

2008 Grants

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT GRANTS, \$2,824,535.12

Bernalillo Public Schools, \$16,195 to establish a collaborative cohort of teachers that will provide an after-school robotics program that will focus on STEM initiative goals.

Chama Valley Independent Schools, \$10,797.15 to upgrade, maintain and replace computer equipment for K-12 classrooms and labs.

Espanola Public Schools, \$1,277,843.02 to contract with Efinity Educational Services to provide a strong and reliable IT network and backbone for technology-supported instruction to support student and staff achievement.

Jemez Mountain Schools, \$25,373.31 to help purchase a short cycle assessment for the areas of Science and Math, as well as support after-school tutoring activities and contract services for data assessment training for teachers and personnel.

Jemez Valley Public Schools, \$114,989.68 to fund partial FTE's, site licenses, stipends and general supplies/materials for math, science and technology education.

Las Vegas City Schools, \$4,318.86 to purchase renewable energy technologies including a wind turbine, solar panel, solar oven, solar cars, a hydrogen cell, a fuel cell science kit, an electric meter, water pump, and light bulbs that will be used to demonstrate and teach different applications and uses of renewable energy .

Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools, \$61,543.77 to 1) purchase computers and math software to equip two middle and high school computer labs, and 2) purchase digital cameras and equipment to develop and implement one photojournalism lab.

Mora Independent Schools, \$3,779 to support a 116-hour targeted tutorial program designed to assist K-8 students in math, science and reading.

Pecos Independent Schools, \$5,938.43 to purchase equipment and supplies for a start-up MESA Chapter (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) for elementary and middle school students.

Pensasco Independent Schools, \$39,949.46 to implement enrichment robotics and tutoring programs to increase student learning.

Pojoaque Valley Schools, \$238,617.07 to support district technology projects and math programs to enhance student AYP scores and overall achievement.

Rio Rancho Public Schools, \$118,228.82 to create/deliver a technological infrastructure at the new V. Sue Cleveland High School essential to delivering a 21st century science education and curriculum.

Santa Fe Public Schools, \$859,453.35 to target student achievement in STEM areas, as well as support drop-out prevention and intervention programs and development/fundraising activities.

Taos Municipal Schools, \$47,507.47 to continue the operation of the Cyber Magnet School for the 2008-2009 school year integrating Microsoft Office applications, Web CT, and the use of Wacom Tablets for student success.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH GRANTS, \$635,655

Boys and Girls Club del Norte (Chimayo), \$15,000* to develop, implement and evaluate a computer literacy program for elementary school children in the communities of Chimayo and Abiquiu.

Canones Early Childhood Center, \$15,000** to develop, implement and evaluate a research-based, developmentally-appropriate math literacy program for preschool children.

Chamisa Elementary School (Los Alamos), \$15,000 to support the school science curriculum by providing hands-on experimentation kits, technology-supported instruction, teacher professional development in science education, and science-based field trips.

Citizen Schools (Albuquerque), \$14,000 to develop and implement successful middle-school STEM apprenticeships in the Santa Fe region.

Dixon Elementary School, \$15,000 to build a community-accessible, solar-powered, fruit-drying kiln as part of the school environmental outdoor science lab. Students will improve their science and math skills while they gather, organize, and mathematically interpret data collected in a controlled outdoor area as they explore solar technology.

Earth Works Institute (Santa Fe), \$15,000 to train teachers at Charter School 37, El Dorado Elementary School, Gonzales Elementary School, and Turquoise Trail Elementary School using living classrooms on school sites and at critical resource restoration sites as an integrating context for staff and student learning.

Earth's Birthday Project (Santa Fe), \$15,000 in core operating support to foster inquiry-based science and mathematics instruction as a sustainable, permanent component of elementary and middle-school education in all public schools in the north-central counties of New Mexico.

El Centro de Los Ninos (Tierra Amarilla), \$10,000 for early childhood classroom STEM programs, materials and staff training to ensure development of core skills essential to student long-term achievement in the fields of science, math and engineering.

Embudo Valley Library and Community Center, \$5,000 to evaluate and update youth non-fiction and reference materials with a focus on STEM titles targeting elementary through high school students.

Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (San Juan Pueblo), \$10,000* to support the Department of Education college bridge programs working to successfully transition northern Pueblo youth from secondary to post-secondary education.

Espanola Public Schools Technology Department, \$15,000** to sustain and expand the Espanola Valley High School AutoCAD curriculum.

Espanola Regional Quality Center, \$85,000 to provide a continuous improvement support system for building district, school, and classroom capacity to achieve and sustain high levels of student and systems performance. (*LANS corporate funding*)

Explora Science Center and Children's Museum (Albuquerque), \$10,000* to provide experiential science education for third through fifth-grade students and their teachers from Title-1 eligible schools in Northern New Mexico.

