

# ANGEL FIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



2012 REPORT TO  
THE COMMUNITY



# Together we can make a difference...



Healthy and happy families is the goal of the Angel Fire Community Foundation.

Welcome to the first report of the Angel Fire Community Foundation (AFCF), a philanthropic institution created for the people of Angel Fire and the Moreno Valley. You'll find a review of our 2011 accomplishments. You'll see how AFCF invests to make our community an even better place. To learn about the many ways of giving, turn to pages 6 and 7.



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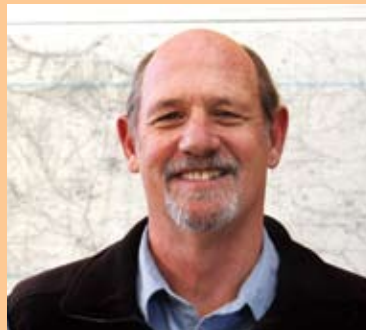
## Thank You...

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## President's Report

It has been approximately four years since the Angel Fire Southern Moreno Valley Community Corporation expanded its mission and changed its name to the Angel Fire Community Foundation (AFCF).



This organization was created in 1978 by people who shared a common concern — improving the quality of life for residents and visitors in the Moreno Valley. Now in addition to being a grant making organization, we also are an endowment building one. The Foundation serves individuals and families who choose the ease of creating a charitable fund instead of establishing a private foundation. We help connect donors' charitable giving goals with vital community needs while taking advantage of optimal tax benefits.

Over the last 34 years, this organization has invested over \$500,000 and thousands of work hours into this community.

### During the last year, the Foundation has:

1. Worked with Donor Advised Funds to increase funding and support for community projects.
2. Co-sponsored the Annual Angel Fire Wellness Fair in partnership with the Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic and the Angel Fire Fire Department.
3. Made financial grants to non-profit organizations that are meeting various needs in the Moreno Valley.
4. Served as Fiscal Agent for local non-profit organizations by receiving fundraising gifts, managing and accounting for the assets and disbursing the funds to the organizations.
5. Coordinated with the Angel Fire Village Fire Chief and Village officials for a remodel of the Angel Fire Fire Station #1 (Stromberg Center), which is an asset owned by the Angel Fire Community Foundation and leased by the Village of Angel Fire.

Looking forward, we recognize the importance of community leadership. Leadership is a common enough term in business and politics, but what does it mean in the context of community? For us, the key part of leadership is thinking long-term for our community, asking ourselves and community partners what needs to be strengthened or developed in order for our community to address the current and emerging challenges we face.

Working together, we continue to strengthen our community, build for our future and improve life for all in the Moreno Valley via matching grants.

We are here for you. The Foundation is here to help you strategically manage your charitable giving to areas you care about, whether they be health and human services, arts and culture, education and literacy, or youth and family services. We are here to help you give now and if you wish, establish a legacy.

Please feel free to contact any of the Foundation Board Members to help achieve your charitable goals. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stan Harrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Stan Harrell, President

## MISSION

**Since 1978**, Angel Fire Community Foundation strives to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors in the Moreno Valley. The Foundation helps connect donors' charitable giving goals with vital community needs while taking advantage of optimal tax benefits. We are here to help you strategically manage your charitable giving to areas you care about.

**If you would** like to explore options for giving, please visit "Ways to Give" and "Create a Fund" at [www.angelfirecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.angelfirecommunityfoundation.org). Or click on "Donate" to make an immediate gift. If you would like to apply for a grant from the Foundation, please visit "Ways to Receive" on the website.

**Working together** we continue to strengthen our community, build for our future, and improve life for all in the Moreno Valley.

# Together WE can make a difference







# FOUNDATION: 44-YEAR LEGACY

**Angel Fire's Stromberg Center**

## **Angel Fire Community Foundation has a rich history in the Moreno Valley.**

Originally the Angel Fire/Southern Moreno Valley Community Corporation (AF/SMVCC) was formed in March 1978 as the first non-profit corporation in the valley. The original name came from a topography lesson—the boundaries of the fire district stretched over both the Village of Angel Fire and the southern end of the Moreno Valley.

