

The HSLopez Family Foundation

2006 Annual Report

The year 2006 was the inaugural year of The HSLopez Family Foundation. The foundation was granted formal approval by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) organization of the Internal Revenue Code.

Initially, the foundation evolved through several stages. The first was the development of the cornerstone of the foundation: defining its purpose and vision. The Board of Directors, in fulfilling its fiduciary and administrative responsibilities, adopted several essential documents required by law to protect and maintain the foundation's tax-exempt status. The documents include: *Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Form 1023, Determination Letter, and Form 990-PF*. In addition, the Board adopted a number of operational policies, including a *Conflict of Interest Policy, Discretionary Grants Policy* and *Grant Guidelines*.

From the foundation's inception, special effort has been made to ensure that board members are familiar with the range and duties of membership, including the governance of a non-profit organization, setting direction and policy, holding and exercising authority, and providing accountability for the foundation's performance. Significantly, the Board president and founder established discretionary grants for each board member, allowing him or her to make small grants to other charitable organizations outside of the normal grants making cycle.

MISSION STATEMENT

The HSLopez Family Foundation will seek and fund primarily traditional and innovative projects and programs which exist to improve the quality of life. The main areas of interest shall include health, education and welfare programs.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision for The HSLopez Family Foundation is to significantly change the lives of those in need.led desire is to help individuals who are in their most desperate hour with little or no resources to help themselves. The HSLopez Family Foundation will continue to honor its founders and donor by fulfilling the mission to better society by anonymously helping one person at a time to provide those with disadvantaged circumstances in health, education and welfare programs.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The HSLopez Family Foundation makes grants in three distinct areas of focus: health, education and welfare to significantly change and improve the lives of those in needs.
Grants are limited to the Pima County areas of Arizona or geographic areas in which a Board Member resides, impacts or is “linked” to the described areas.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The directors invite proposals from 501 (c) (3) organizations. Anyone with a project that may fit within the mission, vision, and grant guidelines must submit a letter with the **Grant Application Form** which may be found on our Web site: <http://thehslopezfamilyfoundation.com>. Deadlines for receiving applications are **June 1 and December 1**: applicants will be notified in August and February.

2006 GRANTS

The Board of Directors of The HSlopez Family Foundation authorized, in its inaugural year, \$25,850 in grants to organizations and institutions exclusively in Arizona and California.

Education: \$13,350

San Miguel High School, Tucson, Arizona
“Project Success,” Catholic Elementary Schools, Santa Ana, California
“Aim4College,” Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Tucson, Arizona
“Project Shine,” Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona

Environment: \$2,500

Miocean, Laguna Niguel, California

Health: \$2,500

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona

Performing Arts: \$7,500

Up With People, World Headquarters, Denver, Colorado (grant was earmarked for Tucson)

FINANCES

Period Covered: Year Ending June 30, 2007

Assets	\$358,569
Grants Awarded	\$28,850

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