Piñon Awards Honor Nonprofits and Individuals

Close to 700 members of the community gathered at the Lensic Performing Arts Center on September 28 to celebrate the outstanding work of five nonprofits from Northern New Mexico. Honorees, who each received an etched-glass statuette, a video tribute and a $1,000 unrestricted grant, were:

**SPANISH COLONIAL ARTS SOCIETY**, for the Museum of Spanish Colonial Arts and Spanish Market, which preserves the Hispanic art of New Mexico and encourages its development and prominence. The efforts of the museum and the market have resulted in a 3,000 percent increase in the number of artists who have taken up Spanish Colonial genres in the past half-century. The Gerónima Cruz Montoya Award for Arts and Humanities is named for the Ohkay Owingeh artist and art teacher.

**EMBUDO VALLEY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER**, for its rural library services and programming that includes summer reading, family literacy, youth field trips, music classes, senior reading, a community radio station and other education and social service projects. To underwrite its operating costs the nonprofit also sponsors a farmer’s market and rents space to the Dixon Cooperative Market. The John Gaw Meem Award for Civic Affairs is named for the distinguished Santa Fe architect and pioneer in historic preservation.

**VECINOS DEL RIO**, for the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project, which teaches young people to appreciate and protect some 20,000 petroglyphs along the 36-square-mile mesa. Young people learn how to use digital cameras and
Letter From the President

If a picture is worth a thousand words, it is certainly worth more than a long column. This photo, by Kate Russell, of two young girls learning together at the Santa Fe Community Foundation's Sweeney Summer Enrichment Camp tells a compelling story.

At the camp eager children, aged 4 to 7 from low-income families, engaged in activities ranging from reading to sewing to cooking in the weeks between the end of school and the summer months.

We are grateful to Governor Bill Richardson and the New Mexico Legislature and to an anonymous private donor for their financial support of the camp. You can imagine the smiles on the faces of our Board members, staff and legislators when we visited and saw children creating science experiments, reading with young teacher aides and proudly displaying the fish they had just caught in the Pecos River.

Because community foundations fund programs rather than run them, we were pleased to renew our nine-year partnership with the Santa Fe Public Schools and grateful for the expert camp leadership of Sweeney principal Pam de la O, who trained with the Santa Fe Children’s Museum, which we funded to operate our first camp in 1996.

As we approach the holidays, our thoughts naturally turn to the joy and wonder on the faces of youngsters such those who participated in the camp.

We wish your family and friends joy at the holidays, and thank you for continuing to entrust the Foundation with your gifts to care for our community.

Billie Blair, President

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global positioning systems and otherwise document these valuable cultural resources and historical records of their ancestors. The Manual Luján, Sr. Award for Education honors the former Santa Fe mayor and school superintendent.

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, for the Santa Fe Railyard Park and Plaza, a public gathering place in the heart of Santa Fe, to include walkways, picnic and performance areas and a state-of-the-art children’s playground. The park, slated for completion in fall 2007, will employ water conservation and harvesting that will serve as a model of sustainable parklands. The John J. Kenney Award for Environment is named for the founder of the local Sierra Club.

ESPERANZA SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES, which assists survivors and offenders of domestic violence with a residential shelter, transitional housing, counseling services, court advocacy and public education. Its coordinated community response council brings together law enforcement, the judicial system, healthcare providers and others to address this pressing, and often invisible, issue. The Dr. Brian Moynahan Award for Health and Human Services is named for the Santa Fe pediatrician who was a tireless volunteer at Villa Therese Catholic Clinic.

To mark the Foundation’s 25th anniversary, LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF SANTA FE received a special Silver Anniversary Piñon Award in recognition of more than two decades of teaching English as a Second Language to some 8,000 immigrants and their families. The award included a statuette and a $25,000 unrestricted grant.

In addition, five past and present members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors were honored for their outstanding service to the Foundation.

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in its early years. Recipients included William Keller, Ruth Ortega, Gloria Sawtell, Al Wadle and Lawrence Wheeler. The Foundation will plant five trees and erect a bench and plaque on the Alameda in commemoration of their work.

The Foundation thanks title sponsors Las Campanas and Lexus of Albuquerque and 28 other businesses and individuals for their support of the 20th annual Piñon Awards (see complete list on page 14).

The Outreach Committee, chaired by Francie Miles, also played an important role in the success of the evening. Members of the committee were Suzy Eskridge, Barbara McIntyre, Patsy Romero, Charlotte Roybal, Jeanne Sei, Arlene Cisneros Sena, Jane Silverman and Susan Varela.

Scholarships Awarded

Eight students from Northern New Mexico have been awarded scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $9,000, for a total of $39,000 in gifts from the Michael S. Currier Scholarship Fund. These scholarships can be renewed for up to four years to assist students with the cost of tuition, fees, books and related expenses.