**Before the village was created in 1986,** residents needed medical and fire services to protect their way of life. A gentleman named Jack Stromberg passed away in the Moreno Valley in 1978 because of the lack of emergency medical services and after his death the Stromberg Family was integral in the funding and creation of the AF/SMVCC. The original board of directors consisted of James Butts, Martha Lassetter, Richard Spurlock, Stanton Bundy, Alfred Ely, and Milton Tucker. The AF/SMVCC met the community's needs in two ways. First it raised funds for necessary services, and second it accepted tax-exempt donations for entities under its non-profit umbrella, including the Stromberg Memorial Center, Angel Fire Community Library, Angel Fire Volunteer Fire Department, Angel Fire Volunteer Ambulance Service, Angel Fire Search and Rescue, and the Chapel at Angel Fire.

**All donations are dedicated** to promoting and providing charitable, religious, scientific, educational, and literary services to the community and for the protection, health, safety, and general well-being of area residents and property owners. The AF/SMVCC's goal is to work

toward planning for future needs of the area and coordinating efforts to fulfill those needs, act as a tax-exempt custodial body for the organizations under its umbrella, and receive and disburse monies from fund drives and donations.

The year 1978 also marks the first year of the successful Annual Dinner and Live Auction, an excellent fundraiser for the Foundation and well received by the community. In 1981, the AF/SMVCC was integral in establishing the annual Flea Market, which is now the Shuter Library of Angel Fire's "Trash to Treasures" event and money maker. In 1984, local contractors volunteered to construct a home at cost which the Foundation would then offer for sale; this venture brought in more needed funds for the community.

**After 1984,** the AF/SMVCC went to 'sleep,' so to speak, and left fundraising enterprises to the umbrella entities. Board meetings were held twice a year or so through 1995, at which point the AF/SMVCC was faced with the critical question of whether to dissolve or revive. And that's when things got exciting again. In 1995,

President Bruce Lawrence, elected in 1992, gathered a group of interested people and a new Board was elected, including current President Stan Harrell and former Vice President Rich Hill.

**Beginning in 1995,** the AF/SMVCC's activities picked up in full force. Over the next three years, the Foundation received a variety of donations from area groups. It also served as a 501c-3 non-profit umbrella for community causes including the "Adopt A Fireman" Fund and the "Ice Rescue Equipment" Fund. It also made a number of grants for area improvement, such as a grant for playground equipment at the Angel Fire Community Center.

In 1999, after it was apparent the library was outgrowing its space at the Stromberg Memorial Center, Angel Fire Resort donated land for a new library building, and the Foundation created the "Love Your Library" Fund, aptly named such by former Board Director and Treasurer Martha Lassetter. The Shuter Library of Angel Fire and its volunteers moved into the new building in 2002. That same year, Rebecca McCracken joined the Board as Secretary and breathed new life into the Foundation.

**The Board's talk** between 2002 and 2007 focused on where the Foundation was going and how it would get there. Discussions began with the New Mexico Community Foundation regarding collaboration and formalized an agreement in 2008. In the spirit of rejuvenation, the name was formally changed from the

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**Skip Hames and Larry Holst of Angel Fire Ambulance Service with Angel Fire's first ambulance, the Blue Goose. The 1968 station wagon was donated by local businessman Bits Hoover in the mid 1970s.**



# BETS LOVING... CORNERSTONE OF THE FOUNDATION



**In many ways, Bets Loving could be called the cornerstone** of Angel Fire Community Foundation's grant program.

**Improved health for Moreno Valley residents is the guiding goal** of both the foundation and the Jeffrey Loving Memorial, a donor-advised fund which the foundation administers. Bets established and regularly contributes to the fund in memory of her son who died in a tragic 1971 motorcycle accident in the Moreno Valley.

Prior to her 2001 relocation to New Zealand, Bets was among the earliest settlers in the new Angel Fire real estate development. As she recalls, "After my divorce in 1967, I moved with my four children to New Mexico. I have always loved the mountains and the high mountain valley where Angel Fire is located was just perfect.

"I worked at the ski area and started selling Angel Fire properties for the Corporation during summer. I settled into selling general real estate in the area and with Bob Bright started Monte Verde Realty. I worked there until I was 78, then retired and started to travel.

