giving Back is a way for small companies to show their commitment to the community and leverage their philanthropy tootarget a growing audience of people who are looking for ways to give back to their communities, to support their businesses, and to make a difference in the world. The foundation has granted $7,500 to the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

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- Supported programs like the Teacher Education Collaborative in Language Diversity and Arts Integration (TECLA), a teacher education program focused on an integration for undergraduate students at UNM through a community partnership with La Max Elementary School in Albuquerque’s International District. Through TECLA, student art teachers engage primarily immigrant, refugee and urban Native American elementary students in in-class reading, research, painting, and multimedia arts performances.

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  - Join us as we explore Albuquerque and its nonprofit community!
  - Monday, March 16 - 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
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