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June 29, 2017: Board Chair Mike Boyd announced the San Angelo Health Foundation has awarded \$783,657 to seven area non-profit organizations. Approximately 203 organizations and 656 projects have benefitted from Foundation funding in over twenty years of grant making.

Grants Chair Marilyn Aboussie said the following grants encompass assault victim services, community improvement, housing, mental health, public safety, dental services and youth development:

Galilee Community Development Corp was awarded \$225,000 for their Jeremiah Project. Galilee's mission is to develop affordable housing for low to middle income families of the Concho Valley. The Jeremiah Project will build three transitional homes for families on the brink of homelessness.

Mosaic in San Angelo was awarded \$129,767 to upgrade their playground and sensory room equipment. Since 1986, Mosaic in San Angelo has provided services to adults and children with special needs. Mosaic in San Angelo operates the Mosaic Redwine Childcare Center which is the only daycare that accepts children with special needs.

Open Arms Rape Crisis Center & LGBT+ Services was awarded \$200,000 to purchase a building to relocate their offices. Open Arms has been established since 1991 providing services to victims of assault, crisis intervention, advocacy, education and LGBT+ support.

Pecan Creek Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$90,000 to build a first ever fire station. Pecan Creek Volunteer Fire Department covers 133 square miles between San Angelo and Christoval.

San Angelo Area Foundation was awarded \$50,000 for the Heritage Park project. The Heritage Park project is a pocket park project which is part of the downtown revitalization efforts. The park will serve area visitors, residents and students by providing historical information on pioneer families and the early development of the Concho Valley.

Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation was awarded \$50,000 for the first Texas Mission of Mercy event to be held in San Angelo in October. The Texas Mission of Mercy program is a mobile dental operation that travels around the state providing free dental services to underserved individuals performed by volunteer dentists and hygienists.

West Texas Boys Ranch was awarded \$38,890 to purchase a fifteen passenger van. The Boys Ranch began in 1947 providing homes to neglected boys in one farm house. They accept boys ages 6 to 17 and provide a family home atmosphere in cottages on a working ranch.

Grant application and financial information can be found at www.sahfoundation.org. Contact Tom Early (tomearly@sahfoundation.org) or Deborah Watson (dwatson@sahfoundation.org) at the Foundation office at 426 West Avenue B, San Angelo, TX. Phone (325) 486-0185, PO Box 3550, San Angelo TX 76902-3550.

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