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Foundation Celebrates Impact of Philanthropy

CARLSBAD, N.M., October 9, 2019 – Donors, scholarship recipients, nonprofit organization representatives and others recently gathered to celebrate the impact of philanthropy. The Carlsbad Community Foundation recently held its annual community reception, where the focus was on the interaction of guests, who whether through funding or effort, are among the most caring people in the area who make a huge impact on the lives of others in South Eddy County.

Master of Ceremonies Mike Currier delivered a brief program that outlined the evening's theme: Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present, Look to the Future. He traced several examples of donors who gave both during their lifetimes and in their final estate documents, showed concrete examples of how their contributions to the Foundation many years ago are benefitting our community today and looked to how their gifts will continue to support needs in the community for many years to come.

One such example highlighted the generosity of Mary Lindley. Mrs. Lindley was a teacher in West Virginia and New Mexico. Eventually, she became the first librarian in the Carlsbad Municipal School system when she started the Hillcrest Elementary School library. She was an avid volunteer for the hospital auxiliary and received the Carlsbad Literacy Award in 1988. Mrs. Lindley passed away in 1998 and left a portion of her estate to the Foundation for educational scholarships.

To date, an endowed scholarship fund bearing her name has benefitted more than 233 students with a total value of more than \$100,000 in scholarships. This year alone, 14 students were awarded the Mary Lindley Memorial Scholarship.

To illustrate the long-term nature of the Foundation's endowment funds, Currier shared an interesting fact. Even though Mrs. Lindley passed away more than 20 years ago, the endowed scholarship will continue to be awarded for many, many years. Even, as he pointed out, to some of the babies that are born this year, who are anticipated to be part of the graduating class of 2037.

Building on the impacts that Currier outlined, Executive Director Mike Antiporda pointed out the many framed photos decorated all the tables throughout the Carousel House. The photos, taken by Foundation staff or submitted by local nonprofit organizations, depicted impacts of philanthropy. They included charitable work on many needs in the community, including housing and homelessness, hunger, education, scholarships, domestic violence, animal wellbeing and much more.

These impacts are possible due to the generosity of many. The Foundation's Board of Directors and staff are honored to host this annual event to celebrate philanthropy in our community.

About the Carlsbad Community Foundation

The Carlsbad Community Foundation is a charitable, 501(c)(3) organization that exists to improve the quality of life for the people of our community and South Eddy County. The work of the Foundation is achieved by building endowment funds for long-term support of nonprofit organizations and other charitable purposes.

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Reception 1 – Executive Director Mike Antiporda making remarks to the Foundation’s guests.

Reception 2 – Master of Ceremonies Mike Currier and Executive Director Mike Antiporda.

Reception 3 – Captain James Williams and Past Board Member Julia Williams.

Reception 4 – Sharon Snell and other members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha’s local chapter were on-hand to demonstrate Milo, an educational tool for students with autism.

Reception 5 – Benefactor Martha McIlvain, Margaret McClure and Len Furr.

Reception 6 – Past Board Member Neal Dungan, Judge Jay Francis and Kix Kicker.