Family Learning Center (Espanola), \$15,000 to build a computer and science lab to serve approximately 40 pre-K students with developmentally-appropriate technology/software and science materials.

The Forest Guild (Santa Fe), \$15,000 to support a Youth Conservation Corps program that provides youth from rural NNM communities with the science-based skills, hands-on experiences, and knowledge to pursue careers in the natural resource sciences and the foundation to become strong community leaders.

Futures for Children (Albuquerque), \$9,000 in core operating support to improve the quality of educational resources to K-12 American Indian students in Jemez and Tesuque Pueblos through mentoring and training. (*Year three of multi-year funding awarded/accrued in 2006*)

Girls Scouts of New Mexico Trails, Inc. (Albuquerque), \$15,000* to support a year-long literacy project which weaves together illustration, writing, story-telling, broadcasting, and technology in programming aimed at girls ages 6-13 who are from underserved areas including public housing and after-school programs in Espanola, Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Taos.

Girls Incorporated in Santa Fe, \$15,000 to expand and deepen the impact of Operation SMART, a program that offers girls (ages 5-18) hands-on activities that give them the opportunity to explore, ask questions and solve problems in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

LANL/NNM Pueblo Elementary Schools Consortium (Española), \$15,000* to purchase supplies for Pueblo elementary school teachers and students to conduct workshops and classroom sessions in math and science.

The Literacy Center at UNM-Taos, \$15,000** to create a computer lab for adult literacy and GED students in Northern New Mexico to acquire the essential computer literacy/math and science competence necessary to succeed in an age of information and technology.

Monte del Sol Charter School (Santa Fe), \$15,000 to enhance existing integrated science courses and create an innovative course entitled GIS and Today's Questions, which uses geographic information systems (GIS), geographic positioning systems (GPS), and remote sensing to explore some of today's most intriguing problems in biological, physical and social sciences.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation (Rio Rancho), \$10,000 to underwrite programmatic expenses associated with the implementation of six (6) 2008 Camp Invention programs at Rio Arriba, Sandoval and Santa Fe elementary schools serving low-income children, grades 1-6. Curricula for the programs emphasize hands-on approaches to learning science through inquiry, cooperation, and collaboration.

NM MESA, Inc. (Albuquerque), \$10,000 in core operating support to support pre-college programs at 28 Northern New Mexico middle and high schools as well as critical professional development to middle and high school educators in STEM disciplines.

NNM Math and Science Academy (Española), \$85,000 in core operating support to increase student learning and achievement by improving teacher practice using standards-based education and research-based concepts and instructional practices. (*LANS corporate funding*)

NNM Math and Science Academy (Española), \$15,000 in core operating support to facilitate planning for the introduction of reform science into the MSA curriculum and professional development.

Northern New Mexico College (Española), \$10,000* to support the Engineering and Technology Academy Bridge Program that allows high school students to concurrently enroll in science/technology classes, participate in IT internships, and get an early start on engineering and technology degree programs.

Northern New Mexico College (Española), \$15,000 to enable 11 students and 1 faculty member to attend a week-long intensive training to prepare for (and pass) the National Registry Exam for Radiologic Technologists required for field credentialing.

Pajarito Environmental Education Center (Los Alamos), \$11,000 in core operating support to provide Northern New Mexico students the opportunity to work with innovative environmental educators and scientists, learn fundamental scientific thinking skills, and use current technology-based, field science methods to understand earth systems.

Pecos Independent Schools, \$15,000** to fund a Science/Math Coach who will conduct hands-on outdoor learning and supervise the Science Fair while integrating math concepts curriculum.

Pojoaque Valley Schools, \$15,000** to establish and systemically strengthen a district-wide Science and Math Fair program that support academic achievement in the areas of Science, Math and Technology.

Pueblo of Pojoaque Boys and Girls Club, \$15,000** to enhance the technology curriculum of the MIRACLES Academy serving youth ages 10-13. With a strong curriculum in science and technology, the academy also integrates character and leadership activities, homework help, and community service projects into programs including ClubTech, Digital Arts Festivals, PowerHour, and LEGO NXT Mindstorms Robotics.

Rivers and Birds (Arroyo Seco), \$15,000* to support the Watershed Learning Project, a hands-on outdoor science program for public school fifth-grade classes.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (Taos), \$15,000 to support the Learning Lab, a technology center for expelled, suspended, or referred students aimed at providing safe, secure academic support and community service until these youth are reintegrated into Taos County school systems.

