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June 30, 2016: San Angelo Health Foundation Board Chair Mike Boyd recently announced that the Foundation has granted \$328,389 to fund projects for five area non-profit organizations. The grant awards are for a diversity of programs including arts and humanities, public safety, youth development, health and mental health services.

Since its inception over twenty years ago, the San Angelo Health Foundation has approved and awarded grants totaling \$46,902,287 benefitting the Concho Valley region by funding 199 organizations for 624 worthy projects.

Grants Committee Chair Marilyn Aboussie said the following applications for funding were approved:

Ballinger Memorial Hospital District was awarded \$181,557 to purchase an X-Ray machine and upgrades for their portable X-Ray unit. Ballinger Memorial Hospital is a 25 bed critical access hospital which also has a swing bed unit for providing post-hospitalization skilled care for southern Runnels County. They also operate a health clinic and retail pharmacy. Improved radiology services will provide faster readings, improve patient safety and offer testing not available with their current equipment.

Christoval Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$55,000 to purchase a wildfire truck cab and chassis. Christoval Volunteer Fire Department was chartered in 1983 and responds to emergencies and fires in a 220 square mile radius. In 2015 Christoval VFD responded to 80 calls for fires, vehicular accidents and emergency services.

Junior League of San Angelo was awarded \$2,500 for the Student Closet program. The Student Closet program began in 2012 and has served over 300 deserving students. The Student Closet provides clothing for children from newborn to high school age. The children are referred to the Junior League by school counselors and other members of the community.

San Angelo Civic Ballet was awarded \$33,873 to purchase furniture, fixtures and equipment for their new space in the San Angelo Performing Arts Center. The Civic Ballet

began in 1983 with an annual performance of *The Nutcracker* and has grown to perform multiple productions annually. They offer a variety of dance instruction, yoga and Pilates to the community and currently have over 200 students. They anticipate moving to the new center in the fall of 2016.

West Texas Counseling & Guidance was awarded \$55,459 to initiate a Suicide Prevention Program. West Texas Counseling & Guidance has been providing professional counseling services to the Concho Valley since 1986. The LOSS program (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) is new to San Angelo. The LOSS program will assist those left behind by suicide. Additional outreach and prevention programs will also be established.

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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