

Annual

Report

2023



Con Alma
Health Foundation

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Message from Leadership

“We are grateful for the dedication of our Board of Trustees and staff. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers and the outstanding nonprofits who work to make a lasting impact on health in our state.”

Dear Friends,

This past year was a milestone year for Con Alma Health Foundation.

We invested nearly \$2 million into rural areas and communities facing challenges in New Mexico, focusing on addressing health inequities. In our commitment to community led solutions we implemented community grant reviewers to amplify the voices of community leaders in our annual grant review process. We awarded twenty-eight [CAHF statewide grants](#) and 9 [Northern New Mexico Health Grants](#) Group (NNMHGG) grants, totaling \$800,000.

Through a generous gift from Mackenzie Scott in 2022, we were able to award [\\$950,000 in Multi-Year Grants](#) to three organizations to advance maternal health in New Mexico: [Think NM](#), [Project ECHO](#) and [Searchlight New Mexico](#). These grants address the provider shortage in New Mexico, accessible training for rural healthcare providers, and awareness of the maternal health desert in New Mexico. These strategies are intended to expand our health care systems and create greater access for all New Mexicans as we continue to explore how to invest these funds into New Mexico.

We also honored two [Heroes of Health](#) for their extraordinary contributions to the health of their communities. **Lisa Patch**, Director of Health Services for Alamogordo Public Schools, was honored for her creativity and commitment to her students and families, as seen by her work to convert an RV into a mobile health unit to bring the school nurse to students at home during the height of the pandemic. **Rayven Ward**, a youth from [Rio Communities](#), was honored for her extensive fundraising and advocacy work to protect the environment, animal welfare, youth mental health and outdoor education.

Congratulations to both Heroes of Health!

As we continue to grow and evolve as an organization, we are grateful for the dedication of our Board of Trustees and staff. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers and the outstanding nonprofits who work to make a lasting impact on health in our state.

We look forward to the coming year's opportunities to support communities in building a healthier future together.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan M. Padilla LCSW".

Nathan Padilla, LCSW
Board President



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Candelaria".

Linda Candelaria
Executive Director



Shaping a
healthier future,
together.

Growth and progress necessitate change, and Con Alma Health Foundation is pleased to unveil our rebranding efforts.

We are committed to fostering enduring health and well-being for everyone in New Mexico, and this rebrand is a step forward in amplifying our work, strengthening our connections, and advancing our mission.

Our rebranded website features a new logo representing unity, collaboration, and progress, reflecting our belief in working together to create positive change. The colors are inspired by the landscapes and cultural diversity of New Mexico. We hope they suggest warmth, energy, and inclusivity.

Grants

Con Alma Health Foundation's grants are dedicated to ensuring everyone in New Mexico has equal access to opportunities for a healthy life. We support community led strategies that promote health equity.

Our grants empower these organizations to implement programs that enhance access to healthcare and overall well-being, creating lasting, positive change for all New Mexicans.

\$650,000

Con Alma Health Foundation (CAHF)
Annual Grants

28 grants, totaling \$650,000
Supporting health systems strategies to address the needs of our diverse communities, and strengthening the capacity of New Mexico's nonprofit sector.

\$150,000

Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group (NNMHGG)

9 grants, totaling \$150,000
Promoting the health and wellness of the people of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and northern Santa Fe counties through a partnership between the Con Alma Health Foundation and the Hospital Auxiliary of the Los Alamos Medical Center.

\$950,000

Multi-Year Grants

3 grants totaling \$950,000
To strengthen maternal health outcomes with technical assistance and capacity building support for rural communities.



Condensed Financials

Condensed Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2023

Assets

Current and other assets	\$ 5,404,379
Investments	\$ 26,724,470
Property and equipment	\$ 570,165
Total assets	\$ 32,699,014

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities	\$ 727,470
Net assets	\$ 31,971,544
Total assets	\$ 32,699,014

Condensed Statement of Activities

as of December 31, 2023

Revenues & Other Support

Grants	\$ -
Contributions	\$ 36,000
Investment Income (loss)	\$ 3,873,342
Total revenues	\$ 3,909,342

Expenses

Grants and Program	\$ 2,673,059
General and Administrative	\$ 342,151
Fundraising	\$ 9,752
Total expenses	\$ 3,024,962

Our People

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The Board of Trustees and staff extend their gratitude to each member who served on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

Our People



Linda Candelaria assumed the role of Executive Director in January 2024. Raised in rural Los Brazos, Linda has spent her life living and working in small communities in New Mexico and Arizona, including the Navajo Nation in northwestern New Mexico and the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Cibecue, Arizona.

Throughout her journey, she has built strong connections and implemented strategies to advance the missions of nonprofit organizations. Previously, Linda served as the Resource Development Manager for Carlsbad Lifehouse and the Executive Director for United Way of Eddy County. She holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

Linda has witnessed firsthand how health disparities affect rural communities and hinder people trying to lead a healthy, prosperous life. Now residing in Carlsbad, she embraces the opportunity her new role offers to advocate for increased access to healthcare for everyone living in New Mexico.

A sincere thank you to Denise Herrera, PhD, for her commitment and leadership as Executive Director from 2021 to January 2024.

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