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September 29, 2011: Chairman of the Board Rob Patyrak recently announced seven area non-profit organizations were awarded a total of \$330,156. The San Angelo Health Foundation has granted \$35.5 million to 180 organizations benefitting 382 projects since it was established in 1995.

Grants Chair Richey Oliver said the following applications for funding were approved:

Eden Economic Development Corporation was awarded \$24,518 for facility improvements to a donated building on the town square that is being renovated. The Eden Economic Development Corporation was established in 1996 to develop new or expanded business opportunities in Eden.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes was awarded \$45,000 to provide for local staff and programming. The goal of FCA is to develop positive moral, ethical and spiritual values among the local coaches and athletes. They currently have 12 school based programs with 450 participants and plan to involve additional schools, coaches and athletes.

The Haven Family Shelter of McCulloch County was awarded \$17,669 for a ductless air conditioning unit and a fire alarm system for their facility. In addition to safe shelter, The Haven provides a 24-hour hotline, counseling, safety planning, personal and legal advocacy, information and referrals and emergency clothing, food and transportation to clients from Mason, Menard and McCulloch Counties.

Salvation Army was awarded \$159,300 for a new Mobile Feeding Unit or Canteen. The Army has been in San Angelo since 1901 providing basic necessities such as food, clothing, furniture, emergency shelter at the Red Shield Lodge and utility assistance. Most recently their mobile feeding unit has been extensively deployed throughout the State of Texas due to the wildfires.

Sterling County Senior Citizens Center was awarded \$10,974 toward kitchen renovation and equipment. This organization operates out of a restored railroad depot and has provided home-delivered and congregate meals to senior citizens since 1991.

Crisis Intervention Unit of Tom Green County was awarded \$42,000 toward their programming to reduce the effects of trauma to victims of crime. The Crisis Intervention Unit was established in 1999 to provide immediate and responsive on-scene assistance and support. In cooperation with the San Angelo Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, the coordinators explain crime victim's rights, provide emotional support, referral to community resources and follow-up with the victims.

West Texas Boys Ranch was awarded \$30,695 for a new van to transport their clients. Since 1947 this residential program has offered family-based care in a Christian environment to over 1300 boys needing an alternative to their home environment.

Applications for funding are accepted on an on-going basis. Visit the Foundation website at www.sahfoundation.org. Contact Tom Early (tomearly@sahfoundation.org) or Vicki Ford (vford@sahfoundation.org) at the Foundation office at 426 West Avenue B, San Angelo, TX. Phone (325) 486.0185, PO Box 3550, San Angelo TX 76902-3550.

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