Recipients include Caitlin Bodelson of Santa Fe, who attends Fort Lewis College in Durango; Matt Sheldon of Santa Fe, who attends Gonzaga University in Spokane; Zoe Draper of Santa Fe, who attends Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia; Ashley Quintana of Pecos, who attends Adams State College in Alamosa; Shantelle Quintana of Las Vegas, who attends New Mexico Highlands University; Consuelo Garcia of El Rito, who attends St. John’s College; Jennifer Maestas Gilman of Taos, who attends the University of California at Santa Barbara; and Emily Johnson of Santa Fe, who attends Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

Have You Remembered the Santa Fe Community Foundation in Your Will?

Santa Fe’s economic development plan is green. When Mayor David Coss took the plan to the National Green Business Conference in San Francisco in the spring, the document stressed that Santa Fe aims to be on the cutting edge of sustainable economic development.

A June Community Connections event, hosted by Alex Gancarz and Jonathan Carleton, featured speaker Craig Feils, the senior economic planner for the city. He outlined recent successful projects, including Design Week, a showcase of design of furniture, water conservation, land use and other areas; Santa Fe Community College’s Center for Sustainable Environment, which this year will offer a degree program to prepare Santa Feans for jobs in energy, water and gallery management; and the Prospero Literacy Project, which ensures that Spanish speakers can read English. Feils pledged to increase conversations with the Santa Fe Business Incubator, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, Santa Fe Economic Development, Inc. (SFEDI) and SCORE.

Attendees questioned whether politics and neighborhood pressures will permit the city to move forward on economic development. “What keeps us from developing is fear,” one participant said.

“Even though it appears the new administration is moving in the right direction, we’re scared to death,” said David Miller, Managing Director of Thornburg Companies, which employs close to 300 people. Miller, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and SFEDI, called for city officials to meet at the board level with business leaders.

Community Connections events are designed to provide intimate briefings to members of the Foundation’s Council of Benefactors. For information on joining, contact Valerie Ingram, Development Director, at 988-9715, ext. 4, or vingram@santafecf.org.
2006 Grant Awards

Twenty-seven nonprofits in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico received $230,400 in grants in the Foundation’s regular funding cycle. In addition, six nonprofits were awarded $22,500 from the Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership.

ARTS
Santa Fe Children’s Museum, $5,000 to provide quality exhibits, programs and activities to children and others who use the facility.
Santa Fe Youth Symphony, $10,000 to support musical instruction and performance opportunities for school-aged children in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico.

EDUCATION
Santa Fe Public Schools Adelante Program, $12,000 to help homeless students remain in school.
The Earth Circle Foundation, $6,000 for programs that encourage Native American youth to achieve and stay in school.

ENVIRONMENT
Earth Care International, $8,000 for environmental education, with a focus on sustainability, for teenagers in Santa Fe high schools and to provide volunteer and employment opportunities to Santa Fe teens.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adolescent and Family Services, $1,400 for its Calentando Corazones program, which engages juvenile offenders in harvesting and processing wood for the elderly in Mora and San Miguel counties.
Community Against Violence, $5,000 for assistance to families affected by domestic violence in Taos County.
Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center, $7,500 to meet the immediate needs of victims of sexual violence and offer training and education to prevent future violence in the community.
St. Elizabeth Shelter, $15,000 for Sonrisa Family Housing, which provides transitional housing and support to homeless families with children.
Planned Parenthood of New Mexico, $14,000 for its Santa Fe Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program, which will offer mentorship, prevention education and support to girls at three Santa Fe middle schools identified at highest risk for pregnancy.
Youth Shelters and Family Services, $15,000 for programs and facilities serving homeless youth and families.
Community Wellness Center, $7,500 for teen pregnancy prevention programs in Taos County.

CIVIC AFFAIRS
Girls, Inc., $8,000 to purchase software and computers to allow the organization to increase the number of girls served in the next five years from 250 to 750.
Homewise, $12,500 to create a Spanish-language homebuyer education manual.
New Mexico Acequia Association, $7,500 to help communities in Northern New Mexico strengthen democratic governance of water rights, assist acequia associations in updating their bylaws and promote agricultural revitalization through community and youth education.
Santa Fe Farmer’s Market Institute, $5,000 to foster agricultural economic development and educate the public about the value of supporting local food production.

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Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families, $10,000 for a community-based program and training project that individuals can utilize to intervene in situations involving domestic violence.

Kitchen Angels, $5,000 to support the preparation and delivery of food to individuals who are homebound.

New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project, $6,000 for free counseling to families and youth in Northern New Mexico at risk of or affected by suicide.

LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY FUNDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families, $1,000 for a project that prepares service providers to work with members of the LGBT community who are impacted by domestic violence.

