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PB&J Family Services and CNM Foundation Recipients of Grant Awards

Albuquerque, NM, 7/24/06 –Two local nonprofit organizations were named recipients of grants during the first quarter of 2006 that will better the quality of life in New Mexico. PB&J Family Services and the Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) Foundation were awarded funds in support of their services to New Mexicans.

PB&J Family Services was awarded two grants from the Children's Trust Fund to support the Young Children's Health Center Collaborative (YCHCC) and its Heads Up! program. The YCHCC is a new initiative being offered jointly by PB&J Family Services and the Young Children's Health Center, a family-centered pediatric program serving primarily the Trumbull and La Mesa neighborhoods of Albuquerque. PB&J Family Services will provide comprehensive case management services to the families and children who receive medical care at the YCHC. The Heads Up! program is a school-based safety training program for middle school and high school girls to help them learn how to recognize and avoid danger. PB&J is a nonprofit organization that helps at-risk children to grow and develop to their full potential in nurturing families within a supportive community. The organization can be visited online at www.pbjfamilyservices.org.

The CNM Foundation was awarded a grant from the American Indian Education Foundation to support its emergency fund for Native American students. The emergency fund helps students cope with extenuating circumstances often surrounding collegiate life, such as being first-generation college students, cultural and living situation differences, and a general lack of financial resources. The CNM Foundation works to provide the extra financial assistance necessary for the citizens of CNM's service area to obtain the educational opportunities they deserve. The Foundation can be visited online at <http://www.cnm.edu/depts/tvifoundation/index.php>.

"Both organizations are truly inspiring. The depth of their services and the commitment displayed by their staff are extraordinary," says Tara Gohr of The Grant Plant, the agency that wrote the grant requests. View The Grant Plant's website at www.thegrantplantNM.com.

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