



## MEMO

To: ACF Board of Trustees  
From: Bob Bowman, Advancement Committee Chair  
Date: August 12, 2025  
Re: Advancement Committee Update

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The Advancement Committee met on August 12, 2025. Key items for the Board's awareness are summarized below:

### Fundraising Updates

- **Randy Royster Impact Fund:** \$181,150 raised to date; \$18,850 short of the goal. Campaign will conclude following Randy's retirement celebration on September 4 at the Annual Appreciation Celebration.
  - **Update as of 9/2/2025: \$206,000**
- **Endowments & Legacy Gifts:** 29 new funds are in progress, including 4 nearly finalized (2 legacy gifts). Three realized bequests have been received, one exceeding \$1M. The Committee is considering ways to memorialize donors more meaningfully.

### Donor Engagement

- **Wine & Dine/Donor Dinner:** The second donor dinner was hosted by Trustee Katie Esquibel, engaging over 20 guests. A highlight was the introduction of the Future Future Fund, a giving circle for children to participate in philanthropy. To date, \$2,600 has been raised (including \$1,000 from the CEO's designated fund). Additional dinners are planned this fall/winter.

### CircleUp New Mexico

The Foundation, in partnership with United Way of North Central New Mexico, Philanos, and PhilanthropyTogether, hosted a CircleUp event with nearly 90 attendees—the largest CircleUp gathering to date. Attendees collectively awarded \$15,000 to New Mexico Immigrant Law Center. Special thanks to Trustee Sanjay Engineer and FBT Architects for hosting.

### Annual Business Meeting – Rooted Together

This year's reimagined "Great Grant Giveaway" will be a community block party on Friday, October 17. The event will be free, with food, drinks, a short program, and live giving opportunities. A single grant recipient will be awarded funding as a catalyst for change. Grant applications closed August 14, with an announcement planned for September 5. Corporate partnerships are being pursued toward a \$200K investment goal over two years; \$50K has been secured to date.