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RANCHO SANTA FE FOUNDATION

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The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is twenty-four years old, since its establishment in 1981. As of this writing, we have nearly \$17 million in our endowment and we granted approximately \$1.6 million in 2004. We have enjoyed significant growth in the last two years, raising more than \$9 million just last year. But growth and maturity do not come easily and in our business, this growth is largely driven by working with wonderful visionary donors and having an exceptional Board of Directors and dedicated staff.

As the Executive Director of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation since 1997, I have had the privilege of working with exceptional Boards of Directors for the past eight years. We have had leadership from five outstanding Chairmen, including Bill McConnor, Ed George, John Seiber, Don Oliphant and currently Gayle Gillies Mize. Greg Hillgren will assume the chairmanship next year. All of these people have served with wisdom and strength of conviction in leading this foundation.

Our Board of Directors is a very dedicated and talented group of 26 women and men, who reside in the community. Each of them is committed to the growth of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation in the future, and to increasing our commitment to funding worthwhile projects in and around the Ranch.

And our staff is the best anywhere. Debbie Anderson began her employment with the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation four years ago, as a very part-time employee. She has been a "jack-of-all-trades" and has capably served as Administrative Assistant to the Board of Directors and the Executive Director and most recently she was appointed the Administrative Assistant to the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund. Her big smile and easy laugh are much appreciated by all who work with her. Without her organizational skills and dedication to detail, this foundation would not be where it is today.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Dan Beals, Finance Manager, to the staff at the Foundation. Dan brings a wealth of knowledge in accounting and office management systems and he has dedicated himself in recent weeks to learning the software system that we use ... no small task, I might add. Please stop by the office and met Dan, any time!

I am privileged to work with such a wonderful "team".

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is to enhance and preserve the quality of life within the greater Rancho Santa Fe area by promoting responsible and effective philanthropy. In pursuit of this mission, the Foundation:

- Will increase awareness and understanding of the unique role played by the Foundation in identifying community needs.
- Will assist in addressing those needs with financial awards and organizational support.
- Will assist donors in building and preserving enduring assets for charitable purposes in the greater Rancho Santa Fe area.