"After living in a trailer for 15 years, I moved to Black Lake in 1982. I loved living there, with the big herds of deer and elk, bear, mountain lion – which were prolific in the early days."

**Bets was born Eunice Elisabeth Millikin in 1925 in Boston.** "I lived in Needham, Mass. with my family (one sister, four years younger, and a twin brother and sister, six years younger). My parents were busy. Father was a polo player, winning many awards, as

well as a great general sportsman. I spent a lot of my youth working my Dad's horses, generally living off the land – big truck gardens, orchard and 300 chickens. We would trade neighbors eggs and chickens for fresh milk which we would churn for fresh butter. Needham was about 12 miles out of Boston, but way out in the country at the time."

Bets made her debut in Boston for the 1943-1944 season. After graduating in 1945 from Briarcliffe Junior College in New York, she taught kindergarten in Massachusetts and then Denver. In 1948, she married George Loving of Dallas and moved there. The next five years brought four children, Nancy, Debbie, Jeffrey (deceased 1971) and Andy.

Community service has been a part of Bets' life from the Junior League of Boston and Dallas, to Red Cross and nurse's aide, handicapped children's societies and as a tour guide and lecturer for the Margo Jones Theatre in the round in Dallas. She served on the board of the Angel Fire Property Owners Association. She was honored as Woman of the Year by the Village of Angel Fire in 1988 and cherishes the inscribed silver commemorative platter.

**"One very sad thing to mar my life** was when my son, Jeff, home on Labor Day weekend from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, was traveling around on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1971 on his motorcycle. Taking oft-traveled routes with no trouble, he encountered an unmarked cable across the dirt road at the blinking light – which he hit at dusk and was killed instantly. Needless to say, it was the worst thing I had ever had to cope with and I still think of it constantly. It could have happened yesterday.

"I do remember one thing that Jeff said when he had come home from college one time. We were driving to Eagle Nest to get a few groceries and he thanked me for bringing us out to the Moreno Valley. He said he thought it was the greatest place in the world and he wanted to be there

forever – which colored our thinking when it came time for his funeral. His ashes are on Angel Fire Mountain forever.

**"One thing I have always wanted to do was set up something in Jeff's memory** and it took a long time finding what I think he would like the best. I have been working with Stan Harrell and the Angel Fire Community Foundation to set up things to help the Angel Fire community health wise – where funds have been needed. They have done very well and I do think that Jeff's Memorial funds are working well and we as a family are very pleased with the results."

"While traveling with Andy and family – Andy was looking for a possible site for a fishing lodge in New Zealand – I found what I thought was a perfect location for me on a large sheep station with 3,000-plus acres, 27 homesites with an interest in the station, 2,500 sheep, 100 cows and horses. Having more or less retired from real estate in New Mexico, I decided to just move on West. And I did in 2001 when my New Zealand house was completed at Closeburn Station, Queenstown."

Today, Bets' family numbers seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, daughter Nancy Edwards and late husband Warren of Waldport, Ore., daughter Debbie Layton and husband Buck of Troutdale, Ore., and son Andy and wife Penny of Colorado Springs and Queenstown, New Zealand.

"I have loved it here. There are wonderful people, a big lake in front of me, and mountains all around."





# WAYS TO GIVE

There are a variety of methods and forms of charitable giving. In all cases, the donor can direct gifts to general areas of interest or to specific charitable organizations.

The Foundation encourages you to consult your tax adviser or estate planner about your plans for charitable giving and for advice in making the best choices for your philanthropic and financial goals.

## Types of Gifts

**A cash gift** — which can be made by check or credit card - is the simplest way of making a charitable contribution. Cash gifts are fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. The maximum deduction in one year is limited to 50 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income. Unused deduction amounts exceeding this limit may be carried forward for up to five years.

**A gift of appreciated securities** — like stock and bonds, including stocks in closely held companies — provide important tax advantages. The full fair market value of the donated appreciated securities is fully deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. Unused deduction amounts exceeding this limit may be carried forward for up to five years. Additionally, the donor does not pay federal capital gain tax on the appreciated portion of the gift.

