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## **ALBUQUERQUE'S "THE GRANT PLANT" TAKES IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

*Local Grant Writing Partnership Tops \$3.5 Million In Funding For NM Nonprofits*

Albuquerque, NM (February, 2008) — The Grant Plant, a local, sister-owned grant writing partnership dedicated to providing superior and affordable resource development services, announces that it has received over \$3,500,000 in funding for New Mexico nonprofit agencies.

The funding will be used by various organizations to improve the quality of life for New Mexico residents, including ACCION New Mexico, the CNM Foundation, the Great Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Life Options Academy, Mission: Literacy, PB&J Family Services, Presbyterian Ear Institute, and The Loan Fund.

Among the firm's recent successes is a grant award from The Daniels Fund for over \$94,000 to PB&J Family Services Therapeutic Preschools, which prevents and treats child abuse through an intensive, interactive parenting program for children in foster care or who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

The Daniels Fund operates the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The Fund was established in 1997 by Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his kindness and generosity to those in need.

Current projects include securing additional funding for Mission: Literacy, which provides free English as a Second Language and literacy tutoring to residents of Albuquerque's far south valley near the Pajarito Mesa, and PB&J Family Services' Heeling Hearts program, which brings unwanted shelter dogs and inmates together at the Women's Correctional Facility in Grants, NM for therapy and training.

Through the direct service delivery of its clients, The Grant Plant contributes to the culture and well being of people throughout New Mexico. Sisters Erin Hielkema and Tara Gohr started the firm in 2003 in order to provide an affordable alternative for New Mexico nonprofits seeking to research and apply for grants for funding. They also contribute to increasing nonprofit capacity through trainings on grant writing at the United Way Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

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A recent internship program through a partnership with the University of New Mexico's professional writing program trains emerging writers to work with New Mexico nonprofits in a variety of resource development activities.

Since inception, the firm has been extremely successful among the state's numerous nonprofit agencies. Local nonprofits and other interested parties can contact Gohr and Hielkema to discuss their services at 505-839-1464 or through their website at [www.thegrantplantNM.com](http://www.thegrantplantNM.com).

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