

LOS ALAMOS



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

We've heard, perhaps too often, about being in a 'post-pandemic' world and at a 'new normal'. This may very well be true, but the significance of the last few years is the lesson of resiliency - firstly that our community can rise to the challenge, and secondly that we must be able to adapt to whatever unknowns may come.

Unfortunately, we hear regularly from nonprofit leaders that the landscape has indeed changed. Pandemic-initiated funding is drying up, donors have changed habits, and there are fewer volunteers. Does this signal a 'new normal' for our nonprofit community? Hopefully not.

The Los Alamos Community Foundation is here to assist local nonprofits in becoming more resilient as we head into a changing future. Core to our mission is building a community endowment, a type of savings account made up of component funds that create foundational resiliency. It allows our community organizations to do their work and inform us about emerging needs. It allows us to help local nonprofits survive the uncertain ebbs and flows of funding. It allows us to face times of crisis stronger together.

Herein for your review are our past fiscal year's highlights. Milestones include \$35,000+ provided in capacity-building and endowment grants, the creation of a volunteering hub at [volunteerlosalamos.org](https://volunteerlosalamos.org), and an online giving resource for Giving Tuesday available for free to local and regional nonprofits.

Thank you for your interest in the Los Alamos Community Foundation. With your support we are strengthening local charities. With your support we are strengthening educational organizations. With your support we are strengthening community resilience.



Steve Laurent  
LACF Executive Director



## VOLUNTEER LOS ALAMOS

In April, LACF established a community volunteer web portal to make it easy for local organizations to post, and for volunteers to identify, opportunities in one location: [volunteerlosalamos.org](http://volunteerlosalamos.org).

The site is free to use and there is no commitment in registering - no one is obligated to participate until they respond to a posted opportunity.

The process is simple for both organizations and volunteers:

- Organizations establish a site page describing their mission and the causes they support.
- Volunteers register and create profiles that include their skills and causes they're passionate about.
- When an organization posts a volunteer need, the system matches the opportunity with users who are a good fit.
- When the user receives a notification, they can register for the opportunity with the click of a button.
- Volunteers can search for opportunities in a variety of ways, including by organization, interest and date.

### VOLUNTEER LOS ALAMOS

connecting our community

April - October  
2023 Update



**163**  
Users  
Registered



**43**  
Organizations  
Enrolled



**185**  
Opportunities  
Listed



**111**  
Opportunities  
Responded To

**Value of Donated  
Volunteer Time:**

**\$5,197.07**

Scan now to register for  
[volunteerlosalamos.org](http://volunteerlosalamos.org)



## FY23 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Nonprofit Training Program

Over 60 nonprofit staff, board members and volunteers from across Northern NM participated in our seventh annual training program. Workshops focused on fundraising and marketing, board governance, and internal financial controls.

### Peer Roundtables

LACF convened monthly roundtable sessions for nonprofit directors and community health providers to share information, ideas and support.

### Community Philanthropy Series

LACF hosted a series of sessions open to the community on tax, financial, and estate planning.

### Statewide Collaboration and Emergency Relief

Through a coalition of community foundations, LACF collaborates on statewide issues and helps oversee the All Together New Mexico Fund to provide emergency aid and relief for victims of wildfires.

### Volunteer Appreciation

During National Volunteer Week in April, LACF hosted an event at SALA to celebrate volunteers and introduce the Volunteer Los Alamos web portal.

### Grants Received

- LANL-CPO (\$10,000) for nonprofit training programs.
- N3B (\$10,000) to provide matching grants for the creation of permanent agency endowments.
- LANL Foundation (\$5,000) for LACF capacity building.

### New Endowment Funds Created

#### Family Strengths Network (FSN) Endowment

FSN established an endowment to support the organization's operational and program-related costs.

#### Los Alamos Visiting Nurse Service (LAVNS) Endowment

LAVNS established an endowment to support its mission of providing healthcare to the community.

For a complete listing of our endowment funds, visit [www.losalamoscf.org/funds](http://www.losalamoscf.org/funds)





## GRANTS AWARDED

LACF awarded a total of \$35,390 to local nonprofits, including \$25,000 in competitive discretionary grants and \$10,390 in grants from endowed, special purpose and emergency funds.

### Competitive Discretionary Grants

These grants are funded through a combination of LACF unrestricted funds and a distribution from the **Enterprise Bank & Trust Community Endowment**.

**Family Strengths Network** (\$5,000) for part-time staffing support to improve messaging and outreach regarding agency programs.

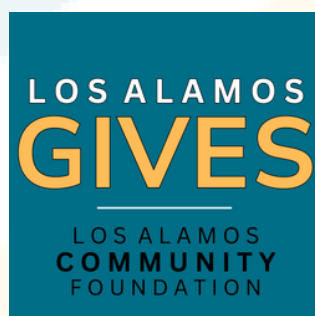
**Los Alamos Visiting Nurse Service** (\$5,000) to support a marketing campaign to better inform the community of available services.

**Self Help, Inc.** (\$5,000) for upgrades to computer software and hardware to improve efficiencies in client contacts and management.

**Pajarito Environmental Education Center** (\$5,000) for a marketing plan to better engage new and existing audiences with PEEC's programs and services.

**Los Alamos Family Council** (\$3,000) for targeted board training sessions to improve organizational knowledge and oversight.

**Los Alamos JJAB** (\$2,000) to assist with the costs of a financial audit that will improve efficiencies and utilization of funding dollars.



### LOS ALAMOS GIVES

**Giving Tuesday** is a national day of giving created in 2012 as a simple idea - to remind people during the holiday season to give where they live. This year, LACF is hosting a web portal to simplify local giving.

Consider making a donation to your favorite charities on Giving Tuesday or anytime between Nov. 21 and Dec. 31, 2023 by going to [losalamosgives.org](https://losalamosgives.org).



### Grants from Endowment Funds, Special Initiatives, and Emergency Funding

**Community Endowment for Youth Sports** (\$2,000) to **The Family YMCA** for Youth Roller Derby competitions, and to **LA Youth Soccer League** for equipment.

**Los Alamos Theater Endowment** (\$394) for initial distribution from its permanent endowment fund to support the organization.

**Judy Dudziak Endowment for Community Music Organizations** (\$500) to **Coro de Cámara** to engage local guest musicians in choral performances.

**Community Endowment for UNM-LA** (\$2,081) to support operations and programming on campus.

**N3B Matching Grants for Agency Endowments** (\$3,000) to **Family Strengths Network** and **LA Family Council** as a match for donor contributions to agency-supporting endowments.

**LANL Employee Emergency Funding Grant** (\$2,031) to **Jemez Firewise Association** to mitigate impacts of Cerro Pelado Fire. Funds were raised entirely through LANL employee donations.



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*Mission: To build enduring philanthropy to empower our community's nonprofit organizations.*

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