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March 28, 2019: Board Chair Marilyn Aboussie announced the San Angelo Health Foundation has awarded \$283,341 to seven area non-profit organizations. 209 organizations and 724 projects have benefitted from Foundation funding since inception.

Grants Chair David Lupton said the following grants encompass arts, education, health care, crisis intervention and youth development services:

Art in Uncommon Places was awarded \$25,000 for art supplies. Art in Uncommon Places has created and placed art in notable areas such as the Red Arroyo Trail, Christoval River Mosaic, the Cowboy statue on Bryant Blvd. and murals and mosaic cars along the river walk. Current endeavors include a revitalization of Paint Brush Alley and additional art pieces for the downtown river corridor.

Ballet San Angelo was awarded \$38,611 for the *Dancing with Seniors for Health* Program. Ballet San Angelo began in 1983 with an annual performance of *The Nutcracker* and has grown to perform multiple productions annually. They offer a variety of dance instruction, yoga and Pilates to the community. This new program is for seniors with mobility issues which has proven to be successful in a recently completed year-long pilot program.

Boys and Girls Club of San Angelo was awarded \$75,000 in program support. The Boys and Girls Club has been serving San Angelo since 1965. They offer a broad range of youth development programs to boys and girls ages 6 to 18 with 698 youth members at their two locations. Citizenship, academic success and healthy lifestyles are their program priorities.

Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County is an organization working on behalf of children in abusive and neglectful situations. They were awarded \$69,730 to support their Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, Hope House and their

many interventional, educational and parenting programs. They have the best interests of the child forefront in all of their efforts.

Leukemia Texas was awarded \$30,000 to provide financial assistance to Leukemia patients in the Concho Valley. Leukemia Texas began in the 1970s and supports research as well as patient financial assistance. This organization began in North Texas and has expanded state-wide after seeing a need. They intend to provide assistance to 24 Leukemia patients in the Concho Valley.

The Children's Bed Project under the auspices of Sierra Vista United Methodist Church was awarded \$25,000. The project began in 2014 at one local elementary school with the goal that every child would have their own bed to sleep in. The need was higher than anticipated causing the project to expand city-wide. Since inception they have provided 1,050 beds for children in San Angelo.

Winters Public Library was awarded \$20,000 for facility upgrades. The Winters Public Library is an independent public charity that offers library services, materials and programs for the citizens of Winters and North Runnels County. Some of the programs they offer are book clubs, a computer lab, children's story time and a summer children's reading program, all offered at no cost to participants.

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