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**September 24, 2015:** San Angelo Health Foundation Board Chair Mike Boyd recently announced that the Foundation has granted a total of \$632,400 to four area non-profit organizations. The grant awards are for a diversity of programs including public safety, youth development and medical care for children.

Since its inception twenty years ago, the San Angelo Health Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$46,019,739 benefitting the Concho Valley region by funding 199 organizations and 599 worthy projects.

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

**Institute of Cognitive Development (ICD)** was awarded \$140,000 for the Family Shelter. ICD was founded in 1977 and manages two major programs. First is a residential home for individuals with development disabilities and second is the Family Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their families.

**Laura Bush Institute** was awarded \$35,900 to implement a R.A.D. Systems Basic Self Defense Course for ages 13 and above in the community. The Laura Bush Institute was established in 2010 as part of Angelo State University. Their mission is to develop educational and outreach programs to positively influence women's health and that of their families.

**MHMR of the Concho Valley** was awarded \$171,500 for their Autism, Behavior and Communication Center (ABC Center) for Children. MHMR was established in 1966 and serves individuals with mental illness, autism and development disabilities. The Autism, Behavior and Communication Center for Children provides one-on-one therapy for children with autism and their families using the Applied Behavior Analysis approach.

**Young Life San Angelo** was awarded \$285,000 to renovate part of a building at Rust Street Ministries to relocate their agency. Young Life was established in San Angelo in 2011 to minister to high school students. Young Life has experienced rapid growth and has

established additional programs for college students and also for teen mothers in their outreach efforts. The relocation will allow for their expanded programs and club activities to be housed in one location.

Grant application and financial information can be found at [www.sahfoundation.org](http://www.sahfoundation.org). Contact Tom Early ([tomearly@sahfoundation.org](mailto:tomearly@sahfoundation.org)) or Deborah Watson ([dwatson@sahfoundation.org](mailto: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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