Santa Fe Alliance for Science, \$10,000** to support efforts to improve science education in Santa Fe by using volunteer scientists and engineers to engage kids vigorously in science and math through tutoring, mentoring, classroom presentations, teaching classes, and a "Science Cafe for Young Thinkers" lecture series.

Santa Fe Children's Museum, \$10,000 to support the Science Program - a program that involves children, teachers and parents in the scientific process, promotes exploration and conservation of nature, and encourages children's involvement in the sciences and nurtures their scientific discoveries.

Santa Fe Community College, \$13,155 to support STEM summer institutes for students and teachers that explore 3-D modeling, engineering design, ethics, and applied chemistry and physics tools.

Santa Fe High School, \$12,500 to support and expand existing engineering curriculum and increase student interest in STEM education utilizing a 3-D printer and an electrathon-style electric car.

Santa Fe Institute, \$15,000 to support Project GUTS (Growing Up Thinking Scientifically) at Taos middle schools (Taos Pueblo Day School, Yaxche School, Taos Middle School). This STEM program aims to engage students in place-based research projects that promote an understanding of complex systems and elucidate the use of computer modeling and simulation in scientific research.

Santa Fe Science Initiative, \$15,000* in core operating support to continue to expand the reach of improved inquiry science instruction in Santa Fe elementary schools.

Santa Fe Science Initiative, \$15,000 to maintain and expand the current reach of hands-on, inquiry-based, NSRC-endorsed professional development and mentor support for teachers in Santa Fe.

Santa Fe Teachers Institute, \$15,000** to pay for teacher honoraria after fellows have successfully written and published a math or science curriculum to be taught in their classroom.

St. Vincent Hospital Foundation (Santa Fe), \$7,500* to support the Healthcare Career Development Institute, a summer educational program designed to introduce qualifying 9th and 10th grade students to nursing and medical technician careers in healthcare.

Strengthening Quality in Schools (Albuquerque), \$15,000 to continue building a Baldrige Pilot District and Demonstration Schools at Pojoaque Valley Schools to continuously improve systems performance and academic achievement in math.

Supercomputing Challenge (Albuquerque), \$10,000* to enable teams from Northern New Mexico to participate in the Student Project Expo and Awards Ceremony where they are able to present their computational science projects, receive feedback from scientists, and celebrate their participation in the program.

Taos Charter School, \$15,000 to operate a student-run greenhouse business and energy education laboratory.

UNM-Los Alamos, \$10,000* to support the Transition to Success Summer Bridge Program providing high school and GED graduates tuition (up to 8 credit hours), books fees, tutoring and mentoring as a bridge to higher education.

UNM-Los Alamos, \$15,000 to assist GED students with their enrollment in undergraduate STEM courses and degree programs.

UNM-Taos, \$15,000 to support the STEM/Math Teacher Education Program.

UNM-Taos Adult Basic Education and the Family Resource Center, \$7,500* to create a community bridge for low-income residents of Taos County to transition from adult basic education to higher education.

Vecinos del Rio (San Juan Pueblo), \$15,000 to maintain the existing Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project and to enhance the Summer Youth Internship and the "Discovering the Story of Mesa Prieta" school curriculum (grades 4-7) with innovative science, math and technology learning experiences.

YouthWorks! (Santa Fe), \$15,000 to implement Street Science, a hands-on math and science service learning program for high-risk students who are involved in the juvenile justice system or who have dropped out of school.

**Three-year grants awarded in 2006 and 2007*

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SMALLGRANTS, \$143,500

Amigos del Valle (Española), \$1,500 to help provide essential services to senior adults who need help maintaining independent living including transportation, shopping, food delivery, minor home repairs, wood for heating/cooking, blood pressure checks, and emotional support.

Amigos del Valle (Española), \$1,500 to help meet winter/holiday needs of senior adults who need help maintaining independent living including transportation, shopping, food delivery, minor home repairs, wood for heating/cooking, blood pressure checks, and emotional support.

Atomic Heritage Foundation (Washington D.C.), \$1,500 to help develop a three-day professional development workshop and "tool kit" on the Manhattan Project for twenty-five Northern New Mexico teachers in partnership with the NM Public Education Department, University of New Mexico, and New Mexico State University. The "tool" kit will contain curriculum suggestions along with books, audio/video materials, other classroom resources, and a student "Guide to the Manhattan Project in New Mexico" that will provide materials on the geography, history, science, and social/cultural impact of the project.

Big Sky Learning Center (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to develop and implement safety measures (safety policy scripting and safety/ventilation equipment for chemistry and electronics activities) for summer and after-school science/technology programs in the Santa Fe Public Schools.

