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September 29, 2016: San Angelo Health Foundation Board Chair Mike Boyd recently announced that the Foundation has granted **\$612,352 to fund projects for five area non-profit organizations.** The grant awards are for a diversity of programs including nutrition, youth development, arts and cultural activities and services for the impoverished in three Concho Valley counties.

Since its inception over twenty years ago, the San Angelo Health Foundation has approved and awarded grants totaling \$47,513,907 benefitting the Concho Valley region by funding 201 organizations for 629 worthy projects.

Grants Committee Chair Marilyn Aboussie said the following grants were approved:

Community Development Initiatives at Angelo State University was awarded **\$126,235** over two years to become a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) intermediary. As such they will recruit VISTA volunteers and place them with organizations working to lift Americans out of poverty. Focus areas will be education, health and behavioral health.

Association of Asian-American Women was awarded **\$5,000** to expand their classroom curriculum. Their mission is to promote and nurture Asian culture and heritage through education and fellowship. Classes will be held at their Asian Cultural Center in Old Town San Angelo beginning in 2017.

Eldorado Service Center was awarded **\$80,767** to open a soup kitchen and continue the senior meals program. The senior meals program serves approximately 30 people a day. The soup kitchen will be open to all ages in need of a hot meal for lunch. It

will be located in the former Schleicher County Medical Center along with the WIC and MHMR offices.

Restoring Bronte Foundation was awarded **\$62,350** to purchase playground equipment for the Bronte Community Park. It will replace a few sparse items dating back to the 1950's. The ADA compliant playground will accommodate children of all ages for recreation and exercise. The Bronte Foundation's mission is to foster charitable pathways to improve their community.

San Angelo Performing Arts Center was awarded \$338,000 to purchase furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new Performing Arts Center and renovated City Auditorium. The Performing Arts Center is near completion with the City Auditorium scheduled to open in mid to late 2017.

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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