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## **Foundation to Honor Benefactors and Donors**

**CARLSBAD, N.M., June 28, 2016** – The Carlsbad Community Foundation is proud to announce the 2016 honorees of its annual event will collectively be Foundation benefactors and donors, whose generosity sustains the Foundation’s many charitable works in Carlsbad and South Eddy County. This marks the first time in its 38-year history the Foundation will specifically honor those whose philanthropic contributions make the Foundation possible.

“We are so excited about this year’s event,” said Board President Neal Dungan. “Our community has a strong culture of giving and helping others. This is going to be a celebration of that spirit.”

The celebration will feature a brief program, led by Mike Currier, who has served as the Foundation’s master of ceremonies at its previous annual dinner since 2004.

“I’m looking forward to a new and exciting format,” Currier said. “The community and the world have changed and the Foundation wants to keep up. Rather than a traditional dinner and program, we are planning an interactive evening of fellowship, food, music and good will.”

The event will be an opportunity to highlight the generosity that has enabled the Foundation to award scholarships to students, provide grants to local nonprofit organizations and convene discussions on key community issues and needs. Since its establishment in 1978, the Foundation has played an active role in encouraging philanthropy and supporting charitable activities in South Eddy County.

The formal reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. on November 3, 2016 at the Pecos River Village Conference Center. There will be no charge for admission, however, tickets will be required.

**About the Carlsbad Community Foundation**

The Carlsbad Community Foundation is a charitable, 501(c)(3) organization that exists to improve the quality of life for the people of our community and South Eddy County. The work of the Foundation is achieved by building endowment funds for long-term support of nonprofit organizations and other charitable purposes. A Benefactor is a donor who has cumulatively contributed more than \$10,000 to Foundation endowment funds.

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