
More than \$3 million raised during record-breaking Employee Giving Campaign

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Los Alamos National Laboratory's Employee Giving Campaign this fall was an outstanding success, raising \$2.17 million for United Way of Northern New Mexico, United Way of Santa Fe County and a long list of other eligible nonprofit organizations—more even than in previous years. Coupled with a \$1 million match from Los Alamos National Security (LANS), LLC, that's \$3.17 million toward community efforts.

"The work that these community-focused nonprofits do is truly inspiring," said Kurt Steinhaus, director of the Laboratory's Community Programs Office. "We are honored to partner with them."

Employee contributions pledged to United Way of Northern New Mexico (UWNNM) will help finance UWNNM's Community Action Fund, which supports northern New Mexico in a variety of ways.

UWNNM's education efforts, for example, include early child development projects, reading programs, youth mentorships and efforts to raise graduation rates, while the organization's health initiatives focus on lifestyle and wellness programs, mental wellness, Alzheimer's assistance and substance abuse rehabilitation. UWNNM also helps community members achieve financial stability by providing affordable childcare, basic needs assistance and housing rehabilitation.

"All of us at United Way of Northern New Mexico are grateful to the Laboratory's employees and LANS," said Kristy Ortega, UWNNM Executive Director. "Because they gave, their neighbors' lives are changed for the better. We are humbled by the generosity, which allows UWNNM to build partnerships in our community. Together, we can help ensure that children have the best opportunities to succeed, families have the tools to build a solid foundation, seniors are able to live independently and individuals are able to start fresh in the aftermath of a crisis."

Pledges for United Way of Santa Fe County (UWSFC) will create new opportunities for children and families through early childhood, early learning and parent support initiatives. UWSFC's Early Childhood Center, for instance, provides free pre-kindergarten services for four-year-olds through UWSFC's partnership with Santa Fe Public Schools.

"United Way of Santa Fe County greatly appreciates its relationship with Los Alamos National Laboratory's employees, LANS and Kurt Steinhaus, director of the Laboratory's Community Programs Office," noted Katherine Freeman, UWSFC President and CEO. "UWSFC is going through a wonderful period of growth that would not be possible without the support from Los Alamos."

For more information on some of the programs supported by the Laboratory's Employee Giving Campaign, visit the [United Way of Northern New Mexico](#) and [United Way of Santa Fe County](#) websites and consider watching the [Amigos del Valle](#), [First Born](#) and [Moving Arts](#) videos on YouTube.

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