Boys and Girls Club of NNM (Questa Unit), \$1,500 to integrate Club Zoom into summer and after-school curriculum to provide interactive science programming to Questa youth.

Boys and Girls Club of NNM (Penasco/Picuris Pueblo Unit), \$1,500 to integrate Club Zoom into summer and after-school curriculum to provide interactive science programming to Penasco/Picuris Pueblo youth.

Boys and Girls Club of NNM (Taos Unit), \$1,500 to integrate Club Zoom into summer and after-school curriculum to provide interactive science programming to Taos County youth.

Boys and Girls Club of NNM (Taos Pueblo Unit), \$1,500 to integrate Club Zoom into summer and after-school curriculum to provide interactive science programming to Taos Pueblo youth.

Breakthrough Santa Fe, \$1,500 to support summer science programming in chemistry that will include the FOSS Chemical Interactions curriculum. The mission of Breakthrough Santa Fe is to identify motivated under-served public middle school students and prepare them to thrive in academically challenging high school programs on a path towards college.

Buckaroo Ball (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor of the 2008 Buckaroo Ball held June 20-22, whose proceeds benefit at-risk children and youth in Santa Fe County.

Casa Esperanza, Inc. (Albuquerque), \$1,500 to provide lodging, meals, clinical counseling/psychotherapy and other services to Northern New Mexico families with children/family members receiving cancer treatment in Albuquerque.

Con Alma Health Foundation (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor the 7th Annual Grant Awards Banquet held on Friday, November 14, at Sandia Resort and Casino. Proceeds will enable Con Alma to continue to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of New Mexicans, especially for people who have been historically underserved.

Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico (Española), \$1,500 to provide holiday gift cards for residents/clients and their children for food, diapers, clothing, and other needed items.

DeVargas Middle School (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to support the Summer Youth Mariachi Program, whose mission is to enrich students' cultural education and enhance their skills and repertoire through lessons/mentoring, conferences, and performances. Summer participants will develop and demonstrate music skills; develop poise, confidence and leadership skills; cultivate a sense of cultural pride and identity; develop a sense of bi-cultural awareness; and enhance their perspectives on multi-culturalism as they help to bridge the cultural gap so often found in communities.

Dixon Elementary School, \$1,500 to purchase eight (8) Brock microscopes to enable students to participate in hands-on science activities as part of the Science as Analogy program that uses observation, drawing, writing and conclusion development to explore the scientific method.

Earth Care International (Santa Fe), \$1,000 to support the Rio Grande Watershed Project, an environmental service learning initiative of the Youth Allies for Sustainability Leadership Institute. This program will train 35 youth leaders from Santa Fe in sustainability, ecological literacy, project planning/execution, and teamwork as they learn about and conduct service-learning projects around watershed issues in Albuquerque, Cochiti, San Ildefonso and Taos.

Earth's Birthday Project (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to create an easy-to-use reference tool for elementary teachers that shows how basic inquiry science activities at each grade level align with state benchmarks in all subject areas and with topics and activities included in their schools' standard curricular materials.

EJ Martinez PTA (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help provide physical education instruction (50 minutes a week) for 343 K-6 students.

Enos Garcia Elementary School (Taos), \$1,500 to purchase a vermicomposting system and pollinating insects (butterflies and ladybugs) to enrich the school community garden that is being used to bring math and science standards to life. Through mapping, following directions, adding/ subtracting, and measuring, students explore the life cycles of plants and animals, the scientific method, and record daily weather patterns.

Espanola Public Schools, \$1,500 (each) to send a lead science teacher/principal from Chimayo Elementary, Espanola Valley High School, and San Juan Elementary to the National LASER (Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform) K-8 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute July 20-25 in Alexandria, Virginia (organized by the National Science Resources Center, the National Academies, and Smithsonian Institution). The Institute will guide Espanola Public Schools through a rigorous process of developing a tailored strategic plan for implementing an effective research-based science education program steeped in best practices.

Espanola Public Schools, \$2,500 to help enable the Espanola Valley High School's Mariachi Sol Del Valle to represent the State of New Mexico in the Inaugural Parade on January 20, 2009.

Espanola Public Schools Technology Department, \$1,000 to support the March groundbreaking ceremony for the new technology center that will house the hub of the district-wide network, provide office workspace for technology staff, and provide lab/workspace for technology-related student clubs and activities.

Espanola Regional Quality Center, \$1,000 for the director to attend a two-day workshop, "Classroom Instruction that Works for ELL Students", to learn research-based instructional strategies to help teachers successfully engage and raise the achievement of English language learners in EPS K-12 classrooms.