**A gift of real estate** may provide many tax advantages. Gifting a residence, vacation home, commercial building, ranch land, vacant property, or easement may also provide lifetime income when the donor retains a life estate in the property. The donor may receive a generous income tax deduction for such a gift.

**A gift of retirement plan assets** is a farsighted and thoughtful way to make a charitable contribution. The donor may give IRAs, 401(k)s, and profit-sharing plans, which provides the donor with a number of significant financial and tax advantages. Unlike many assets, retirement plan assets are potentially subject to both income and estate taxes; however, naming the Foundation as the

beneficiary potentially eliminates these taxes.

**A gift of life insurance** may be a substantial contribution. By assigning ownership to the Foundation, the donor may receive a tax deduction for the cash value of the policy and the premiums paid each year.

**A bargain sale** is the type of gift where the donor sells an appreciated asset, usually real estate, to the Foundation at a discount or below fair market value. The gift amount is the difference between fair market value and the cash received in exchange for the gift.

**A gift** may continue to provide **income** in your lifetime. Examples include **Charitable Gift Annuities** and **Charitable Lead Trusts**.

**Charitable Lead Trusts** provide income to the Foundation for a specific period of time and then distributes the remaining assets to the donor or others designated by the donor, usually the donor's heirs. Significant estate tax savings are possible with this type of gift.

**A bequest** is a gift left by the donor in his or her will or living trust. Setting up an endowment in the name of the donor's families to support the donor's favorite charities is a wonderful way to continue supporting the donor's philanthropic priorities in perpetuity. The donor may select an exact amount, a certain percentage, or a particular asset to give.

**A private foundation** may make a direct gift or transfer all or part of its assets to the Foundation. The identity and purpose of the original donor are preserved, and the donor or other designated by the donor may participate as fund advisors.

**A charitable distribution** from the donor's IRA is a gift where an IRA owner at least 70 1/2 years old directly transfers up to \$100,000 tax-free per year to an eligible charitable organization such as the Foundation. This provides the donor an exclusion from gross income for otherwise taxable IRA distributions. Eligible IRA owners may take advantage of this provision regardless of whether they itemize their deductions.



# HOW TO CREATE A FUND

Creating a fund is simple and often can be achieved within one day. One of the first steps in planning a gift to the Foundation is deciding which type of fund best matches your interests. All funds are open-ended and may be increased at any time. You may also contribute to an existing fund.

## Types of Funds

**Community Endowment Fund** enables AFCF to respond with maximum flexibility to our community's needs and emergencies, support innovative solutions to community challenges, explore unique charitable opportunities, and enhance the quality of community life. The earnings from these funds, after inflation, are used to meet the most pressing needs of the community as they change over time. You may set up a Named Fund within the Community Endowment Fund. Grants from this fund are made in the name of the Fund.

**Donor Advised Funds** provide more donor involvement, allowing recommended distributions to fields of interest or specific non-profits, changing as the donor's interests and community needs change. This fund can provide the anonymity a donor often desires. AFCF communicates with the donor to keep him/her apprised of the community's issues and the work of the non-profits. This type of fund can be a non-permanent fund today and built into an endowment for tomorrow.

**Field of Interest Funds** enable many donors to contribute large or small amounts to one area of focus. Grants are awarded through AFCF grant-making cycles. Endowing a fund that focuses on one area of passion ensures that grants always go to that focus. If the original charity is no longer in service, AFCF selects another group that works within the

mission parameters of the original.

**Capital Funds** are temporary funds set up for specific non-profit projects or buildings.

**Scholarship Funds** provide academic scholarships to students attending qualified educational institutions. The scholarships may be set up for specific areas of study, and based on need. They can be advised similarly to the Donor Advised Funds.

**Administrative Funds** are permanent and non-permanent funds dedicated to supporting the AFCF services and operation.

**Designated Funds** allow donors to establish a fund for one specific non-profit agency to benefit its programs, taking advantage of AFCF's professional financial management and stewardship. Grants are made quarterly to the designated agency. If the agency dissolves, AFCF selects another group that works within the mission parameters of the original.

