

# ANGEL FIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



2013 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



# Make a difference in our beautiful area



**W**elcome to the 2013 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 2012-13 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 8 & 9.



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## Thank You...

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## President's Report

Welcome to the annual report of the Angel Fire Community Foundation, a philanthropic institution created by and for the people of the Moreno Valley.

It has been approximately five 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 35 years, this organization has invested over \$565,000 and thousands of work hours into this community.

During the last year, the Foundation has continued to:

1. Work with Donor Advised Funds to increase funding and support for community projects.
2. Co-sponsor the annual Angel Fire Wellness Fair in partnership with the Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic and the Angel Fire Fire Department.
3. Make financial grants to non-profit organizations that are meeting various needs in the Moreno Valley.
4. Serve as a 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. Coordinate 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,



## 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



# 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



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# 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."



# Community Foundation has a rich history of giving



**I**t began as the Angel Fire/Southern Moreno Valley Community Corporation (AF/SMVCC) in March 1978, the valley's first nonprofit corporation.

Long before the Village of Angel Fire was incorporated in 1986, residents needed medical and fire services. A popular Angel Fire second homeowner, Jack Stromberg, passed away in 1978 because of the lack of emergency medical services. Following his death, the Stromberg family was integral in the funding and creation of the AF/SMVCC to insure such services.

**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. It raised funds for necessary services. It accepted tax-exempt donations for entities under its non-profit umbrella, including the Stromberg Memorial Center (the fire station), Angel Fire Community Library, Angel Fire Volunteer Fire Department, Angel Fire Volunteer Ambulance Service, Angel Fire Search and Rescue, and more.

From 1978-1984 the Foundation was active.

**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 through 1995, when the AF/SMVCC was faced with the crucial question of whether to dissolve or revive.

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.

**The Foundation's activities picked up.** Over the next three years the Foundation received a variety of donations from area groups. It also served as a 501(c)(3) non-profit umbrella for community causes including the Sangre de Cristo Chronicle's "Adopt A Fireman" Fund and the Chronicle's "Ice Rescue Equipment" fundraiser.

It made a number of grants for area improvement, including playground equipment at the Angel Fire Community Center.

In 1999, after it was apparent the library was outgrowing its space at the Stromberg Center, Angel Fire Resort donated land for a new library building and the Foundation created the "Love Your Library" Fund, aptly named by former Board member and Treasurer Martha Lassetter.

Brian Shuter of Shuter Construction and the Shuter family were instrumental in the library's construction. Books and library volunteers moved into the new Shuter Library of Angel Fire in 2002.

That same year, Rebecca McCracken

joined the Angel Fire Foundation Board as Secretary and breathed new life into the Foundation.

The Board's thrust between 2002 and 2007 focused on where the Foundation was going and how it would get there.

**The Foundation's name was formally changed to Angel Fire Community Foundation in June 2008.**

Stan Harrell has led the board since 1995. Current Vice President Charles Wilson and Treasurer Bill Mason were elected to the Board in 2004. Barbara Cottam joined in 2008.

After expanding from seven to nine directors in 2009, and the tragic loss of devoted board member Rebecca McCracken, the Board nominated Bonnie Bowles, Jim Trott, and Richard Moore. In early 2010, Margaret VanAntwerp joined the board and when Rich Hill resigned, Guy Wood replaced him in fall 2010. In December 2011, Cynthia Collier replaced Bonnie Bowles, who left the area.

**The Foundation manages the Jeffrey Loving Memorial**, a vibrant donor-advised fund that promotes healthy lives for Moreno Valley residents and other worthy projects.

The Foundation is proud to continue as an active partner in offering other donors a number of flexible, efficient, and rewarding ways to accomplish their charitable giving. The Foundation works with attorneys and financial advisors to help donors incorporate charitable giving into their financial and estate plans.





# Grant aids Stromberg Center remodel

It's as if someone waved a magic wand and transformed the upstairs at Angel Fire's Stromberg Center from an ugly duckling to a beautiful swan.