Girls, Inc., $4,000 for the Sticks and Stones program, which fosters a climate of understanding through community education.

Monte del Sol Charter School, $4,000 for the Gay/Straight Alliance’s Project Respect, which will train 20 high school students to facilitate prejudice-reduction workshops with middle school students.

Nat Gold Players, $5,500 for Gay Plays and Lesbian Thespian productions in Las Vegas and Mora, which produces three to four plays a year that deal with gay and lesbian issues.

Santa Fe Mountain Center, $4,000 for a conference for local and regional youth to learn about capacity building for gay/straight alliances.

Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Center, $4,000 to educate the community about how homophobia is a form of violence that impacts everyone.

LESPERANZA SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES
$180,490, an increase of close to $1,000 for a project that prepares service providers to work with members of the LGBT community who are impacted by domestic violence.

Santa Fe Community Foundation, to send your checks, in care of the Community Foundation, which administers all donations. These donations will be sent to residents in need, and the Santa Fe Army, which serve as intake agencies for residents in need, and the Santa Fe Community Foundation, which administers all donations. These donors charge no fee for their services.

Watch for stories in the New Mexican and send your checks, in care of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, to P.O. Box 1827, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1827.

Filling Holiday Stockings

The Empty Stocking Fund® drive begins Thanksgiving Day with articles in the Santa Fe New Mexican relating stories of people who lack sufficient shelter, food, clothing and other basics. In 2005, through the generosity of 877 families and businesses, 203 families received a helping hand from the fundraising drive, which raised $180,490, an increase of close to $14,000, over 2004. The Empty Stocking Fund is administered by the Santa Fe New Mexican, in collaboration with Presbyterian Medical Services and the Salvation Army, which serve as intake agencies for residents in need, and the Santa Fe Community Foundation, which administers all donations. These donors charge no fee for their services.

Fairview is listed as a site worthy of preservation by the City of Santa Fe and is on the state register of historical places. In 2005 it was the only cemetery to be separately listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Among those buried at the cemetery are women and men who settled in Santa Fe in the decades after the U.S.-Mexican War, pioneering attorneys, doctors, businesspeople, educators, religious and civic leaders, as well as three New Mexico governors, 10 Santa Fe mayors, the state’s first full-time U.S. Senator and many other legislators and jurists, artists and scholars.

This endowment will provide for the cemetery’s perpetual maintenance. In addition, the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association has established a fund for a $75,000 xeriscape renovation.

THE FRED FUND

This donor advised fund was created in honor and in memory of Frederic de Braconier d’Alphen and supports the dissemination of information about depression and suicide prevention to those who need it most.

The Fred Fund also maintains a website, www.TheFredFund.org, where visitors will find information and links to resources about depression and suicide, warning signs and symptoms, what to do to prevent or alleviate a crisis and where to read and write memorial stories. The Fred Fund was founded in Taos, where suicide is three times higher than the rest of New Mexico. The state ranks fourth in the U.S. in suicide rates.

LAUGHLIN AND RENE BARKER FAMILY FUND

Laughlin and Rene Barker and their children and grandchildren have set up an endowment at the Santa Fe Community Foundation to strengthen families, youth and education.

“We have a family real estate business and we have always believed that it is important to contribute to our community,” Laughlin Barker explains. “At a recent meeting, our family decided that we also wanted to give back to Santa Fe in a permanent way. We are certain our fund will always be there to perpetuate our charitable interests.”

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All family members will serve as fund advisors. They include Laughlin and Rene and their children, Suzanne, an attorney with the Modrall Sperling law firm; Christine, a writer in Connecticut; John and David, both Realtors with Barker Management in Santa Fe; and Patrick, a businessman in Florida, as well as grandchildren who live in Santa Fe and around the country.

Laughlin and Rene Barker graduated from Santa Fe High School. Laughlin’s first career was as a Navy pilot for 25 years. On retirement, he and Rene returned to Santa Fe with their children and started a real estate business. Laughlin has always been active in the community, serving as President of the Santa Fe County Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Board of St. Vincent Hospital when the decision was made to relocate the hospital to St. Michael’s Drive, among many other volunteer positions.

Laughlin and Rene hope that the family fund will inspire their children and grandchildren to continue their legacy of giving to Santa Fe. Their descendants already actively participate in making collaborative charitable decisions, both with their time and dollars. Last summer the family took time together to work at Fairview Cemetery, where their ancestors are buried.

**THE MILAGRO FUND**

This anonymous donor advised endowment promotes social innovation that generates healthy communities and environments.

**GONZALES-GALLEGOS FAMILY ENDOWMENT**

Santa Fe Community Foundation Board Chair Felice Gonzales and her husband, attorney Gene Gallegos, have created an endowment fund to spread the seeds of hope for a better community and to instill in their children the value they place in philanthropy.