**The check  
you write for  
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A CHECK TO THE  
ANGEL FIRE COMMUNITY  
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THE FOUNDATION  
ACCEPTS GIFTS AND  
DOUBLES MOST OF THEM  
BY ITS MATCHING GIFTS  
PROGRAM.**

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

**The Angel Fire Community Foundation provides grants to nonprofit community-based organizations for projects in the Moreno Valley communities.**

Grant applicants must have an IRS status as a nonprofit organization and submit a completed grant application along with a proposal narrative (explained below), a one-page project budget, a copy of the IRS designation as nonprofit, and a roster of current board members.

The proposal narrative should include (1) a brief description of the proposed use of the grant monies, (2) what the tangible impact of the grant will be on the community, (3) who will benefit from the grant monies, (4) how many people will benefit from the grant monies, and (5) other funding sources for your organization.

See the Foundation website, **[www.AngelFireFoundation.org](http://www.AngelFireFoundation.org)**, for a grant application to be submitted with the other documents by email to **[board@angelfirecommunityfoundation.org](mailto:board@angelfirecommunityfoundation.org)** or by fax to **(575) 377-7279**. Only complete submissions will be considered.

The Angel Fire Community Foundation strives to encourage community nonprofits by offering financial and sustainable support for the benefit of all Moreno Valley communities.

**We look forward  
to hearing about  
your project**





Community fundraisers Ruth Lawrence and Martha Lassetter squeezed between the shelves at the former Stromberg Center library in 1999, demonstrating the need for a new library facility.

## LEGACY...

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Angel Fire/Southern Moreno Valley Communication Corporation to Angel Fire Community Foundation ("the Foundation") in June 2008. Current Vice President Charles Wilson and Treasurer Bill Mason were elected to the Board in 2004. Barbara Cottam joined in 2008. After expanding the Board from seven to nine directors in 2009, and the tragic loss of Rebecca McCracken, a devoted Board member, the Board nominated Bonnie Bowles, Jim Trott, and Richard Moore to the vacant positions. In January 2010, Margaret van Antwerp was nominated to fill the final vacant position. Following Rich Hill's resignation, Guy Wood was nominated to the board in the fall of 2010 and in December 2011, Cynthia Collier replaced Bonnie Bowles, who moved away.

**The Foundation manages the Jeffrey Loving Memorial**, which focuses on improved health for Moreno Valley residents. The Memorial is a vibrant donor-advised fund that most recently matched funding for two new defibrillators for the Village of Angel Fire.

The Angel Fire and Moreno Valley communities have come a long way in 30 years. The Foundation is proud to continue being an active partner in offering donors a number of flexible,

efficient, and rewarding ways to accomplish their charitable giving. The Foundation works with attorneys and financial advisors to assist their clients with incorporating charitable giving into their financial and estate plans.

Through the generosity of many people in Angel Fire and the greater area, the Foundation supports the Valley's best nonprofits and the extraordinary people who make our community a great place to live.

**The  
Community  
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All  
Volunteer  
Staff**

**NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

## Board

# ANGEL FIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### OFFICERS:

Stan Harrell – President  
Charles Wilson – Vice President  
Bill Mason – Treasurer  
Margaret Van Antwerp – Secretary

### BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Cottam  
Jim Trott  
Richard Moore  
Guy Wood  
Cynthia Collier

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# EARLY DETECTION IS LOCAL HEALTH FAIR GOAL

Dale Hawley of Eagle Nest has known about his abnormally high intraocular pressure for years, but the Angel Fire Wellness Fair gave him the opportunity to see if his eye problem was getting worse.

"I haven't thought about it in ages and decided, 'Hey, it's a free test,'" he said during the fair, held last June at the Angel Fire Community Center. This year's fair will be held Saturday, June 23 at the Community Center.

Administered by Dr. Robert Ratzlaff of RealEyes in Taos, the complimentary eye-health screenings could also detect glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and any other type of common eye diseases.

Ratzlaff said people with eye problems might see black, gray or blurry spots that aren't there, and those developing glaucoma typically lose their peripheral vision. "It's one of the leading causes of blindness in the world," he said.

Across the room, Hawley's son was donating blood from both arms to United Blood Services in Albuquerque. The blood drive was new to the fair this year, organizer Margaret VanAntwerp said.

