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SAN ANGELO AREA FOUNDATION

## San Angelo Area Foundation Awards 2018 Grants

**November 27, 2018-** The 2018 spring and fall competitive grant program of the Foundation was able to award over \$625,000 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 Grants Include:

**Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley** \$50,000- Support to 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

**Howard College** \$40,000- Support with nonprofit training initiative

**Christoval Volunteer Fire Dept.** \$15,000- Support with acquiring tanker truck

**Dunbar Library Preservation of San Angelo** \$8,000- Help with handicap accessibility & exterior improvements

**Junior League of San Angelo** \$13,500- Support with Student Closet for identified students in Tom Green County

**Menard Manor** \$50,000- Assist with renovation of Menard’s only skilled care facility

**San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts** \$6,000- Assist with community education outreach

**Texas Southwest Council-Boy Scouts of America** \$8,186- Help with IT improvements

**Camp Good Sam** \$25,000- Assist with summer learning program in Sonora

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**West Texas Boys Ranch** \$30,000- Support with sustainable water well projects  
**West Texas Counseling & Guidance** \$16,000– Help with local outreach to suicide survivors  
**West Texas Rehab Center** \$100,000– Support with construction of WTRC Hospice Facility  
**Sterling City FUMC Early Childhood Center** \$10,000– Assist with facility improvements for community playground  
**Pregnancy Help Center** \$26,000 – Assist with facility expansion for functional STD clinic  
**Special Olympics** \$10,000– Help with participation expense for children and adults with intellectual disabilities  
**Sonora Flood Relief Fund** \$113,500– Support with immediate emergency relief and long-term recovery

In addition, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, the San Angelo Area Foundation collaborated with the Sonora Ministerial Alliance and utilized the Foundation’s ability to quickly manage and award emergency grants by creating the Sonora Flood Relief Fund. Friends and neighbors from across the nation have shown their support for Sonora by contributing to the fund and the outpouring of generosity has helped raise more than \$500,000 to date. Working closely with the Sutton County Long Term Recovery Group to help determine the immediate and long-term needs of the community, the Sonora Flood Relief Fund has provided over \$200,000 in emergency grants thus far to families coping with loss. “Our heartfelt prayers continue to be with those impacted by this disaster. The generous support many have shown their neighbors in need has allowed the San Angelo Area Foundation to stand alongside Sonora and we will continue to work closely with the Sutton County Long Term Recovery Group during this time of response, recover, and rebuilding,” states Matt Lewis. Visit [sonorafloodrelief.com](http://sonorafloodrelief.com) to learn more about resources available, community updates, and how you can contribute to the Sonora Flood Relief Fund.

The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 330 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 of \$150 million and has granted over \$90 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. Mark your calendars as we celebrate 5 years of collective giving on Tuesday May 7, 2019. For more information about the Foundation, please visit our website [www.saafound.org](http://www.saafound.org) or contact us at 325-947-7071.

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