The center is headquarters for the Angel Fire Fire Department and the transformation is first phase of a planned building overhaul on the three decades-old structure.

**Phase one funding** is a three-way split between Angel Fire Community Foundation, the Village of Angel Fire and former resident Bets Loving.

Community partners pitched in: RBS provided construction materials including windows at cost, Michael and Cynthia Collier provided the gas range, Northern New Mexico Gas donated a 1,000 gallon buried propane tank, John and Gail Goodson made a cash donation, Dale Jackson Custom Builders helped with demolition permits and cabinetry, Salcido Drywall, Austin Electric of New Mexico and Sophia's Plumbing all discounted their services, Angel Fire Flooring discounted the flooring, the Jim and Peggy Trott fund purchased tables and chairs, Dick Supple built and donated an oak dining table, and Fire Chief Andy Bertges cut and manufactured the wood trim.

**The workforce was all volunteer** except for professional services including plumbing and electric. Volunteer laborers included Chuck Verry, Bill Mason, Curtis Tafoya and Chief Bertges. Fire Department Chaplain Peggy Trott helped with project design and colors.

Dale Jackson and Chuck Verry handcrafted a Maltese Cross and an EMS symbol as a focal point over the kitchen sink.

The remodeling grew from the torn carpeting on the stairs, "a tripping hazard," says Bertges. "And the upstairs space wasn't useful for us for training.

**"Now, we're proud of how it looks** and would welcome hosting other groups for fire and emergency training. In fact, we already have several classes scheduled.

**"We want the community to be proud of it.** We went from a scruffy 'Man Cave' to a professional environment. And, providing a more inviting atmosphere for our volunteers will encourage them to be around more."

Bertges hopes the next phase will be a remodel of the ground floor office. "It's where we meet the public and we want it to match the professionalism of the upstairs."





# Ways to Give

**T**here 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 advisor 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.

## Alternative fund opportunities

**A lesser known service** the Angel Fire Community Foundation provides is acting as an 'umbrella' to receive donations for public, non-profit causes.

For instance, state statutes prohibit donations to governmental entities. However, the Foundation, as a non-profit 501(c)(3) can receive and pass through donations to the Village of Angel Fire. Recent improvements, including an anonymous \$10,000 donation, to the Allen Fields sports complex have been paid for by tax-free donations to the Foundation.

The Foundation has also been the recipient for donations dedicated to the "2013 Angel Fire Proud Christmas Decoration Campaign." To date, over 75 civic-minded citizens and businesses have donated \$15,610 to enhance the village this holiday and winter season.

**The Foundation also holds funds for memorial gifts.** These funds may be designated for a specific project or undesignated.

Do you or your family have a parcel of land no longer needed?

**Consider creating a Legacy.** A tax free donation of land can be made to the Foundation for either general grants or earmarked for a specific entity.



# How to create a fund



**C**reating a fund is easy and rewarding and often can be achieved within one day. A first step in planning a gift to the Foundation is deciding which type of fund best matches your interests. Funds can be for any amount as a one-time contribution or on a repeating schedule.

You may also contribute to an existing fund.

As one Moreno Valley citizen described, “I believe to live in a community, one needs to give back.”

The fund can be for general community needs determined by the Foundation, or donor advised which provides more involvement and recommendations by the donor.

**Two new funds were established in the past year — Jim and Peggy Trott, a donor advised fund and Michael and Johnese Turri, a general Community Endowment Fund.**

Jim Trott described how their first grant was “to assist in the Stromberg remodel project for the Angel Fire Fire Department. Our firemen are such an asset to Angel Fire and it was gratifying to participate in this project.”

He said it was very easy to create the fund. “The Foundation has a very user-friendly contract form. A big advantage of creating the fund was the tax deductibility of all our contributions. We are interested in funding grant requests from organizations which benefit the less fortunate in our community as well as organizations which benefit the community at large.”

