

The Catalyst

The Carlsbad Community Foundation May 2025



The 2025 Scholarship Issue

Taking a stroll on the pathway to success

Let's take a walk! The Foundation has wrapped up its scholarship awards for 2025 high school graduates, so it seems like a good time to reflect on the pathway on which many students now find themselves.



Now, just like it will be at points of their life in the future, it's easy to look over our shoulder to see the steps along the path we've already taken.

What's more challenging sometimes is looking forward to see what awaits us on the path ahead. An uncertain pathway can cause our new graduates, as well as the rest of us, some concern, but also provides some of life's great moments. Sometimes the pathway curves in unexpected ways, but often if we keep walking we discover opportunities around the bend that we would have never imagined.

We are incredibly proud to play a role in students' stroll down the pathway to success. Whether the scholarships lead to studies at a university or skill development at a vocational school, we are confident they will succeed.

We congratulate all of our scholarship recipients and wish them the best in all their future endeavors!

Mike Antiporda is the Executive Director of the Carlsbad Community Foundation

Scholarships for returning and continuing students offered

The Foundation's Summer scholarship program is geared for students who are not current high school students. Specifically, it is designed to support students of all ages, who are looking to improve their education whether they are currently in the workforce or not. Students who are currently in college or vocational school and are continuing their studies may also apply.

More information and the online application may be found on our website at www.carlsbadfoundation.org.

Online applications will be accepted June 1-30, 2025 and awards will be made by July 30, in time for the start of the Fall 2025 Semester.

Multiple Skyler M. Garringer Memorial Grants awarded



The Foundation's Board of Directors recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to Lakeview Christian Home to support their Activity Center renovation. The grant was awarded from the Skyler M. Garringer Memorial Fund. Executive Director Mike Antiporda presented the grant to Lakeview CEO Jody Knox, joined by Mike and Deanna Garringer, who established the endowment at the Foundation in memory of their son.

The Board also recently approved a \$5,000 grant to the New Mexico School for the Deaf through a collaborative effort with the PY Foundation and other regional funders to purchase infant hearing diagnostic equipment. The equipment is critical for early intervention to avoid speech or other developmental delays. More information about this exciting project and our partnership with others will be available as it progresses.

Missi Currier recognized with Benefactor status

The Foundation's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Missi Currier has been recognized as our newest Benefactor. A Carlsbad native, Missi is well known in our community and currently serves as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.



Her ties to the Foundation run deep. Her parents are the late Mike and Linnie Davis Currier, who were also Benefactors. Given that, she is a strong supporter of the Linnie Davis for the Love of Horses Scholarship Fund, which her Dad established in memory of her Mom after her passing. She is also the granddaughter of Chili Currier, for which the NM Land & Title Association Chili Currier Memorial Scholarship is named.



Foundation awards more than \$160,000 in scholarships

Due to the generosity of donors over the past 47-plus years, the Foundation is the largest single provider of local scholarships in South Eddy County. Scholarship award ceremonies were recently held in both Loving and Carlsbad, NM. Many of the scholarships are memorial scholarships and we were joined on-stage by family members who are dedicated to the memory of their loved ones. In all, the

Foundation awarded 144 scholarships with a full value of more than \$160,000!

As our local students take the next steps in their educational journey, whether in college or vocational school, we hope that through these scholarships they feel the community support behind them!





What a team! The Foundation held a grant award ceremony that was attended by grant recipients, Foundation Board Members and staff and representatives from Chevron.

Foundation awards Chevron Catalyst Grants to 24 local recipients

The Carlsbad Community Foundation has awarded grants to 24 nonprofit organizations as part of its Chevron Catalyst Grant Program. The program is part of a long-standing partnership with Chevron that began when they established a charitable fund in 2016 and has continued with their generous annual support.

The Foundation is responsible for selecting recipients through a competitive grant process, drawing on its experience and extensive knowledge of local nonprofit organizations to maximize the use of charitable dollars.

"Our primary focus is to improve lives of people in Carlsbad and South Eddy County," said Foundation Board President Gemma Ferguson. "With Chevron's support, this program has become a big part of that effort. Together, we have made a great team!"

Since the program began, it has benefitted diverse charitable needs within the community. This year, more than \$68,000 is being awarded, increasing the program's grant total since 2018 to more than a half million dollars.

"Chevron's not just part of southeastern New Mexico, we're part of helping improve the well-being of the communities where we live and work," said Katelyn Maxwell, Superintendent of Chevron's Operations-New Mexico. "We're proud to collaborate with the Carlsbad Community

Foundation and excited to see the positive impacts of the grant recipients."

