

“ We believe that if middle-school children are supported, positively engaged, thriving and aspiring they will graduate high school and go forward to successful lives.”



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### **Update from Grants Committee (GC)**

We are pleased to announce that we have just awarded more than \$190,000 in grants to 13 local non-profit organizations. This is the highest amount the group has ever distributed, and funding priorities were focused on programs that have found ways to provide support to students and their families throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Now in its twelfth year, as you know, the Santa Fe Hestia Fund is supported by 38 local female members and conducts in-depth research into all applicants and their programs. “We are so impressed by the commitment and creativity that these non-profit organizations have demonstrated in continuing to serve our community despite the almost overwhelming challenges of the past year. These groups provided essential and important services to students and their families, including food deliveries, counseling, tutoring, and wi-fi connections. Hestia is proud to partner with these programs,” said Rachel White, 2021 Hestia Chair.

In total, more than \$190,000 was recently awarded to Hestia’s 2021 grantees, including Breakthrough Santa Fe, Communities In Schools, Community Learning Network, Cooking With Kids, Gerard’s House, Girls Inc. of Santa Fe, Hands-On Heritage, Mariachi Conquistador, Reading Quest, Scrub Club, The Sky Center, Solace Crisis Treatment Center, and STEM Santa Fe.

### **New Funding Schedule to Begin in 2023/2024**

Beginning with 2023/2024 grant funding, the granting process will be divided into summer programs and school/year-round programs, each having its own timeline for application submission, site visits, and receipt of funding. As a result, there will be no additional granting or site visits in 2021 as the funding schedule changes. Details to come...

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### **Grantee Appreciation Luncheon**

Jodi Blecker, Jenna Scanlan, and Rachel White arranged an Appreciation Luncheon which was held on Thursday, February 4, to celebrate and share best practices among our grantee partners. Christa Coggins, Vice President for Community Philanthropy, and Gabi Gomez, Vice President for Advancement, Santa Fe Community Foundation, also participated. Another get-together was suggested as a forum to share more best practices and resources.

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## Meeting Speaker: Rayna Dineen

Rayna Dineen, Executive Director of Reading Quest, attended the Quarterly Meeting in February to give the members a sense of how the larger non-profit community is adapting during the coronavirus pandemic and to report on the 2020 Reading Quest grant which is being used to support their middle school tutoring program. Rayna provided information about their clients, emphasizing the individual struggles that kids and their families are having with a lack of technology to support online learning. She also talked about volunteer and paid tutors, remedial reading, assessments of students, and virtual workshops for teachers.

## WELCOME, New Members!

**Valerie Hamilton  
Amanda Kocon  
Christine McDermott  
Thao Marquez  
Robin Roffer**

## MEMBER NEWS: Mary Sloane

Also at the Quarterly Meeting in February, it was revealed that Mary Sloane photographed the work of New Mexico artist Keri Ataumbi for February's *Vogue* magazine (yes, the issue featuring Kamala Harris on the cover)! Pick up a print copy if you can find one, or check out the online version (<https://archive.vogue.com/article/2021/2/the-local-news>) if you have a subscription. Way to go, Mary!

## NEW HESTIA & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following members will serve as Chairs of Hestia and our committees in 2021:

**Hestia Chair: Rachel White  
Hestia Vice Chair: Cindi Pettit  
Grants Committee Co-Chairs: Cornelia Bryer and Mary Sloane  
Membership Committee Co-Chairs: Sally Fleming and Susie Harburg**

## FEATURED MEMBER: Linda Nelson

I sold my Canyon Road home of 20 years in March on the day the U.S. closed to European travel, and I moved in with Randy McClanahan. He took this photo of me on Cape Cod where I've had a summer home for 30 years. My younger daughter's family lives ten minutes from me on the Cape, and



my older daughter, and her skiing family, live in Nederland, CO. After college I was a high school language-arts teacher for ten years. Then, I produced and reported feature TV news stories for a decade. The final work chapter was in media coaching, assisting corporate and non-profit leaders. I'm retired now from work

As a Founding Member of both Hestia Boston and Hestia Santa Fe, I've been so impressed by the programs I've observed and the Executive Directors I've met. These are inspiring organizations and community leaders I might otherwise have missed.

## UPCOMING

### Events

**Thursday, May 6: 10:00AM-Noon** Executive Board Meeting (Zoom)

**Thursday, May 20: 9:00-11:00AM** Members' Quarterly Meeting (Zoom)

**Thursday, September 16: 10AM-Noon** Executive Board Meeting (Zoom)

**Wednesday, September 22: 9:00-11:00AM** Members' Quarterly Meeting (Zoom)