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June 25, 2020: Board Chair Marilyn Aboussie announced the San Angelo Health Foundation has awarded \$637,631 to eight area nonprofits. Since inception 217 organizations and 769 projects have benefitted from \$57 million in Foundation funding.

Grants Chair David Lupton said the following grants encompass community improvement, education, health care and youth development:

Angelo Catholic School was awarded \$25,000 to purchase an activities bus. Students range from three years old to eighth grade. Formal Catholic education has been offered in San Angelo since 1988. They have 127 students currently enrolled. The activities bus will transport students to sports competitions and field trips.

Angelo State University's Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health was awarded \$142,042 for the Access to Breast Care for West Texas program. The funds will enable them to continue their mission of assisting women in seven counties with breast cancer screening and treatment programs.

City of San Angelo Parks and Recreation Department was awarded \$183,807 to refurbish Unidad Park. The vision of the park was and is to remain a safe playground for able-bodied and disabled children. The park will receive new ADA compliant elements and safety fall zone ground material.

Concho Valley PAWS was awarded \$100,000 to construct a dog dorm for The Judith and David Hirschfeld Pet Adoption Center. Since 2009 PAWS (Pets are Worth Saving) has promoted a no-kill community initiative. The fastest way to achieve a no-kill community is by increasing adoptions. The addition of a dog dorm will give adoptable animals a safe and healthy environment while they await adoption and provide citizens an improved area in which to pursue the pet adoption process.

Meals for the Elderly was awarded \$20,000 to purchase shelf-stable meals and other essential items. They have been delivering hot meals once a day to clients for over 45

years. To ensure clients are provided for they will purchase 7,000 shelf-stable meals and other essential items.

Menard County Hospital District was awarded \$110,000 for renovations to Menard Manor. Menard Manor is a skilled nursing and rehab center in Menard. The Manor provides services to the elderly, disabled and physical therapy patients as well as independent living accommodations.

MHMR of the Concho Valley was awarded \$14,631 to purchase a green house and supplies for the San Angelo Clubhouse. The Club House gives individuals with a mental illness the opportunity to learn new skills in a volunteer atmosphere. They offer members four units to learn from – the communication unit, culinary unit, Clubhouse Café and the cultivation unit. The green house allows the cultivation unit to garden year-round supplying vegetables to the culinary unit.

West Texas Boys Ranch was awarded \$42,151 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.

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Grant application and financial information can be found at www.sahfoundation.org.

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