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**NORTHERN NEW MEXICO HEALTH GRANT GROUP
AWARDS MORE THAN \$300,000 IN GRANTS**

19 Northern New Mexico Nonprofit Organizations to receive 2008 grants

NORTHERN NM – The Northern New Mexico Health Grant Group (NNMHGG), a joint initiative of Con Alma Health Foundation and the Los Alamos Medical Center Auxiliary, this year will award more than \$300,000 in grants to nonprofits that improve health.

These grants bring the NNMHGG's grantmaking total to more than \$1.2 million since its first grant cycle in 2004.

Grants of up to \$20,000 support nonprofit organizations serving residents of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and northern Santa Fe counties.

"The NNMHGG is proud to support organizations that are addressing priority health issues in Northern New Mexico," said Dr. Erin Bouquin, Chair, Northern New Mexico Health Grant Group Advisory Committee.

Grant recipients will be honored at the 7th Annual Grant Awards Banquet of Con Alma Health Foundation on Friday, November 14 at Sandia Resort.

The 2008 NNMHGG grant recipients are:

Amigos del Valle, \$12,000 for in-home senior services in Rio Arriba and Northern Santa Fe Counties

Cancer Services of New Mexico, \$20,000 total for Family Cancer Retreats for families coping with cancer (two grants: \$12,500 and \$7,500)

Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico, \$13,000 for an anti-bullying and safe dating program

El Centro de los Niños - \$20,000 for an early childhood education community health support

Family Strengths Network, \$4,520 for the We Help Ourselves (WHO) program to help students learn how to be safe at home and school

The Family YMCA, \$11,763 for a Healthier Communities initiative to support first aid and CPR equipment for Teen Center classes

Hands Across Cultures, \$20,000 for Healthy Landscapes – Healthy People, a health promotion program involving promotoras, youth and elders

La Clinica del Pueblo de Rio Arriba, \$20,000 to develop a strategic plan for the Rio Arriba Teen Pregnancy Coalition

Las Clinicas del Norte, \$20,000 for a school-based dental hygiene program

Las Cumbres Community Services, \$10,000 for an IT upgrade to streamline medical record-keeping and improve access to and delivery of services

Los Alamos Family Council, \$20,000 to increase access to psychiatric services

Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, \$20,000 for a youth prevention health care initiative for youth involved in the juvenile justice system in Los Alamos County

Los Alamos Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary, \$20,000 to support the Los Alamos First Born Program home visiting services

Los Alamos Visiting Nurse Service, \$4,990 to train in-home personal care attendants

Many Mothers, \$7,500 for a collaboration with Family Strengths Network and Los Alamos First Born to train volunteers to help new mothers in Los Alamos County

New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation, \$20,000 to support expansion of KIDSIGHT to provide access to preventive eye health care for children

New Mexico Suicide Intervention Project, \$20,000 to support youth suicide prevention in rural communities

Santa Fe Recovery Center, \$20,000 for culturally appropriate alcohol and substance abuse treatment services for low-income Native Americans

Self Help, \$20,000 to support immigrant advocacy and health initiatives

Northern New Mexico Health Grant Group (NNMHGG) - In May 2002 the Los Alamos Medical Center was sold by Banner Health Systems, a non-profit corporation, to Province HealthCare, a for-profit corporation. Some proceeds from the sale of Los Alamos Medical Center (LAMC) were preserved to serve the unmet healthcare needs of the people of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and northern Santa Fe counties. The Hospital Auxiliary for LAMC and Con Alma Health Foundation, working as the Northern New Mexico Health Grant Group (NNMHGG) distribute the investment income from those proceeds for grants that target the populations traditionally served by the Los Alamos Medical Center.

Con Alma Health Foundation - The mission of Con Alma Health Foundation is to be aware of and respond to the health rights and needs of the culturally and demographically diverse peoples and communities of New Mexico. Con Alma seeks to improve the health status and access to healthcare services for all and advocates for a health policy that addresses the health needs of all New Mexicans. By the close of 2008, the Foundation will have awarded more than \$2 million in grants to nonprofit organizations across the state, bringing its total grantmaking to more than \$8 million since inception in late 2001. For more information, visit www.conalma.org.

The Hospital Auxiliary for Los Alamos Medical Center - The mission of the Auxiliary is to provide a portion of the health needs of persons residing within the service area of the Los Alamos Medical Center. The Auxiliary seeks to provide these services through direct health care assistance to the staff of the Los Alamos Medical Center, to provide for educational competence and advancement of the staff health care providers, to offer emergency financial assistance to needy patients, to cooperate with other non-profit health care organizations in grants and direct financial support, and to promote increased access to health care information.

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