Espanola Valley High School Television Production Program, \$1,500 to give youth a voice and provide technology-supported instruction in state-of-the-art video production and computer editing, as well as prepare students to continue in the field of computer media production at the post-secondary level.

E.T. Salazar Elementary School (Espanola), \$1,000 to enable four teachers and administrators (Regional Quality Center Goal Team Leaders) to attend the "All Kids Can" Conference in May to further develop Strategic Learning Goals and Plan-Do-Study-Acts in the area of mathematics from a variety of experts and education practitioners working with proven methodologies for meeting No Child Left Behind requirements. Attendees will also visit a RQC demonstration site at Albuquerque Public Schools that is currently making Annual Yearly Progress (AYP).

Food Depot (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help support the Delivery Program that distributes emergency food supplies to small outreach programs in the counties of Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, and Taos.

The Forest Guild (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help Northern New Mexico youth attend the New Mexico Forestry and Climate Change Workshop on November 20 (for free), which will present and discuss the most current information about projected climate change impact on New Mexico forests and enable youth to meet and interact with local practicing foresters and natural resource professionals.

Friends Forever Foundation (Santa Fe), \$1,500 in honor of the outstanding contributions made by MaryAna Eames on behalf of critically ill, abused and homeless children in New Mexico (Vecinos Outstanding Volunteer Award)

Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library, \$1,500 to purchase supplies and materials for After-School Science, a hands-on, inquiry-based science program for 8-13 year olds.

Gerard's House (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to support community training programs for teachers, counselors and caregivers in grief support for children and youth grieving the loss of a significant person in their lives.

Greater Espanola Valley Community Development Corporation, \$1,000 to sponsor a "Key to the Future" scholarship for a top graduating Espanola Valley High School senior.

Gonzales Elementary School (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to send a lead science teacher/principal (Jennifer Lussiez) to the National LASER (Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform) K-8 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute July 20-25 in Alexandria, Virginia (organized by the National Science Resources Center, the National Academies, and Smithsonian Institution). The Institute will guide Santa Fe Public Schools through a rigorous process of developing a tailored strategic plan for implementing an effective research-based science education program steeped in best practices.

Gonzales Intermediate School (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to purchase hands-on, inquiry science materials to support 6th and 7th grade earth and life science classes including compound microscopes, slide sets, rock and mineral kits/testing materials, and lab-based materials for plate tectonic and Earth structure inquiry.

Habitat for Humanity of Taos, \$1,000 to support a Green Design Competition and Charrette that will identify innovative and affordable green technologies, materials, and techniques that Habitat-Taos can use to design and develop a 12- to 13-home and community center project on 3 donated acres in Taos. The project will collaborate with science instructors at Taos Middle/High School and instructors in the UNM-Taos Building Trades Program to integrate project-related themes into science and technology class curricula (i.e., environmental and sustainability issues; green criteria; manufacturing, assembling and maintaining solar photovoltaic systems).

Haven House (Rio Rancho), \$1,500 to help bring internet services to shelter residents (adult and child victims of domestic violence), and establish a confidential network where clients can access the information and resources they need to transition to safe, healthy lives.

Institute of American Indian Arts (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor "The '60s: A Revolution Begins in Santa Fe" held on August 20. This event celebrated a half century of Native American arts and proceeds will support student success through scholarships and student services.

Interfaith LEAP (Chimayo), \$1,500 to help meet emergency needs of disadvantaged families as well as help remove barriers that impede the health and welfare of communities including hunger, utilities, gasoline, medical care/prescriptions, diapers, and clothing.

Interfaith LEAP (Chimayo), \$2,835 to purchase 23-\$100 gift cards for Rio Arriba First Born families as well as help meet holiday/emergency needs of disadvantaged families including food, diapers, gasoline, and utilities.

Junior Achievement of New Mexico, Inc. (Albuquerque), \$1,500 to help address critical workforce-readiness education needs in Northern New Mexico schools including entrepreneurship, financial literacy, educational technology and work-related life skills through experiential, hands-on programs.

Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe, \$1,500 to help sponsor the 2009 Key Leader Program that will enable Northern New Mexico youth to participate in a weekend leadership development event that is designed to cultivate service leadership within the context of local, national, and global communities.

La Casita Preschool (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help support professional development for teachers in developmental and "multiple intelligence" instructional approaches including the Reggio Emilia philosophy, which is based on the principles of respect, responsibility, and community through self-directed exploration and discovery ("play") in a supportive and enriching environment. La Casita is a parent co-operative, child development program serving children ages 2 1/2 to 6 that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and has been presented with the highest license (Five Star) rating for the State of New Mexico.

Las Cumbres Community Services (Española), \$1,500 to provide holiday gift cards for food, diapers, clothing, and other needed items for individuals and families served through agency programs.