"If they have people in these more remote areas that give blood, they will come back," she said.



George Puig of Angel Fire took advantage of the opportunity to get a free massage. He said the massage helped ease pain that lingered from when one of his vertebra was broken in a car accident last year.

Other services available included cholesterol tests, pediatric blood pressure and hemoglobin tests, blood pressure, pulse, and body mass index calculations, and screenings for skin cancer and pediatric development.

VanAntwerp said the screenings were meant to help people detect health problems before they become too serious.

"That's the kind of thing we really want, is to encourage people to find things early," she said.

Providers also offered information on acupuncture, long-term aging, dental health, the Vial of Life project, substance abuse, diabetes and obesity, safety and fire prevention, family violence programs, home health, green building and home environment safety, and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services.

VanAntwerp said she and her team tried to bring a mix of traditional and non-traditional care providers to the event.

"I like to have a mix of mainstream medicine and some other modalities that aren't as mainstream, such as the acupuncture, regular massage, shiatsu massage," she said. "It's interesting for people to be able to talk to these practitioners and learn about what does this do and how does it work."

VanAntwerp said the 2011 event was the third held in Angel Fire, and the number of care providers has grown larger each year. All attendees received goodie bags and had the chance to snack on complimentary fruit, juice and other foods as they browsed the information booths.

VanAntwerp said the coordinators were able to offer more this year because of a new sponsorship from the Angel Fire Community Foundation. The event was also sponsored by the Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic, Angel Fire Fire Department and Real Eyes.

## LIBRARY USES GRANT TO REMODEL CHILDREN'S AREA

The Angel Fire Community Foundation provided a grant of \$5,000 to the Shuter Library of Angel Fire last year, which has enabled the library to complete an extensive remodel of the children's area.

In addition, library volunteer Martha Lassetter's family had requested that any donations given in her honor go to a memorial fund at the facility, which resulted in an additional \$4,000 for the children's area.

The children's space is now divided in half by a shelving unit, separating the library's preschoolers and young readers from the older readers and young adults. The space can be easily reopened, so the library still has the option of staging larger events for youngsters.

On the younger side, the library now has a reading nook for parents and their small children — or for a gaggle of children reading to each other. In addition, the library has purchased many objects to keep hands busy, plus many more books for the collection.

The funds also provided a 23-inch HP TouchSmart touchscreen computer.

The new touch computer is already loaded up with educational opportunities, which will help local children learn vital technology skills.

On the Juvenile and young adult side, Lassetter and AFCF funds were used to provide bean bag and cafe-style seating. The library was able to provide an Apple iPad for this area. Seating and tablet computing have been popular so far.

Grant money and memorial donations allowed the library to add a significant number of young adult and juvenile books. The library has also been able to start up a brand new collection of graphic novels.



Library officials invite residents and visitors of the Moreno Valley to come see the improvements.



# GRANT BOOSTS MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS



As part of the Music From Angel Fire festival, young professionals from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia gave 28 complimentary concerts and demonstration lectures in 18 area schools in Northern New Mexico.

The concerts and demonstration lectures are all part of the Music From Angel Fire's Music in our Schools program. These special hands on demonstration programs are specifically designed for elementary and junior-high school students.

Music From Angel Fire was awarded matching grants in 2011 and 2012 from the Angel

Fire Community Foundation to be directed specifically to the annual classical music festival's Music in Our Schools program.

Festival artists perform in small, informal settings at both Eagle Nest Elementary/Middle School and Moreno Valley High School. The interaction between students and the artists has become a favored event since the program's beginning several years ago.

Many of these talented young professionals study during the year with festival Artistic Director/Violinist Ida Kavafian and Violist Steven Tenenbom at the Curtis Institute of Music and have been chosen for their special musical talents.

There were also works by young composer Michael Djupstrom performed during the music program. The MFAF's young artists special programs help to enhance Music From Angel Fire's continuing commitment to the education and the development of young audiences, and to expose young people to classical music. 2012 will be the 29th season of the classical festival.

