$2.5 million approved for Community Commitment Plan

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The Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) Board of Governors approved $2.5 million in funding for the company's plan to support education, economic development, and charitable giving in Northern New Mexico.

"The board's decision to invest in our communities and their priorities reaffirms its continuing commitment to Northern New Mexico," says Kathy Keith, director of the Laboratory's Community Partnership Office. "In this coming year, we will strengthen partnerships with community organizations in order to have maximum impact for the Lab and Northern New Mexico."

The LANS Community Commitment Plan has provided more than $32.5 million to the region since 2007 in New Mexico in the areas of education, economic development, and community involvement.

“With our continuing investments, an area we look to help spark and nurture an interest in is science, technology, engineering, and math among students in the region,” Keith says.

Since 2006 LANS has been the managing and operating contractor for the Laboratory. Funds approved by the LANS Board of Governors are administered through a Community Commitment Plan managed by the Laboratory’s Community Partnerships Office.

“As longtime regional partners, United Way of Northern New Mexico, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Security are making positive strides toward healthy communities,” says Kristy Ortega, director of United Way of Northern New Mexico. “We are grateful for the LANS commitments and look forward to continuing to show the positive impact their investment is making in the lives of our friends and neighbors.”

Los Alamos National Laboratory's David Kratzer works with students during the 2016 Hour of Code, which encourages children to learn computer science. More than 60 Lab employees volunteered at 16 schools, working with nearly 2,000 students.