Potential donors are also encouraged to investigate funding from other foundations they might belong to. In Jim and Peggy Trott’s case, their contribution to the Angel Fire Community Foundation was matched by the Abell-Hanger Foundation in Midland, Texas.

The Turris also used a special approach in creating their Foundation fund. As long-time contributors to the Albuquerque United Way, they instructed

that a designated dollar amount be sent on a regular schedule to the Angel Fire Community Foundation. Johnese Turri suggested for second home owners or others “if one is donating to their local United Way, they could look into directing it to send funds to the Angel Fire Community Foundation.

“We are living up here now and want to help our community as much as we



can. We believe donating to Angel Fire Community Foundation is the best way to do that.”

Persons interested in opening a fund are encouraged to check the procedure on the Foundation’s website, [www.angelfirecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.angelfirecommunityfoundation.org) or call Foundation president Stan Harrell 575-377-2344 for further information.

## 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.



# Grant boosts Music in Our Schools

**T**he sound of music was everywhere for school children during the 30th anniversary season of Music From Angel Fire. The Music in Our Schools program was expanded and additional young artists provided more outreach than ever.

**Students from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia** played concerts for youngsters 6 through 18 in Angel Fire, Raton, Las Vegas, Red River, Eagle Nest, Mora, Taos, Taos Pueblo, Maxwell, Dixon, Peñasco, Questa and Cimarron. Performances included three ensembles and a young composer.

The Music in Our Schools program is unique in New Mexico, designed to serve rural northern New Mexico schools. Musicians from the renowned Curtis Institute performed more than 35 classroom concerts, along with lectures and discussions.

**Each season, Music From Angel Fire attempts to increase the Music in Our Schools** program in an effort to reach out to as many schools and communities as possible, helping to introduce area students to the world of classical music.

**“The student musicians from the Curtis Institute who travel to our schools** are extremely open and generous about sharing not only their music but their lives with the students for whom they perform. They let our young people see that classical musicians are people too, and that anything worth working for can be attained,” said Cimarron Municipal Schools band director Pam Towry-Church. “They bring the beauty and magic of music into an otherwise desolate surrounding for many of our local children. They create, inspire, bring laughter and connect in a unique way. These children would not experience this unless it was brought to their doorstep.”

“I thought this was one of the best, most age-appropriate music programs I’ve ever seen in the schools. The musicians kept a good pace of questioning and were excellent at tuning in to the students’ interests,” said a teacher at Taos Charter School.



Thank you for  
the concert and  
for the music  
I learn about  
cannons and  
melodys.  
I want you  
to come back.







## Grant fosters healthy lives for MV residents

**F**or the fifth year on July 27, the Angel Fire Community Foundation teamed up with Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic and the Angel Fire Fire Department to present the Angel Fire Wellness Fair.

This year a record crowd of 120 attended the event at Angel Fire Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free breakfast burritos and fruit salad may have pulled some folks in.

To promote good health there was free cholesterol testing, blood pressure, pulse and BMI (body mass index) measurements, plus other blood testing at low cost.

Over the years, health-related vendors have offered advice on nutrition, aging, skin cancer, the benefits of physical therapy and massage, mental health, diabetes, pediatric screening, family violence and much more. Real Eyes Optometry from Taos has been

involved in the organizational aspects in past years and offers free eye screenings every year. For the last 3 years, a blood drive was added and United Blood Services exceeded its blood drive goal with 23 donors.

**The Angel Fire Fire Department demonstrated proper use of fire extinguishers.**

The inaugural 5K run/walk benefiting the Taos Cancer Fund attracted 30 runners and raised \$150.

"This is a very rewarding undertaking," says Margaret VanAntwerp, fair organizer. She is secretary of the Community Foundation and a Family Nurse Practitioner at Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic. The latter gives her an entree to both medical and medical related professionals. "Because of the size of the fair, attendees have an opportunity to really learn from and



interact with the vendors. We are hoping to grow the fair each year and welcome ideas from the community about health issues they would like to see included."

