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March 26, 2020: Board Chair Marilyn Aboussie announced the San Angelo Health Foundation has awarded a little under a half million dollars (\$463,602) to seven area non-profit organizations. 217 organizations and 766 projects have benefitted from Foundation funding since inception.

Grants Chair David Lupton said the following grants encompass public service, community improvement, basic needs, health care, and philanthropy:

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council of the Concho Valley was awarded \$25,000 for furniture, equipment and landscaping for the newly constructed Journey Recovery Center. The Center has 30 male treatment beds and 18 female treatment beds allowing for one location for residential treatment. The Center will also provide detox services in the future.

Catholic Outreach Services was awarded \$100,000 for renovations to their facility. The renovations give them space to provide a daily sack lunch, immigration services, a licensed counselor, food pantry and offices for their prison ministry. Services are available to all residents in need of assistance.

Concho Valley Council of Governments was awarded \$205,939 to become the AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) Coordinator for the Concho Valley. VISTAs are individuals placed in community organizations who assist the poor and extremely poor. The focus areas for VISTA placement will be with community organizations who have programs focused on economic opportunity, education, healthy futures, and Veterans and Military Families.

Seaquist House Foundation was awarded \$25,000 for repairs to the Seaquist house. The Seaquist House Foundation began in 2014 with the goal to restore a 19th century landmark in Mason. Volunteers lead tours of the grand home on the first Saturday of the month. In 2019 they had over 1,100 visits and numerous community gatherings.

Sterling County Senior Citizens Center was awarded \$25,000 to purchase air conditioners, and for painting and repairs to the Center. The Center is located in the renovated train depot in Sterling City. They offer congregate meals twice a week, Meals on Wheels five days a week and senior citizen activities and services.

Tom Green County Library was awarded \$25,000 to purchase a Long Arm Quilting machine for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Central Makerspace. The STEAM Central Makerspace is located in the basement of the Stephens Central Library. The Makerspace offers classes on equipment such as the quilting machine, a 3D printer, laser cutter, and an embroidery machine. Once certified, patrons can reserve time slots to use the equipment. You only need a library card to take advantage of the all equipment the Makerspace has to offer.

United Way of the Concho Valley was awarded \$57,663 to hire a Community Impact and Marketing Associate, technology upgrades and training opportunities. The United Way dates back to 1911. They impact the community by funding three primary focus areas; education, health and financial stability. They currently have 16 funded programs throughout the Concho Valley.

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