Las Vegas City Schools, \$1,500 to purchase materials to support an agriscience (farm-to-cafeteria) program at Memorial Middle School. This STEM education program is designed to engage youth in hands-on, experiential learning about food production and nutrition, including planning, managing, and harvesting crops in partnership with New Mexico State University.

Literacy Volunteers of Santa Fe, \$1,500 to help sponsor the 11th Annual "Evening with an Author" fundraising event held October 11, whose proceeds will provide free literacy tutoring for adults and their families in Santa Fe County.

Los Alamos First Born Program, \$1,500 to help defray professional development expenses (including manuals and mileage) for local early childhood educators, providers and community members who will participate in the "Mind in the Making" training that consists of 12, 2 1/2-hour sessions. This comprehensive learning program is a research-based, hand-on training initiative that is designed to bridge the theory and practice of how young children learn best.

Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, \$1,500 to help support the JUNTOS Youth Summit on May 28-29 that brought together 60 youth from Espanola and Los Alamos to engage in authentic dialogue, educational activities, leadership development, and collaborative service-learning projects in STEM areas.

Los Angelitos Early Childhood Services/Taos County Arc (Taos), \$1,500 to help sponsor a community event on October 3 celebrating 35 years of service providing quality support services to persons with disabilities and their families, as well as early intervention services to families of children with special needs.

MANA del Norte (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor the 19th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship Banquet held on Saturday, September 20, at the Lodge at Santa Fe. Proceeds will support college-bound Hispanic women in Northern New Mexico including single mothers and displaced homemakers.

Mora Elementary School was awarded \$1,500 to help support the Community Academy of Science, Social Science, and Mathematics (CASSM) offering educational opportunities for K-5 students including hands-on activities, presentations, lectures, and field trips.

National Dance Institute of New Mexico (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor the 14th Annual Santa Fe Gala held April 26, whose proceeds will support quality in-school and after-school programs in dance for over 2,000 students in Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Taos counties.

New Mexico Acequia Association (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help host a two-day community event called "Celebrando las Acequia: Dia del San Antonio". June 13-14 events included panel presentations, dinner and awards ceremony to acknowledge mayordomos, and community mapping of land and water dedicated to protecting water as a community resource and strengthening Northern New Mexico farming and ranching traditions.

New Mexico Association of Grantmakers (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help support programming that is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and impact of organized philanthropy throughout New Mexico, including workshops, mini-conferences and networking events.

New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership (Cedar Crest), \$1,500 in matching funds to help Northern New Mexico constituents/providers attend the 2008 AIDS Educational Forum on June 2 that addressed state health policy, provide treatment updates, provide cultural competency and diversity training, and highlight funding initiatives and opportunities.

New Mexico CultureNet (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to inaugurate an audio engineering internship for high school students in partnership with the Poets-in-the-Schools program and Stepbridge Studio. This Voices of Youth program will enable students to apply audio engineering techniques and skills to record and document the work of both student and professional New Mexico resident poets.

New Mexico First (Albuquerque), \$1,500 to help sponsor "Here's to Pete!", a celebration of Senator Domenici's service to New Mexico and the Nation held at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Saturday, June 28. This event included a reception and upbeat program with Sam Donaldson serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

New Mexico Voices for Children (Albuquerque), \$1,500 to support the 2008 Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Awards, which celebrate and honor the young people of New Mexico whose vision, initiative, and dedication to serve others has benefited communities throughout the state.

NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help public assistance clients overcome barriers to education and sustainable employment including GED and community college fees, gas, food, car repairs, medicine and clothing.

NM Men's Conference on Boys and Young Men (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor an evening reception and day-long forum held on November 17-18 that offered workshops, panel discussions and a plenary session on issues facing boys in New Mexico including education, behavioral and mental health, puberty and adulthood, family and community, crime and juvenile justice, and fatherhood and male involvement.

NM Public Education Department Math and Science Advisory Council (Santa Fe), \$1,000 to support the 2008 Math and Science Day at the Legislature on February 5 that showcased and recognized students, teachers and school administrators for their achievements in math and science education.

Northern New Mexico College Foundation (Española), \$1,500 to help sponsor the 13th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, whose proceeds will provide scholarships for NNMC students.

Northern New Mexico Youth Against Drugs and San Juan Parish, \$1,000 to support the seventh annual "No Mas" pilgrimage held on April 26. This event was a united effort between youth, community leaders/organizations, and residents to advocate against illicit drug use in the region. Sponsorships will support prevention education, intervention, peer support and mentorship, as well as establish a scholarship fund to help area youth pursue college.