The Curtis Institute of Music opened in October 1924. The school had always been a

dream of Mary Louise Curtis Bok. According to the Curtis Institute of Music, Bok worked at the Settlement Music School in South Philadelphia with culturally and financially deprived children, many of whom were gifted enough for professional careers. Bok was convinced that there was a need to organize a music conservatory, or school of music, with rigorous standards of teaching and performance to train the next generation of musical artists.

With artistic guidance from conductor Leopold Stokowski and the renowned pianist Josef Hofmann, Bok assembled a faculty that would attract the most promising students and developed a philosophy insuring these gifted and budding young musicians would receive the kind of training to prepare them for careers as performing artists on the highest professional level.

The Curtis Institute of Music has a rare tuition-free policy, which was established in 1928. Admission is merit-based and provides full-tuition scholarships for all Curtis students, undergraduate and graduate. Students are accepted for study at Curtis solely on the basis of their artistic talent and promise.

## GRANT HELPS ALM FEED HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Even amid the wealthiest areas in the region, some residents are struggling just to pay the bills.

But the Always Loving Mankind (ALM) Food Pantry is around to help feed people in the Moreno Valley and Cimarron as they work to get back on their feet.

Among the food recipients are elderly, unemployed, underemployed, disabled individuals and young mothers with small children in the areas served.

"When I started doing this, I really wanted to help people who are on the edge of not being able to keep things up," said Tom Berrong, chairman of the nonprofit organization. "I don't want them when they have nothing."

The program serves about 90 families, or roughly 250 individuals. Recipients are found through referrals from churches, village administrations and other residents in the community.

Volunteers load the van and home deliver sacks of food to recipients in Angel Fire and the Moreno Valley one week and Cimarron the next. More than half of the recipients live in Cimarron, Berrong said.

Through its Food 4 Kids program instituted in 2010, the organization also provides sacks

of child-friendly food to eligible students of Eagle Nest School each Thursday to get them through the weekend.

During Christmas, each family served by ALM receives a ham, turkey or food voucher in addition to the regular delivery. The Angel Fire Baptist Church and United Church of Angel Fire both purchase gifts for the children, and a congregation in New York (friends of the Berrongs) sends hats, scarves, gloves and slippers for the families. The Cimarron delivery even includes Christmas carols.

About 20 percent of the food delivered is provided by the federal government through The Emergency Food Assistance Program, and some is donated by the community. Lowe's Valley Market donates un-purchased produce, and Arko Farms often provides eggs.

But Lydia Berrong purchases most of the food from the Food Depot, a Northern New Mexico food bank based in Santa Fe. Berrong said they purchase the food at about 50 percent of the retail cost for a total of about \$24,000 a year. Food expenses consist of about 85 percent of the organization's budget, he said.

The organization operates completely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and grants from the Angel Fire Community Foundation, Thrivent Financial for



Lutherans, Smith's grocery store, the McCune Foundation, and several family foundations. Fundraising appeal letters also are mailed in early December.

The Angel Fire Baptist Church donates space for the food pantry.

Each Sunday, community volunteers from local churches, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Boy Scouts, MVHS students and Angel Fire Men's Golf Association take turns filling the sacks with items selected by Lydia Berrong. Monday morning, the van is loaded and off.

Always Loving Mankind was founded in 1999 as a mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church but became an independent nonprofit organization in 2007. For more information, call Tom or Lydia Berrong at 575-377-3769.



# CASTING FOR RECOVERY: WEEKEND OF HOPE & FISHING

A diagnosis of breast cancer may have been the shared experience that brought together the group of women fly-fishing the peaceful waters of Philmont Scout Ranch's Cito Reservoir on a morning last September, but that's not the experience that defined the weekend they spent together as participants in Casting For Recovery's 2011 New Mexico Retreat. It was a weekend about hope, and fishing, and hoping for a fish.

To provide the weekend at no charge to participants, the team of New Mexico volunteers must raise funds at the state and local levels. A grant from the Susan G. Komen foundation, as well as support from the Taos chapter of Trout Unlimited, has been invaluable. A generous matching-funds grant from the Angel Fire Community Foundation was made possible thanks in large part to the success of the Mud Ball comedy revue held in Angel Fire last April and organized by CFR volunteer Lisa Sutton.

