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Giving Spirit of Community Celebrated

CARLSBAD, N.M., September 21, 2017 – The giving spirit of the community was clear tonight, as the Carlsbad Community Foundation hosted its annual community reception. More than 200 people were expected to gather for the event, representing both donors who generously give and grant recipients who put charitable dollars to work in the area.

Mike Currier, who served as the master of ceremonies, recognized the important role that the Foundation's donors and benefactors play in achieving the organization's charitable mission.

"Making our community a better place for all is the ultimate goal," said Currier. "Our donors and benefactors make that possible through their generosity. And when we work together through an organization like the Carlsbad Community Foundation, we can do so much more."

Last year, the Foundation was able to provide grants to more than 60 charitable organizations and award more than 90 scholarships, returning more than \$950,000 to the community. Some of the Foundation's recent grants have supported the Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter, Packs for Hunger, The Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad, Noah's Ark Animal Refuge, Lakeview Christian Home, Landsun Homes, Deliver-A-Meal, Carlsbad Veterans Memorial Park, CARC, Inc., the Carlsbad Literacy Program, Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, the Carlsbad Early College High School and the Halagueno Arts Park Committee. The Foundation has also accepted more than \$300,000 in donations in a new fund for Friendship Park and will award grants for the completion of the project.

The Community Reception was an interactive event among many representatives of philanthropy in the community: donors, benefactors, board members, staff and representatives of many local charitable organizations. Mike Currier delivered brief remarks to those in attendance that highlighted the giving spirit of the community and how the Foundation plays a key role in many charitable areas. He also announced a new initiative to benefit local charitable organizations.

Chevron Products Company has partnered with the Carlsbad Community Foundation to establish the Chevron Catalyst Fund. Chevron is one of the Foundation's organizational benefactors and thanks to its generosity, the Foundation is now accepting grant applications. The Chevron Catalyst Grants are designed to provide small to medium-sized grants to local charitable organizations. The guidelines are broad and can support a wide variety of activities, including health and human services, education, arts & humanities, safety and more. More information and the online grant application is available on the Foundation's Web site at www.carlsbadfoundation.org starting Sept. 22. The deadline to apply for the fund's first grants is October 31, 2017 and awards will be made before the end of the year.

"Chevron's generosity has always been greatly appreciated," said the 2016-17 Foundation Board President Jon Tully. "This continued partnership allows the Foundation to further serve as a community catalyst to improve the lives of people in our area."

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. A Benefactor is a donor who has cumulatively contributed more than \$10,000 to Foundation endowment funds.

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