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March 31, 2016: Board Chair Mike Boyd announced the San Angelo Health Foundation has awarded \$220,390 to six area non-profit organizations. Approximately 199 organizations and 620 projects have benefitted from Foundation funding in its twenty years of grant making.

Grants Chair Marilyn Aboussie said the following grants encompass public safety, education, civic activities, nutrition and youth rehabilitation:

Concho Christmas Celebration was awarded \$17,560 to upgrade the electricity infrastructure and add 10 Christmas displays. Since 1995 Concho Christmas Celebration has provided the light display extending from the banks of the Concho River to the Paseo. Last year more than 65,000 people from 252 cities and 27 states viewed the display.

Cornerstone Christian School was awarded \$18,950 to install new HVAC in their school gym. The school opened in 1986 and provides a Christian education for students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. The gym is used by students and other community groups throughout the year.

Grape Creek Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$105,122 to purchase an attack brush truck. They have been providing fire and EMS services since 1972. Grape Creek Volunteer Fire Department covers 210 square miles and responds to 200-300 fires and emergencies annually.

San Angelo Area Foundation was given \$25,000 to the amplification fund for the May 3rd *San Angelo Gives* program. This is a one day, 24-hour online fundraising effort to benefit local charities.

Wesley Trinity Daily Bread Program was awarded \$19,909 to purchase an additional walk-in freezer. This soup kitchen provides lunch Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm to anyone in need of a hot meal. They are averaging 200 meals every day.

West Texas Boys Ranch was awarded \$33,849 to update their phones and wireless internet. The Ranch started in 1947 and provides a home for boys ages 6 to 17 needing an alternative to their home environment. They offer a home based care program on a working ranch .

Grant application and financial information can be found at www.sahfoundation.org. Contact Tom Early (tomearly@sahfoundation.org) or Deborah Watson (dwatson@sahfoundation.org) at the Foundation office at 426 West Avenue B, San Angelo, TX. Phone (325) 486-0185, PO Box 3550, San Angelo TX 76902-3550.

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