**SANTA FE YOUTH SOCCER FUND**

The American Youth Soccer Organization of Santa Fe and the Northern New Mexico Soccer League have joined forces to create an endowment in support of youth soccer in the greater Santa Fe area. The endowment will help purchase equipment and provide tuition subsidies for players. League officials stress that their goal in working together is to ensure the coordination, growth and nurturing of youth soccer.

**EARL P. WOOD FUND**

This fund was established through the estate of Earl (Pat) Wood, who was born in 1925 and graduated in 1947 from the University of Michigan with a degree in civil and structural engineering. He came to Santa Fe, which he called the “land of no concrete,” a year later with his wife, Dorothy, and infant daughter, Nancy, to work with W.C. Kruger and Kenneth Clark. From 1952 to 1966 he partnered with Ken DeLapp, then struck out on his own as an architect. His list of design accomplishments, including schools, commercial buildings, military facilities, bridges and cathedrals in New Mexico, is quite long. His favorite, Plaza Letrado in Santa Fe, incorporates local stone and other materials. Wood served as President of the New Mexico Society of Architects, Professional Engineers in Private Practice and the New Mexico Architectural Foundation. He dedicated six years each to the Santa Fe Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Historical Style Committee and Housing Authority.

Wood had a quirky sense of humor, observed life with a skeptical eye and felt passionately about the wilderness, a love he passed on to his daughter, Nancy Brinegar.

This fund will support educational needs that reflect Wood’s gratitude for his opportunity to go to college.

**ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA FE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT**

In addition to philanthropic efforts such as the Distinguished Artist Award and educational arts grants, the Downtown Rotary Club formed the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Foundation to make humanitarian grants in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico. Of special interest to this group are projects in health, housing and education. The Rotary Club of Santa Fe Foundation Endowment has been created to accept memorial gifts and planned gifts to help further the work of the Foundation.

Gifts of cash, securities or real estate may be made to the Fairview Cemetery Fund, Soccer Fund, Santa Fe Rotary Foundation Fund and the Earl P. Wood Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1827, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1827. For further information contact Valerie Ingram, Development Director, at 988-9715, ext. 4, or vingram@santafecf.org.

Felice Gonzales and Gene Gallegos  
Photo by Nancy Ellis

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Lexus of Albuquerque Claims Top Golf Prize

The Lexus of Albuquerque team won the 2006 Piñon Classic Golf Tournament, and attorney Tony Sawtell won the raffled trip to Pebble Beach to compete in the 2006 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship tournament.

On August 8, teams enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Las Campanas. Other winners included Stewart Santa Fe Abstract, which took second place, another Lexus team for third and Columbus Capital for fourth. Mark Swanson won for men’s longest drive and Jackie Chitto for women’s longest drive. Paul Zucarille won for men’s closest to the pin and Holly Spellman won the women’s title.

Raffle prizes included exclusive golf equipment, apparel and gift certificates. The tournament was a fun, successful event that raised funds for the Foundation’s operations.

We thank our generous sponsors Lexus of Albuquerque, Triumfo Property and Lexus Champions for Charity.

If you would like to field a team in 2007, please contact Dallas Steele, Administrative Coordinator, at 988-9715, ext. 0, or dsteele@santafecf.org, to receive notification of availability.

On Friday, November 10, the Santa Fe Community Foundation and the Santa Fe Opera will cosponsor an estate planning seminar geared toward professional advisors. Natalie Choate, Esq., will speak on Estate Planning for Retirement Benefits: Practical Ideas for Real Life Situations from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Santa Fe Opera Ranch.

The seminar will be of interest to estate planners and financial professionals and CPE credits will be offered. Natalie B. Choate practices law in Boston with the firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP. Her practice is limited to consulting on estate planning and retirement benefits. Ms. Choate’s books, Life and Death Planning for Retirement Benefits and The QPRT Manual are leading resources for estate planners.

Please RSVP to 988-9715, ext. 3.

Future Santa Fe Fund Kicks Off

The Foundation’s newest giving circle, designed for individuals and couples under 50, has sponsored three events: a membership drive at El Paseo Bar and Grill, a Fiesta party and a luncheon for employees at Thornburg Companies.

Each donor contributes $250 to a $10,000 endowment seeded by an anonymous young donor. The earnings from the fund will be used to make grants. The Foundation’s Board of Directors has approved $2,500 for first-year grantmaking while the endowment grows.

The goal of the fund is to engage Santa Fe’s next generation of business, government and nonprofit leaders in philanthropy. The group will undertake a study of the pressing needs of the community to determine how to award its grants. Future Santa Fe hopes to sign up 50 members by year’s end.

For more information about the Future Santa Fe Fund, call Valerie Ingram, Development Director, at 988-9715, ext. 4, or vingram@santafecf.org.
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