

The Catalyst

The Carlsbad Community Foundation

May 2026



Foundation awards \$185,000+
in scholarships

New chapters can be the start of amazing stories

As a kid, I'm sure I impatiently skipped to the last chapter of a book once or twice, just to see how the story ended.



Fortunately, that lack of patience doesn't apply to life and we get to experience one chapter at a time.

That's part of the excitement for the Foundation's scholarship recipients each year. They get to start a new chapter of their life as they strive to reach their long-term goals. And even if those goals

change over time or life leads them in unexpected directions, we are incredibly proud to play a role. We hope they know that their community stands behind them!

This year, the Carlsbad Schools also started a new chapter, having the award ceremony in the brand-new Performing Arts Center (PAC). We have participated for years at the P.R. Leyva Auditorium, but it was sure exciting to be in the PAC. One of our scholarships celebrates the legacy of P.R., or "Porky", Leyva and we were proud to award it in the new venue, with his photo displayed on stage. Legacies, such as his and others, start new chapters every year and have no final chapter to skip to, even if we wanted to!

Mike Antiporda is the Executive Director of the Carlsbad Community Foundation

United Way of Eddy County recognizes Foundation



The United Way of Eddy County recently recognized the Foundation, twice! First, as the February 2026 Business of the Month for support of their charitable efforts, in particular during the government shutdown. When the need for help peaked, we were able to share part of our office space for storing and organizing donated food and hygiene products that were distributed to community members in need.

Then, in March at their annual Victory Luncheon, the United Way awarded a Special Personal Recognition to the Foundation's Jovy Jackson for providing assistance with Spanish-speaking individuals who are seeking help through the 2-1-1 Program. Jovy has been at the Foundation for two years and was recently promoted to the position of Program Coordinator. She has responsibilities for the day-to-day processing of incoming donations, payment of scholarships and grants and provides support of all other Foundation activities. We're so proud she's on our team!

Scholarships to be offered for those beyond high school

The Foundation's Summer scholarship program is designed for students of all ages. Whether you have been out of high school for one year or many years, our program aims to help those who are looking to continue, start or re-start studies in academic or vocational fields.

More information and the online application may be found on our website at www.carlsbadfoundation.org from June 1-30, 2026. You will need a PDF copy of your most recent college transcript, if you have one, or a high school transcript, otherwise.

Awards will be made by July 30, in time for the Fall 2026 Semester.

Eligibility checklist

If you can answer "Yes" to both of these statements, then you are eligible to apply!



- I am a current or former South Eddy County, NM resident (Carlsbad, Loving, Otis, Malaga or Queen only)
- I am NOT an immediate family member or direct descendant to any current member of the Foundation Board or staff

Foundation partnership with Chevron continues with award of Catalyst Grants to 20 local non-profit organizations



One-by-one, at a grant award ceremony, members of the Foundation's Board of Directors awarded Chevron Catalyst Grants to 20 local non-profit organizations to address diverse charitable needs in the community. The total amount awarded was in excess of \$67,000.

The Foundation has awarded grants to non-profit organizations as part of its Chevron Catalyst Grant Program since 2018. The program is part of a long-standing partnership with Chevron that established a charitable fund in 2016. Chevron, which is one of the Foundation's Organizational Benefactors, has generously supported the Chevron Catalyst Fund annually ever since, ensuring resources to assist nonprofits that serve our community. The Foundation is responsible for selecting the recipients through a competitive grant process, drawing on its experience and extensive knowledge of local non-profit organizations to maximize the use of charitable dollars.

"The Foundation is able to impact so many people through this program," said Foundation Board President Therese Rodriguez. "We greatly appreciate the trust that Chevron places in us and their continued support that makes this program possible!"

Juan Quintero, Operations Superintendent of Chevron's Operations-New Mexico West, was on hand for the grant award ceremony and heard first-hand how the funds will be used by the recipients.



