The San Angelo Area Foundation announces—through an anonymous donor working with the Foundation—a $2 million grant has been awarded to the Fort Concho Foundation with the purpose of reconstructing the missing Barracks and Mess Halls 3 & 4 at the historic site.

Barracks and Mess Halls 3 & 4 have been missing for more than a century and would be reconstructed in the most accurate manner, following their period appearance and all state and national preservation and restoration standards that guide the Fort in its status as a National Historic Landmark, according to Fort Concho site manager Bob Bluthardt.

The interiors of the structures will be adapted and furnished to house a single location for a large research and special book collection currently housed in several site buildings. Combined with the existing Fort holdings and special collections, this facility would place Fort Concho’s research resources in the top tier for frontier and military history. This grant will move the site’s restoration several giant steps ahead while providing a suitable location for a very special collection that has been entrusted to Fort Concho.
## Top 20 Organizations

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### SAN ANGELO GIVES 2015

On May 3, 2015, the San Angelo Area Foundation launched San Angelo Gives, the first online giving day that tapped into our community’s passion for giving. The event brought together new and existing donors with more than 111 participating local nonprofits, vividly demonstrating our community’s strong spirit of philanthropy.

In just 24 hours, San Angelo Gives raised more than $787,000, connecting the Concho Valley with community nonprofits to reinforce the value of both local philanthropic giving and community engagement. The almost 3,300 donations made during the 24-hour period were amplified by local bonus funds raised by the San Angelo Area Foundation. Participating nonprofits also won special cash prizes given throughout the day.

San Angelo Gives is a day of giving to celebrate the nonprofits in our community, an opportunity to raise thousands of dollars, and a way to recognize the impact we can make in our community when we join together.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR to help make San Angelo Gives a huge success in 2016. Join thousands in our community and give online to your favorite causes on May 3, 2016!**

### Scholarship Awards

The Foundation awarded 459 scholarships totaling $759,537 to talented, hardworking area students in 2015. Scholarship awards are possible thanks to the generosity of donors, who have created more than 100 different scholarship funds, each with its own criteria for the selection process. Awards vary from $250 to $5,250 per semester. Collectively, donors have provided more than $6 million in scholarship awards over the past 10 years.

Applications are taken online each year starting January 1st and must be submitted by March 1st. Awards are announced in May; payments to follow in the fall.

To learn more or to apply for scholarships at the Foundation, visit our website at www.saafound.org and click on the Scholarships tab.

### San Angelo Gives

**SAAF 2015 Grant Awards**

- **Boys and Girls Club** – $10,500
- **Brady Volunteer Fire Department** – $15,000
- **Camp Good Samaritan (Sonora)** – $25,000
- **Critter Shack** – $15,000
- **Greater Works Community Development Center (Mason)** – $10,000
- **Rust Street Ministries** – $50,000
- **San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts** – $15,000
- **San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition** – $24,000
- **Sonrisas Trails** – $40,000
- **San Angelo Symphony** – $14,777
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- **Sutton County Health Foundation** – $70,000
- **Sonrisas Trails** – $40,000
- **West Texas Counseling & Guidance** – $10,000
- **West Texas Guidance and Counseling** – $40,000
- **Young Life** – $25,000

Grant application information can be found at www.saafound.org.

**Helping Our Community Through Rust Street**

Rust Street Ministries was established in 2003 as a place of support for our neighbors in need of temporary assistance. Rust Street programs contribute to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people in the Concho Valley by providing clothing, food, household items, furniture, health education, and spiritual classes. All this is done without cost to those who meet eligibility guidelines.

Grant funding from the San Angelo Area Foundation helped to renovate 4,349 square feet of private interview areas, counseling rooms, classrooms, and restroom facilities. Trained staff and volunteers engage an average of 40 clients per day, and the renovation of the client service area will provide a safe, confidential area to interview, assess, and meet the needs of those seeking assistance.

More than 22,000 men, women, and children received more than 6,430 articles of clothing, almost 274,000 pounds of food, and various household items and appliances through Rust Street Ministries last year. “The expansion of this facility is essential to provide a safe and secure place that fosters confidentiality, respect, and dignity for both clients and volunteers,” said Don Foster, Rust Street Ministries board president.

**2015 by the Numbers**

- 285 permanent funds (YTD)
- 459 scholarships awarded
- $6.1 million gifts (YTD)
- $6.9 million grants (YTD)
- $106 million total assets (YTD)

**Visit sanangelogives.org to learn more about San Angelo Gives.**