Fourteen women from around New Mexico gathered Sept. 30 at Philmont for a weekend retreat combining fly-fishing instruction with counseling and medical information, a combination designed to help participants focus on wellness, empowerment and the hope that comes with learning something new and challenging.

The group included women from Red River, Questa and Taos and represented women at all stages of the breast cancer journey, ranging from the young mother diagnosed in her early thirties to the whisper-thin but high-

spirited artist who has spent more than two decades living with her stage IV illness.

Joining them were a team of local Casting For Recovery (CFR) organizers, trained facilitators, fly-fishing guides and river helpers — all of whom had spent the better part of a year preparing for the weekend.

The weekend kicked off with an equipment-fitting session that saw each participant fully outfitted not only with fly rod and reel, but everything from waders to vest to tippet.

Once all the gear was squared away, the last of Friday was spent in activities that allowed the women to get acquainted, share experiences and bond before settling in their rooms in and around the historic Villa Philmonte.

Saturday brought time in the classroom learning about gear, knot tying and trout entomology; but also hours spent on the grassy lawn of the Villa practicing the mechanics of a beautiful cast. An afternoon session on medical issues and an evening circle led by a trained psycho-social facilitator are also part of CFR's innovative healing program model and offer participants not only useful information, but also meaningful discussion of the recovery process and a chance to form valuable personal connections.

Sunday morning brought the moment everyone had been waiting for. After being paired with her own personal river helper and taking a scenic drive through Philmont to the Cito Reservoir, each woman picked out her



choice spot along the scenic shoreline and cast out her line. In the warm sunshine of a northern New Mexico autumn day, a group of survivors experienced what CFR firmly believes to be true: that the natural world is a healing place and that cancer survivors deserve one weekend — free of charge and free of the stresses from medical treatment, home, or workplace — to experience something new and challenging while enjoying beautiful surroundings.

CFR volunteers and supporters have already pledged to make the 2012 retreat an equal success for another group of breast cancer survivors. The 2012 event, the third, will be at UU Bar Express Ranch. Although no fish were caught on that recent Sunday on Cito Reservoir, everyone present was hooked by something much larger — the understanding that to fish is to hope, and that hope is larger than any obstacle.

For more information on Casting For Recovery, visit [www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org).

## MVHS GETS GRANT FOR HEART DEFIBRILLATORS

Early in 2010, Moreno Valley High School Director Jacque Boyd appealed to the Angel Fire Community Foundation board of directors to help the school acquire two heart defibrillators.

She explained one would be kept on campus full time in the new multi-purpose room and the other by the side of the activities/athletics director for athletic events. Both would benefit students, faculty and the public as well, at school events.

Boyd applied for and was granted an Automated External Defibrillator Buy Down Grant for the two AEDs. The regularly priced \$1,952 units with the grant can be purchased by the school for \$1,299 each.

In spring, the Community Foundation board



agreed the health and well-being of our students was of the highest priority. A matching grant from the Jeffrey Loving Memorial was approved up to \$1,500.

The need for the defibrillators prompted foundation president Stan Harrell to personally send donor request letters to community members who helped the high school meet the grant.

Boyd's concern about having a defibrillator for athletic events may have been a premonition.

MVHS soccer goalie Caleb Brown was slammed in the chest and collapsed a few seconds later during a game with Robertson High School.

"He took a really hard hit and passed out," said head coach Debra Ledford in an Oct. 6

*Chronicle* article. "...it was a very unnerving thing." Fortunately Brown recovered and is back on the soccer field, Boyd said.

And fortunately, the matching goal was met.

In February 2010, the Angel Fire Fire Department also received \$20,000 in Angel Fire Community Foundation matching funds to purchase two multi-parameter Heartstart monitors with defibrillation and arrhythmia detection for \$40,800.

According to Fire Chief Orlando Sandoval, thanks to a \$5,000 anonymous grant and the balance of the match from Angel Fire Village Fire Department funds, the defibrillators are now installed in both ambulances. "We are very grateful for the donations. The heart monitors we had were outdated and one was not working so it was perfect timing. It is wonderful to have such life-saving pieces of equipment. We use them on almost a daily basis," Sandoval said.



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