



## Enchanted Life Foundation Annual Report September 2016

"Enchanted Life Foundation, ELF, is a private family foundation formed for the express purpose of providing higher education, adult Roman Catholic religious formation and charitable opportunities that might not otherwise be available to the people, communities and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, of the ten southern counties of New Mexico. This geographic description should only be interpreted as indicating a preference to assist these individuals and communities first. It does not in any way limit the ability or desire of the foundation to assist other people, communities or Roman Catholic Diocese in the United States." *Norma J. Spina, Founder, Letter of intent*

We have identified six major areas of concern the foundation will address.....

1. Support educational and social needs of the communities within the ten southern counties of New Mexico.
2. Support proficiency in English, both written and spoken, as a matter of social justice and economic advancement.
3. Support the education of future generations by awarding scholarships and working with colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools.
4. Support, in the tradition of the Second Vatican Council, adult faith formation of laity, religious and clerics serving the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico.
5. Support religious retirement situations and religious communities, such as, by way of example and not by way of exclusion, Seton Hill University and the Sisters of Charity.
6. Support the parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces in meeting infrastructure and material needs.

***ELF supports the efforts of all people regardless of faith as they work to address educational and social needs.***

## **Foundation Grants since the last annual report:**

- Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA - Student Scholarships
- Holy Cross Retreat Center, Mesilla Park, NM - Franciscan Pilgrimage
- Artesia Literacy Council, Artesia, NM - Computer Resources
- NMSU Foundation, Las Cruces, NM - Memorial Middle School, Las Vegas, NM - Agricultural Lab

## **Sponsorship Program:**

- Exponent Philanthropy, Washington D.C.
- Philanthropy Southwest, Dallas, TX
- Casa de Peregrinos, Las Cruces, NM

**Grant Revoked:** Sherman Community Foundation, Deming, NM

**Total FY Grant Distributions: \$25,262**

**Total Grant Distributions since incorporation: \$380,287**

## **Significant Events:**

Elizabeth Grinnell resigned as Executive Director effective August 31, 2015. M.E. (Paula) Nelson assumed those responsibilities as of September 1, 2015. A new accounting firm was retained in May 2016.

**Total Assets as reflected on IRS 990PF 2014/2015 - \$1,661,711**

## **Board of Directors:**

Philip V. Spina, President

Elizabeth A. Grinnell, Vice-President/Secretary

M.E. (Paula) Nelson, Vice-President and Executive Director

David W. Spina, Vice-President/Treasurer

Jeffrey T. Nelson, Vice-President

Marc D. Spina, Vice-President

This report shall be prepared annually on or about September 1 and reflects the previous year's activity. A paper copy shall be filed in the emergency ELF files located at 12520 Canyon de Oro, Las Cruces, NM 88011 and in the office files at 8418 Linwood Rd., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

*"The formation of the foundation is rooted in my response to the baptismal call as a Roman Catholic." Norma J. Spina 1928-2012*