Pojoaque Valley Schools, \$1,500 (each) to send a lead science teacher/principal from Pablo Roybal Elementary, Pojoaque Intermediate, and Pojoaque Valley High School to the National LASER (Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform) K-8 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute July 20-25 in Alexandria, Virginia (organized by the National Science Resources Center, the National Academies, and Smithsonian Institution). The Institute will guide Pojoaque Valley Schools through a rigorous process of developing a tailored strategic plan for implementing an effective research-based science education program steeped in best practices.

Pojoaque Valley Schools Indian Education Department, \$1,500 to help sponsor substance abuse, suicide and bullying prevention workshops and an assembly for K-12 students in December. The assembly will highlight Native American storytelling by Chief Robert Tall Tree, and will address bullying, teasing and name-calling with a message of personal resiliency, positive character development, and respect for all living things.

Rio Arriba/Los Alamos Foster Parent Association, \$1,500 to help provide gifts, food and decorations for a holiday party for foster children and their foster families.

Rio Arriba First Born Program (Española), \$1,500 to help defray professional development expenses (including manuals and mileage) for local early childhood educators, providers and community members who will participate in the "Mind in the Making" training that consists of 12, 2 1/2-hour sessions. This comprehensive learning program is a research-based, hand-on training initiative that is designed to bridge the theory and practice of how young children learn best.

Rivers and Birds Inc. (Arroyo Seco), \$1,500 to help sponsor WILD FILM, an annual international wildlife film festival produced by youth interns whose proceeds will benefit innovative and effective hands-on science programs on water conservation and ecology to public school students in Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Taos counties.

Ronald McDonald House Charities (Albuquerque), \$1,500 to provide 23 nights of lodging, meals and services to Northern New Mexico families with ill and injured children.

San Juan Elementary School (San Juan Pueblo), \$1,500 to help support the Earth Shuttle Program that provides experiential learning in math, science, engineering, technology, career awareness, and history to 6th-grade students. This funding will enable students to participate in a 5-day/4-night experiential, hands-on trip to Florida including the Kennedy Space Center, Egmont Key, Florida Museum of Science and Industry, EPCOT Center, Animal Kingdom and Sea World.

Santa Fe Community Foundation, \$1,500 to help sponsor the 2008 Pinon Awards held October 7, which recognized five outstanding nonprofits for their achievements in improving the quality of life in Northern New Mexico.

Santa Fe Girls' School, \$1,500 to purchase supplies, tools and materials for the Santa Fe River Restoration project, a collaborative environmental science curriculum initiative that enables students to engage in river restoration including streambed maintenance, water flow measurement, non-native species elimination, and replanting of native plant species at a 9-acre site.

Santa Fe New Music, \$1,500 to help support the 2008-2009 "Language of Birds" youth opera project where over 100 grade-school children will be engaged in the study, performance and theatrics of new classical music, and a statewide blog will be developed and deployed that will enable educators to share reading lists, science lesson plans/project ideas, lines of inquiry, and other resources/discoveries emanating from the project's avian theme.

Santa Fe Performing Arts, \$1,500 to help fund youth performing arts and theater education programs that address issues facing Northern New Mexico youth including teen suicide, sex, and gang violence.

Santa Fe Public Schools, \$1,500 to send a lead science teacher/principal (Susan McIntosh) to the National LASER (Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform) K-8 Science Education Strategic Planning Institute July 20-25 in Alexandria, Virginia (organized by the National Science Resources Center, the National Academies, and Smithsonian Institution). The Institute will guide Santa Fe Public Schools through a rigorous process of developing a tailored strategic plan for implementing an effective research-based science education program steeped in best practices.

Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center, \$1,500 to help support the Partnership Against Sexual Abuse (PASA) Program, an educational speaker's bureau committed to the prevention of sexual violence against youth, young adults and immigrant families.

Santa Fe Science Initiative, \$1,500 to complete the production of an educational DVD that will feature inquiry-based science teacher training sessions, mentor meetings, and classroom sessions with mentors working side-by-side with classroom teachers as a tool to promote inquiry-based science teaching among multiple publics.

School-to-World Program (Albuquerque), \$1,000 to help sponsor the 9th Annual School-to-World career exploration event that enabled nearly 3,000 New Mexico 8th and 9th-grade students, teachers and families from New Mexico (over 500 from NNM) to learn about higher education and careers from over 500 business/government/ education professionals, educational and training institutions, and volunteer and community organizations.

Southwest C.A.R.E. Center (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help fund the clinic's anoscopy program for screening and treating anal cancer and to reduce the rate of cancer in Northern New Mexico's HIV+ population.