**Organizers are looking forward to repeating the fair in summer 2014.**



# Grant helps ALM feed hungry neighbors

**I**magine sacking 560,000 pounds of groceries and delivering them to over 200 families in the Moreno Valley and Cimarron. That's what's happened since 1999, the mission of ALM — Always Loving Mankind Food Pantry.

It takes a village to feed our hungry neighbors.

Individual community donors, part-time residents and churches, plus grants from the Angel Fire Community Foundation and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, as well as donations from Smith's supermarket, and several family foundations have provided the dollars to buy supplemental food to help stave off hunger.

**Recipients include the elderly, unemployed, underemployed, the disabled, and young mothers with small children.** They are found through referrals from churches, village employees and other community residents and must qualify using government guidelines.

Most of the food is purchased at about 50 percent of retail cost from the Santa Fe Food Depot, a northern New Mexico food bank based in Santa Fe. Total cost is about \$25,000 a year. About 20 percent of the food delivered is provided by the federal government through The

Emergency Food Assistance Program. Food also is donated both by individuals and Lowe's Valley Market which gives produce, bread and grocery sacks. Arko Farms has provided eggs, but recently sold their chickens.

The Angel Fire Baptist Church donates two rooms for the food pantry.

**Volunteers unload quarterly delivery trucks from the food depot.** And each Sunday, volunteers from the Baptist Church, United Church of Angel Fire, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Cub Scouts, Angel Fire Men's Golf Association, Rotary, Moreno Valley High School and ALM board members take turns filling the grocery sacks.

**Monday morning, volunteers load the van and drive off to deliver.** Help is always welcome.

Always Loving Mankind was founded as a mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church but became an independent nonprofit organization in 2007. Tom and Lydia Berrong were steadfast ALM leaders the last 14 years.



They have recently moved to North Carolina for the winter. Cynthia Collier has been elected board president and works with the board of directors to keep up with rising food costs, vehicle upkeep and insurance, and a myriad of details to ensure smooth delivery.

**Anyone wishing to help may make a tax-deductible donation** to ALM Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1190, Angel Fire, NM 87710. Or a Designated Fund may be established for ALM through the Angel Fire Community Foundation, P.O. Box 41, Angel Fire, NM 87710.

## Library grants aid basics, technology needs

**I**n keeping with its mission to serve the health and welfare of the Moreno Valley, the Angel Fire Community Foundation was happy to be able to fund two grant requests to the Shuter Library of Angel Fire.

**A \$6,000 grant in 2012** helped meet a financial shortfall, providing operating funds and enabling building and infrastructure maintenance and repair. "That was a period when the economy was very soft and contributions and donations fell off," explained library director Diane Martinez.



**In 2013, a \$3,000 grant** was used to add new programs, an e-book collection,

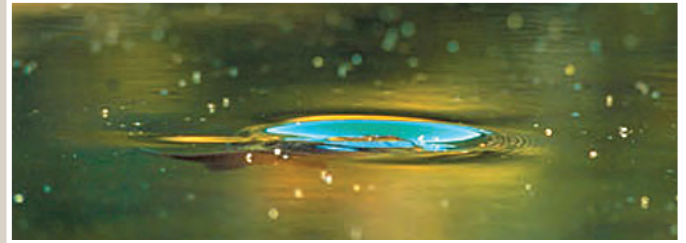
foreign language learning program, book club and author visits. The foreign language program has been very popular with Moreno Valley High School students, Martinez said. The library's popular long-time fundraiser "Trash to Treasures" has been reinstated and its proceeds have helped improve the library's financial footing.

**"The Foundation grants have served to add a lot of good things to the library,** help us keep current and address evolving needs of our library patrons," Martinez said.



## GRANT RECIPIENT

# Casting for Recovery empowers breast cancer survivors



**V**isualize casting off the terror of breast cancer and leaving cares behind while being pampered and finding peace for a weekend.

