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Anchorum Health Foundation Announces \$25 Million Investment In Community Foundations Across Northern New Mexico

Santa Fe, NM — Anchorum Health Foundation is proud to announce a \$25 million investment over the next five years in five community foundations across northern New Mexico. This investment acknowledges the vital role community foundations play in enhancing overall health outcomes and reflects Anchorum’s commitment to supporting partners who address health disparities and promote wellness. Furthermore, this investment extends Anchorum’s service area to thirteen northern New Mexico counties, as well as all of the state’s Pueblos and Tribal Nations.

“We are thrilled to advance these long-term strategic partnerships with community foundations across northern New Mexico,” said Jerry Jones, President and CEO of Anchorum. “Through targeted financial support and capacity-building efforts, we aim to strengthen these foundations so they can achieve lasting, meaningful impacts in their communities.”

The five community foundations are Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation, Los Alamos Community Foundation, New Mexico Foundation, Taos Community Foundation, and Santa Fe Community Foundation. Each foundation will receive a proportional share of the \$5 million annual allotment, determined by their capacity, size, and proven track record addressing health and wellness issues within their service area.

“This is more than just a generous donation,” said Rosemary Romero, Chair of the Board of Directors at New Mexico Foundation. “It’s a lasting commitment to enhancing the capabilities of community foundations, empowering them to aim higher and set ambitious goals with the confidence that they have substantial and sustained support.”

This \$25 million commitment represents a landmark moment for Anchorum, marking the first major investments in its expansion to serve all of the state’s Pueblos and Tribal Nations and thirteen northern New Mexico counties. This significant endeavor will extend Anchorum’s reach to the counties of Cibola, Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Los Alamos, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, and Union, ensuring that these communities benefit from the dedicated support of participating community foundations.

“This expansion underscores our unwavering commitment to enhancing health and well-being across a broader region than ever before,” said Jenny Parks, Anchorum’s Senior Vice-President of Strategic Philanthropy. “Investing in the diverse community foundations across our new



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service area allows us to gain deeper insights and make more informed grant decisions. By listening to the unique voices and needs of each community, we can ensure our support is impactful and truly responsive to the people we serve.”

The funds at each foundation can be tailored to meet the unique and evolving needs of each community but will be focused on addressing the social impediments to health, such as food security, safe and affordable housing, transportation and more.

“The creation of this fund at Taos Community Foundation means that our work continues to evolve, identifying local needs around the social determinants of health, and offering evidence-based solutions with community input that will align with Taos county's unique needs, culture, and heritage. De la comunidad, para la comunidad,” said CJ Grace, CEO of Taos Community Foundation.

“This gift is a tremendous contribution to meeting health and wellness needs in our two counties,” said Carla Romero, Board Chair of Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation. “It has the potential to surpass the nearly \$1 million in contributions we received and continue to receive to help with relief efforts after the Hermit’s Peak/Calf Canyon wildfires.”

As part of Anchorum’s efforts to build capacity at these foundations, Anchorum will sponsor and support an Anchorum Fellow at each of the five foundations. These Fellows will play a vital role in providing insights about emergent and chronic trends that affect their community’s health.

“This unique Anchorum Health Foundation model invests in community engagement to strategically identify and address issues at the local level. Along with Anchorum’s investments and assistance, Los Alamos Community Foundation is poised to leverage community relationships to achieve local change,” said Elizabeth Martineau, Executive Director at Los Alamos Community Foundation.

“The Santa Fe Community Foundation is excited to deepen its strong relationship with Anchorum,” said SFCF President and CEO Christopher Goett. “This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to improving health outcomes in northern New Mexico and leveraging our philanthropic efforts to advance education, housing, and food security.”

Anchorum Health Foundation is dedicated to improving the conditions that have the greatest influence on the health of communities in our region. We are committing our resources to strengthening community-based partners tackling critical local issues. For more information, visit anchorum.org.

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