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Advocacy Grantmaking Produces Real Results, Watchdog Says

Research shows high levels of return on investments, community-wide benefits

Washington, D.C. (December 4, 2008) – As the nation's worst financial crisis since 1932 continues to ex

“This is a time when every dollar counts for both donors and their grantees,” said Dolores Roybal, execu

New numbers from New Mexico suggest that foundations should turn to the underutilized strategy of sup

According to a new report from the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), for every c

“This is true strategic grantmaking that gives foundations a real bang for their buck,” said Aaron Dorfman

Thanks to efforts by coalitions of nonprofits in Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, more than

“By providing financial support to those advocacy nonprofits involved in the effort to increase our state’s

And it’s not just minimum wage. Local advocacy groups have been successful pushing the passage of th

A joint effort by a coalition of nonprofits and a state agency worked together to pass the State Affordable

“The economic security of thousands of lower-income families has increased as a result of advocacy and

Gay Dillingham, executive director of the Livingry Foundation in Santa Fe, N.M. and chair of NMAG, cau

“We shouldn't overlook the opportunity to create more long range strategies,” said Dillingham. “If you giv

The report “Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities” documents how New Mexico’s overall c

Fourteen New Mexico nonprofits participated in the study, including: Albuquerque Interfaith, Community

The report highlights a range of successful efforts by these organizations on issues such as economic s

Some of the New Mexico-based foundations that have provided support for the groups featured in the re

A number of large and small national funders also invest in advocacy and organizing in the state, such a

"Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities" can also be downloaded for free at www.nmreport.org (202) 387-9177 or

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Note: Calculating return on investments: Researchers aggregated the dollar values of the impacts, as w

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