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## **Carlsbad Community Foundation Awards Chevron Catalyst Grants to Benefit Diverse Charitable Needs**

**CARLSBAD, N.M., February 13, 2019** – The Carlsbad Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$66,000 to 21 nonprofit organizations. The Chevron Catalyst Grant Program is the result of a partnership between the Foundation and Chevron Products Company. Chevron established the Chevron Catalyst Fund in 2017 from which the Foundation awards small to medium-sized grants for diverse charitable needs through a competitive grant process. The first grants were awarded in 2018 and this was the second year of the program.

Cary Baird, the Policy, Government & Public Affairs Team Lead for Chevron’s Mid-Continent Business Unit, attended the February 12 award ceremony and spoke highly of the partnership with the Foundation. She also said the program is particularly beneficial for charitable causes that may not be known by Chevron, but that the Foundation is able to identify as an important need for our community.

“The Foundation is honored that Chevron established the fund with us to help improve lives in Carlsbad and South Eddy County,” said Executive Director Mike Antiporda. “The flexibility of the program allows us to serve very diverse charitable needs.”

The list of 2019 Chevron Catalyst Grant recipients is as follows:

1. Assistance League of Carlsbad
2. CARC, Inc.
3. Carlsbad Battered Family Shelter
4. Carlsbad Community Anti-Drug/Gang Coalition
5. Carlsbad Community Concert Association

6. Carlsbad Community Kitchen
7. Carlsbad Community of Hope Center
8. Carlsbad Community Theatre
9. Carlsbad Lifehouse, Inc.
10. Carlsbad Literacy Program
11. Carlsbad MainStreet Project
12. Carlsbad Transitional Housing and Homeless Shelter
13. Creative Carlsbad Arts Council
14. Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
15. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Eddy County
16. Eddy County CASA
17. Epsilon Sigma Alpha "Packs for Hunger"
18. Friends of the Living Desert
19. Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest
20. Noah's Ark Animal Refuge, Inc.
21. Southeast NM Community Action Corporation

Chevron Products Company is an organizational benefactor at the Foundation. Benefactor status is a recognition bestowed by the Board of Directors to major donors who contribute to endowment funds for the long-term benefit of the 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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