

The Rotary Del Norte Foundation was founded as its own 501(c)3 Corporation shortly after the Club's formation in 1988, for the purpose of helping the needy and underserved individuals and organizations of New Mexico.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of 9 individuals, each of whom has many years of experience in:

- Non-profit organizations,
- Finance and Investments,
- Legal, and
- Organizational management.

The individual Board of Directors for 2022-2023 are:

Steve Becker – President  
Sue Rzendzian – Vice President  
Rob Butler – Treasurer  
Marilyn Strube – Secretary  
Janie Rowe  
John Freeman  
Cheryl Strotz  
Ron Eppes  
Maria Montoya-Chavez

In past years, the Del Norte Rotary Club has sponsored fund-raising events, and the proceeds have been given to our Foundation to fund Grants. Every year the foundation takes the proceeds from these events, adds them to the earning from our permanent fund, and uses that money to fund grants.

Each year the Foundation typically provides annual grants totaling \$40-80,000 to various charitable organizations in New Mexico. Since its inception, the Rotary Del Norte Foundation has given grants totaling almost two million dollars to various charitable organizations in our community.

The recipients of our grants typically fall into one of the following six categories:

- Veterans and First Responders
- Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
- Youth Development
- Hunger prevention
- Shelter and Support for the Homeless
- Education and Literacy

Once a year the Club hosts a “Grant Recipient Recognition Ceremony”, where each recipient-organization is invited to a special Club meeting to give a very short presentation explaining what the charity does in our community, who they serve, and the impact that our grant will have on the people they serve. For many organizations our grant has a profound impact on what they are able to accomplish in our communities.

In 2022 the following organizations received grants:

ABQ Adult Learning Center  
Assistance League of Albuquerque  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central NM  
Casa Esperanza  
Children's Grief Center of New Mexico  
Crossroads for Women  
El Ranchito De Los Ninos  
Hope Works  
Locker 505  
Mandy's Farm  
New Day Youth & Family Services  
NM Dental Association Foundation  
Rio Grande Food Project  
Roadrunner Food Bank  
Saranam, LLC  
Share Your Care, Inc.  
Storehouse New Mexico

The Rotary Del Norte Foundation has had a dramatic impact in the lives of the people living in New Mexico communities.

If you would like to make a difference in our communities through the Rotary Del Norte Foundation, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Rotary Del Norte Foundation  
P.O. Box 3951  
Albuquerque, NM 87190