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**April 1, 2021:** San Angelo Health Foundation has elected new Officers and an additional trustee. David Lupton was named Board Chair. Mr. Lupton has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Angelo Health Foundation since 2010. He is President of Angelo Glass & Mirror Company and holds interests in other glazing and auto glass corporations that operate twelve companies in Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Lupton grew up in San Angelo and received a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin. Other Officers include Steve Cecil as the Vice Chair, Carlos Rodriguez as the Treasurer and Mary Jane Steadman as the Secretary.

The newest elected Trustee is Casey Barrett.



Casey Barrett is President & CEO of Texas Bank. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University as well as the Southwest Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. Casey enjoys serving the community and is a member of boards such as the San Angelo Livestock Show & Rodeo, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, San Angelo Water Advisory Board, Tom Green County Junior Livestock Show, and Texas State Bank Board of Directors. He and his wife, Kaley, have three daughters. Casey is honored to join the board of the San Angelo Health Foundation and will continue its mission of enhancing the quality of life for the

people of the San Angelo area.

At a recent meeting, Board Chair David Lupton, stated 11 nonprofits were awarded \$1,235,674. With the addition of these grants, 228 organizations and 807 projects have benefitted from Foundation funding since inception.

Grants Chair, Steve Cecil said the following grants encompass community impact, education, public safety, mental health and youth development:

**Angelo State University** was awarded \$45,450 for the purchase of a Horizon-DXA machine for the Archer College of Health and Human Services. Archer College of Health and Human Services includes the Departments of Nursing, Psychology and Sociology, Kinesiology, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Social Work and the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health. The DXA machine allows for hands on teaching and research.

**Immanuel Baptist Church** was awarded \$2,956 for the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillators. Established in 1910, they host Kids Eat Free, House of Faith and a Celebrate Recovery program.

**Keep San Angelo Beautiful** was awarded \$24,268 for the Eco-Fair & Household Hazardous Waste Recycling event to be held May 22, 2021. Keep San Angelo Beautiful was formed in 2018 to hold events to collect and recycle items. They also provide educational programs to teach community members on how to keep San Angelo beautiful.

**RL4 Restoration Foundation** was awarded \$100,000 for the purchase of playground equipment and install new restrooms to upgrade the community park in Robert Lee, Texas. RL4 Restoration Foundation was created to bring restoration and improvements to the community of Robert Lee. These improvements will provide a safe and enjoyable gathering area and allow for a wide variety of activities for all ages.

**Volunteer Services Council (VSC) for the San Angelo State Supported Living Center (SASSLC)** was awarded \$5,000 to fund their employee pantry. The VSC is

dedicated to working with families, staff and the community to enrich the lives of the residents of SASSLC. Each year the VSC invests over \$30,000 in programs and events at the Center that directly affect the residents.

**Sonrisas Trails** was awarded \$75,000 to implement and market private pay rider classes and a ropes challenge course program. Since 1983, they have offered therapeutic horseback riding to those with physical, mental and emotional challenges through a carefully structured program of equine activities. The ropes challenge course was recently added to provide an additional therapeutic outlet to the clients they serve.

**Texas Ramp Project** was awarded \$15,000 to build wheelchair ramps for residents of the Concho Valley. Their mission is to build wheelchair ramps for low-income elderly or disabled community members through referrals from social service agencies. Texas Ramp Project came to the San Angelo area in 2014.

**United Way of the Concho Valley** was awarded \$48,000 to fund a Community Impact and Marketing Director. The United Way dates back to 1911. They impact the community by funding nonprofits whose programs align with three primary focus areas. The primary focus areas are education, health and financial stability.

**Wall Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)** was awarded \$85,000 to purchase a water tanker truck and portable water tank. Officially organized in 1968, the VFD provides fire-fighting services, fire education and assists the EMS at accidents in a rural area consisting of 474 miles.

**Water Valley Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)** was awarded \$85,000 for the purchase of a Water Tanker Truck and Portable Water Tank. They provide firefighting and emergency rescue services to counties that include Tom Green, Reagan, Coke, Irion and a portion of Sterling. They have mutual aid agreements with Carlsbad, Grape Creek and Quail Valley VFD's.

**YMCA of San Angelo** was awarded \$750,000 to relocate the Little Explorers Preschool Program. Established in 1947, the YMCA offers multiple programs including after school and pre-school childcare. The Little Explorers Preschool Program is a year-round Texas School Ready certified program which serves children three to five years old.

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