"Chevron is proud to partner with the Carlsbad Community Foundation in supporting local nonprofits that make such a meaningful difference in our community," said Quintero. "We believe these grants will empower organizations to continue their important work, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have in Carlsbad and South Eddy County."

The 2026 Chevron Catalyst Grant recipients are:

1. AAUW Carlsbad
2. CARC Inc.
3. Carlsbad Area Art Association
4. Carlsbad Battered Families Shelter
5. Carlsbad Cares Animal Rescue and Sanctuary
6. Carlsbad Community Theater
7. Carlsbad Literacy Program
8. Carlsbad Mainstreet Project
9. Christian Women's Job Corps of Carlsbad
10. C-Paws
11. Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
12. Eddy County CASA
13. Lakeview Christian Home
14. Living Truth Academy
15. Noah's Ark Animal Refuge, Inc.
16. Southeast New Mexico Community Action Corporation
17. Southeast New Mexico Homeschool Hub
18. Southeast New Mexico Veterans Transportation Network
19. Southeastern New Mexico Historical Society
20. United Way of Eddy County

Foundation awards Carlsbad and Loving students \$185,000+ in scholarships for college or vocational school

Congratulations to graduating seniors in Loving and Carlsbad, who received scholarships totaling more than \$185,000! The highly competitive scholarship program began with informational meetings in January, followed by the submittal of online applications in early February, selection committee deliberations in March and the official awards in April.

The Foundation's goal is to help as many students as possible and we were able to award scholarships to seniors at Carlsbad High School, Carlsbad Early College High School, Loving High

School, Jefferson Montessori Academy and the Carlsbad Enrichment Center, as well as several home-schooled students.

In the process, we are proud to grow the legacies of many individuals, as named endowed scholarships are awarded in their memory.

Best wishes to the Class of '26!



Tributes & Donations

January 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026

Memorials

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Ralph Leyva

Kathryn J. Sepich Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Roni, Michael, Kevin & Amy Barnhart

Roger and Cindy Short

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Honors

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Leslie Messer Wilson
Memorial Scholarship of the
Cavern City Rotary Club
 Mike Antiporda
 Ekta Bhakta
 Ron Branch
 Kat Davis
 Ben Freston
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 Elena Reed
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Deanna Garringer's Birthday
*Skyler M. Garringer Memorial Fund**
 Mackie Garringer

Rhonda Hatch's Birthday
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 Curtis Mize

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Brittany Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund*
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Sue McGee-Chiodini of First American Bank presents a donation from the Cockburn Charitable Trust to Executive Director Mike Antiporda.

First American Bank supports endowed scholarship program

In January, First American Bank made a generous \$125,000 donation to the Foundation from the Cockburn Charitable Trust to support our endowed scholarship program. Generous donations from the Trust for this purpose were also made in 2020, 2022 and 2024, but this is the largest to date.

The Trust was established by Maggie Suetta Boles Cockburn in hopes that it would give back to the residents of Southeastern New Mexico upon her death. Mrs. Cockburn, whose husband Barney passed away in 1958, lived in Artesia, NM for many years. In December 2009, she passed away at the age of 100 in Denton, TX.

We are honored by the confidence First American Bank places in us to help achieve the purposes of the Trust as Mrs. Cockburn envisioned.

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Foundation Faces



The Foundation's charitable mission doesn't happen automatically, it takes a team of people working together to ensure success. At the recent scholarship award ceremony at the CHS Performing Arts Center, members of the Board and staff gathered for a rare group photo! Pictured (l to r) are: Program Coordinator Jovy Jackson, Board Member Crystal Montoya, Board Secretary Jeff Forrest, Board Member Bill Kingston, Executive Director Mike Antiporda, Board Vice President Wendy Austin, Board President Therese Rodriguez and Board Member Pam Hester. Not shown are Board Members JJ Chavez, Gemma Ferguson, Justin Parraz and Jim Renfrow, as well as Finance Coordinator Jennifer Granger. We have a great team!