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San Angelo Area Foundation Awards 2018 Spring Grants

May 29, 2018- The 2018 spring competitive grant program of the Foundation was able to award over \$277,000 including the following causes and organizations. "We are grateful to those who make it possible for the Foundation to address important community needs through our grant making process and we are humbled to be part of such a generous community," said Matt Lewis, President and CEO of the Foundation. The following grants are made possible by generous donors who have entrusted the Foundation to manage their donor advised funds, discretionary, and field of interest funds as well as unrestricted funds given to the Foundation.

2018 Spring Grants Include:

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley \$50,000-Support to help complete construction of new Journey Recover Center Bronte Volunteer Fire Department \$19,000-Help with construction of new building Friends of Eden Library \$5,000- Assist with technology upgrades Galilee Community Development Corp \$6,000- Homelessness ID program Healthy Families San Angelo \$13,107 - Steps to Success program High Sky Children's Ranch \$15,000- STAY Together program Historic Beginnings of San Angelo Lady in Blue \$20,000-Assist with environs improvements San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition \$20,000 - Equipment for the performing arts campus Sonrisas Therapeutic Riding \$20,000 - High/low ropes therapy course for those with special needs Texas A&M Agrilife Sonora Research Station \$19,000 - Support of Intern project to build capacity Sutton County Health Foundation \$30,000-Assist with equipment upgrades for EMS/VFD in Sutton County.

Young Life \$20,000- Support with ASU student facilitated outreach

In addition, the San Angelo Area Foundation awarded \$40,000 over the next three years for a nonprofit training initiative led by Howard College, San Angelo Campus. This initiative will provide training for area non-profit staff and board members focusing on key challenges and best practices for organizations providing crucial services to our community. This grant has been matched by the San Angelo Health Foundation in support of this initiative.

The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 300 charitable funds benefiting a multitude of causes throughout the Concho Valley. Established in 2002, the San Angelo Area Foundation is a community foundation with assets over \$150 million and has granted over \$80 million since inception. The San Angelo Area Foundation is also the power behind San Angelo Gives, a 24-hour online giving event connecting our community to local causes. In four years, San Angelo Gives has pumped over \$4.5 million back into the community. For more information about the Foundation, please visit our website <u>www.saafound.org</u> or contact us at 325-947-7071.