**That's what 14 women experienced in mid-August at the Express UU Bar Ranch near Cimarron.**

Casting for Recovery, founded in 1996 in Manchester, Vt., and its New Mexico branch sponsored the retreat. A team of New Mexico volunteers, including state co-director Lisa Sutton of Angel Fire, worked at fundraising to provide the weekend at no charge. The Angel Fire Community Foundation provided a matching funds grant.

**The women stayed in style at Express UU Bar** in its beautiful log lodge enjoying gourmet meals. With patient guides by their sides, they fished the scenic private waters of Philmont Scout Ranch.

For one weekend, survivors in any stage of recovery escaped the stresses of medical treatments, home and/or workplace to experience something new and challenging.

Casting for Recovery looks to the natural world as a healing force so participants enjoyed "beautiful surroundings within an intimate, safe and nurturing structure." The organization is the brainchild of a breast cancer reconstructive surgeon and a professional fly fisher.

**The healing retreat revolves around fly fishing... and more.** Counseling and medical information is available as well as a chance for women to share their experiences on their journey to recovery.

At each recovery retreat, every participant is asked to toss a stone into a pool of water to help release her fears or worries. The ripples from all the group's stones join together into one giant swell of support. "Fly fishing may appear to be the topic of the day, but helping survivors is the underlying focus of all we do," explains CFR.

Sound like salve for the soul? Those who've been granted this weekend agree. Those lucky enough to find their zen in fly fishing take home a priceless gift.

Writes one, "What a wonderful

program! You took women who have gone through difficult times, pampered them, befriended them, and have given them a new adventure in life — fly fishing. Thank you!"

**Another says, "Fly fishing is a metaphor for how we will live our lives after breast cancer:** stay focused and aware of what surrounds us, move slowly with grace and be fully present in what we are doing."

Among the 14 women attending were participants from Taos, Las Vegas and Amarillo, Tx. Women from New Mexico, six counties in Southern Colorado and the Texas Panhandle may apply to the New Mexico retreat. Participants are selected at random from all eligible applications.

**To register** go online to [www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org) and follow three easy steps. Make sure to indicate you are applying for the New Mexico Retreat.





# Grants awarded

## 2012 Angel Fire Community Foundation Grants and Designated Funds

### education and culture

Shuter Library	\$6,000	Core support
Music From Angel Fire	\$1,000	Music in Our Schools
Moreno Valley High School	\$ 600	Memorial gift Rebecca McCracken (to complete equipping Life Skills Classroom)

### sports

Allen Fields	\$1,764	Fencing (Designated Funds)
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## 2013 Angel Fire Community Foundation Grants and Designated Funds

### sports

Allen Fields	\$6,623	Benches and gravel
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### education and culture

Music From Angel Fire	\$1,000	Music in Our Schools
Shuter Library	\$3,000	Core support

### community improvement

Stromberg Center	\$10,000	Upstairs remodel
ALM Food Pantry	\$ 5,000	Food
Angel Fire Proud Christmas Decoration Campaign	\$ 7,750	Christmas decorations (Designated Funds)

**TOTAL \$42,737**



## 2012 Jeffrey Loving Memorial Donor Advised Fund

### health and wellness

Angel Fire Wellness Fair	\$1,225	Community Health
Casting For Recovery	\$6,000	Breast Cancer retreat

## 2013 Jeffrey Loving Memorial Donor Advised Fund

### health and wellness

Angel Fire Wellness Fair	\$ 926	Community Health
Casting For Recovery	\$6,000	Breast Cancer retreat

### community improvement

Stromberg Center	\$10,000	Upstairs remodel
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**TOTAL \$24,151**

## 2013 Trott Donor Advised Fund

### community improvement

Stromberg Center	\$3,307	Tables and chairs
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**TOTAL \$3,307**

**TOTAL \$70,195**



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