Southwest Jazz Orchestra (Santa Fe), \$665 to help underwrite the free-to-students "Swing Into Spring" concert held March 24 at Los Alamos High School. This event featured performance, theory and technique, including interactive historical narratives and demonstrations.

St. Vincent Hospital Foundation (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to help sponsor the 2008 Glamour and Gauze Gala, whose proceeds will help build and equip the Glenna Goodacre Neurosurgery Suite at St. Vincent Hospital.

Strengthening Quality in Schools (Albuquerque), \$1,500 to help sponsor a reception at the Governor's Mansion on June 10 to honor NM Regional Quality Centers, Pilot Districts and Pilot Schools for their work with continuous improvement processes as well as the partnership between business, education and state government to drive performance excellence in education.

Taos Community Foundation, \$1,500 to convene approximately 30 Taos Municipal Schools teachers and administrators to collaboratively develop funding priorities in professional development, curriculum enhancement, academic programs, technology advancement, early childhood development and parental involvement initiatives.

Taos Cyber Magnet School, \$1,000 to purchase a caching server and memory upgrades for nine computers to more efficiently retrieve and send course information to students taking online courses in science, technology and mathematics. These upgrades will enable students to complete course work at a faster, uninterrupted pace.

Taos Municipal Schools Discovery Program, \$1,500 to offer a fun, hands-on, activity-based summer science program as part of the district's recreational summer camp.

Taos Public Education Fund, \$1,500 to help sponsor the Mayor's Crystal Ball, whose proceeds will support school sites and programs at Taos Municipal Schools.

Taos Pueblo Education and Training Division, \$1,500 to complete the construction of a dual-purpose, solar thermal system (STS) at the Red Willow Education Center, as well as begin the process of retrofitting all renewable energy systems with instructional implementation. This renewable energy infrastructure will concurrently serve as a multipurpose "outdoor" classroom for applied learning in climate change (connections and solutions), renewable energy and energy efficiency, and sustainable agriculture and clean energy farming.

Tierra Lucero (Taos), \$1,500 to help research and promote sustainable living systems (agriculture), education, and community service among minority populations living in the high-altitude valleys of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range corridor as viable approaches to local economic development, energy and food production/utilization, and health and wellness.

Tony E. Quintana Elementary School (Española), \$1,000 to enable four teachers and administrators (Regional Quality Center Goal Team Leaders) to attend the "All Kids Can" Conference in May to further develop Strategic Learning Goals and Plan-Do-Study-Acts in the area of mathematics from a variety of experts and education practitioners working with proven methodologies for meeting No Child Left Behind requirements. Attendees will also visit a RQC demonstration site at Albuquerque Public Schools that is currently making Annual Yearly Progress (AYP).

Unidos: Funders Allied With Youth (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to support teen pregnancy reduction programs in Rio Arriba and Taos counties. Unidos, in partnership with the NM Department of Health Office of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, supports effective programs of comprehensive sex education, family planning clinical services, service learning programs, and male/parental involvement initiatives.

United Way of Santa Fe County, \$1,500 to help sponsor a Legislative Finance Committee dinner held on December 10.

The University of Arizona (Tucson), \$1,500 to support Northern New Mexico students attending the Graduate Horizons Program. This program is designed to assist Native American college students (from universities throughout the country) successfully prepare and apply to graduate or professional school. Funding will support student travel, housing, materials and other costs incurred during this 5-day intensive workshop.

The UNM-Taos Literacy Center, \$1,000 to support a GED math instructor for the winter semester (January - May 2008) that will teach students the math necessary to pass the GED, build their math skills, and inspire and support those interested in transitioning into college.

Vecinos del Rio (San Juan Pueblo), \$1,500 to enhance the Summer Youth Internship Program by paying for two local young adults to participate as youth mentors; support innovative science, math and technology learning experiences; and integrate their own skills and assist in culturally-appropriate applications within the context of the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project.

Victory Christian Academy (Española), \$1,000 to re-wire a Telecom Technology lab to enable students to participate in a twelve-week Telecommunications Program providing curriculum in telecommunication history, A/C and D/C circuitry, switches and routers, and site delivery systems. Most students that complete the course will earn their Telecommunications Builder I Certificate.

Villa Therese Catholic Clinic (Santa Fe), \$1,500 to support the Pack-to-School program which will provide over 150 children with backpacks, school supplies, a gift certificate for school uniforms and shoes, and a haircut.

Well-Being Community Clinic (Taos), \$1,500 to help improve the quality and breadth of the clinic's student internship program by providing more hours of direct training, hands-on learning experiences, and supervision by licensed professionals providing complimentary and indigenous health care services to over 1,000 clients annually.

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