

# Respected volunteer leaves a legacy

## Community Foundation says goodbye to a friend

*Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico*

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is all about community, philanthropy and commitment. In September, staff, board members and friends of the CFSNM said goodbye to a volunteer who shared the same commitments.

Jon Wynne, born Aug. 21, 1931 in London, passed away on Sept. 26. He was an avid reader and fond of films and filmmakers. Wynne loved to engage in intellectual pursuits and political discussions. His insights into human nature were astute and helped him as he dialogued with friends and colleagues. His keen and dry sense of humor was embraced by many who knew and loved him and when he was not volunteering, discussing or joking he was logging 40 miles on his stationary bike each day.

Wynne spent the majority of his career as an auditor for the American Tobacco Co. based in New York City. When he retired to the warmer climate of Las Cruces he became a community volunteer dedicated to social change and philanthropy.

Wynne started volunteering with the CFSNM nearly two decades ago, first at the Memorial Medical Center Foundation. Every morning, Monday through Friday, Wynne would arrive at the CFSNM office at 5 a.m., working through 9 a.m. on book-keeping and various needs within the offices.

"He took great pride in his work and he wholeheartedly offered his ability to volunteer and his knowledge, expertise and time to the Community Foundation," said Luan Wagner Burn, executive director of the CFSNM.

Post-high school education was critically important to Wynne. Upon his passing, Wynne left a large planned gift through a bequest in his will/trust. Wynne left his estate to the CFSNM to create the Jon Wynne Scholarship Fund.

Anyone interested in donating to the Jon Wynne Scholarship Fund can contact Burn at 521-4794 or mail a check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

The CFSNM manages several scholarships created to honor those who have passed, such as the Jon Wynne Scholarship, including the Harold Cousland Fund for Young Journalists

Scholarship; Kevin T. Riedel Memorial Scholarship; Over the Rainbow Scholarship; R.W. Van Pelt Educational Fund Scholarship and Zachary Eiland Lansford Memorial Scholarship.

*The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at [www.cfsnm.org](http://www.cfsnm.org) or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.*



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