The 2025 Chevron Catalyst Grant recipients are:

1. AAUW Carlsbad
2. Abundant Harvest Food Pantry
3. CARC Inc.
4. Carlsbad Area Art Association
5. Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter
6. Carlsbad Community of Hope Center
7. Carlsbad Community Theater
8. Carlsbad Co-op
9. Carlsbad Literacy Program
10. Carlsbad Museum
11. Carlsbad Transitional Housing and Homeless Shelter
12. Christian Women's Job Corps of Carlsbad
13. Eddy County CASA
14. Faith, Hope and Love Foundation
15. Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest
16. Lakeview Christian Home
17. Mission Carlsbad
18. MyPower, Inc.
19. NM Community Lawn Care and Services
20. Noah's Ark Animal Refuge, Inc.
21. Permian Basin Counseling & Guidance
22. Riverside PTA
23. Southeastern New Mexico Historical Society
24. United Way of Eddy County



Tributes & Donations

January 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025

Memorials

Hipolito Antiporda

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Mike and Deena Antiporda

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Helen Furr

Ruth Brown

*Methodist Youth Fund**

Jim and Judy Lunardon

Greg Butterfield

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Scholarship**

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Mickey and Sally Miller

Gretchen Villers

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Helen Furr

Brant Woolf

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Carlsbad Community Theatre

Honors

Marian Aragon

*Tom and Carol Martin Brittany's
Hope Fund*
Bill Kingston

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Carlsbad Rotary Club Speakers

*Leslie Messer Wilson Memorial
Scholarship of the Cavern City
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Deanna Garringer – Happy Birthday

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Fund**

Carla Dungan

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Jerry Hammons

*Class of '62 Scholarship**
Curt Mize

Rhonda Hatch – Happy Birthday

*Class of '62 Scholarship**
Curtis Mize

George Hurd – Happy Birthday

*Class of '62 Scholarship**
Curt Mize

Benjamin Jackson's Birth
Tom and Carol Martin Brittany's
*Hope Fund**
 Bill Kingston

Bill Kingston
*Founders Fund**
 Lindsey McMurray

Carol Lofton - Happy Birthday
*Class of '62 Scholarship**
 Curtis Mize

Larry Mitchell
Leadership Carlsbad Fund
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Mary Sydow – Happy Birthday
*Class of '62 Scholarship**
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 Jerry Hammons
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 Mark Franzblau
 Leslie Heinsch
 Pamela Jean Hill-Smith
 Mary Hubbard
 Pamela Wigley Jones
 Allen & Deborah Kilgore
 Dave & Jayann Sepich
 Craig & Sheri Stephens

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Scholarship*
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Donations

American Nuclear Society
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 Jerome and Florence Golden

Community looking forward to Cavern Theater re-opening

About 75 years later, Carlsbad residents are once again anticipating the opening of the Cavern Theater. The historic photo at right is provided courtesy of the New Mexico Historical Society. It shows the magnificent theater as it was in 1950, around the time of the theater's opening.

The color photo was taken April 30, 2025 as members of the Carlsbad Rotary Club were given the opportunity to tour the City of Carlsbad's restored and renovated facility. The theater is now designed, not only for movies, but also for live performances. This new version has a stage and modern sound and lighting capabilities.

Many touches from the original facility are preserved, such as the mosaic tile floor in the lobby and the paintings of the Carlsbad Caverns (visible in photos) on each side of the auditorium. The carpet and final touches are all that remain before the theater is ready to open.

Kudos to the City of Carlsbad for making this grand theater available for our community. The facility will be managed by Carlsbad Mainstreet.



Courtesy of the Southeastern New Mexico Historical Society, www.nearlovingbend.net.



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Jill Norrid Memorial Scholarship*
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Our hearts are heavy with the news that our dear friend Larry Henderson passed away on February 21, 2025. A proud member of the Foundation Family, Larry served on our Board of Directors from 2010-2016 and led our organization as Board President in 2014-15. Prior to his service to the Foundation, he was the recipient of the Foundation's Humanitarian Award in 2009, highlighting his active community involvement. For many years he was a champion for Carlsbad and all of us who live here. The Foundation Board and Staff express our sincere condolences to his wife Signe, their two sons Eric and Scott and all his family and friends.



Larry and Signe Henderson accepting a grant for the CMC Auxiliary in 2013 from then Executive Director Jim Harrison.

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Legacy of Candy Thomas Bussell continues



The Foundation and Monterrey Elementary School recently honored the legacy of Candy Thomas Bussell, a Third Grade teacher at Monterrey prior to her passing in 1997. A memorial plaque in the school prior to its reconstruction could no longer be found, so the Foundation replaced it to ensure Mrs. Bussell's legacy would be remembered by all. Above are Executive Director Mike Antiporda, Principal Jessica Arenivas and Mrs. Bussell's son and daughter-in-law, Brandon and Claire Bussell. The Foundation awards scholarships to former Monterrey students in her memory from the Candy Thomas Bussell Memorial Scholarship Fund.