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Dear Non-Profit Leader:

The College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University along with strong administrative support has implemented a program called Service Learning. This program is comprised of an interdisciplinary group of NMSU faculty, staff, administrators and students in collaboration with members of the larger community who seek to take greater responsibility in addressing our region's literacy, educational, economic, health and social needs in order to better serve the citizens of Doña Ana County and surrounding areas.

Our plan is to match NMSU students to volunteer opportunities within their community. In order to do this we have partnered with the United Way of Southwest New Mexico and their Volunteer Center Program, which currently has a website that matches prospective volunteers with volunteer opportunities based on their interests, skills and preferences. NMSU and United Way will work together to provide as many volunteers to community agencies as possible. Our goal is to place volunteers in an agency in which the volunteer can feel they have made a difference in someone's life.

This is a WIN-WIN-WIN opportunity for all involved. Involving the students with community agencies will give them hands on experience while helping their community. Being a Land-Grant University NMSU will be fulfilling the needs of the land granted to them, as well as helping United Way by reaching many non-profit agencies and providing them with volunteers to unite our community on a broader spectrum. In order to provide an extensive list of opportunities, we need your help. Please sign up on the website and post your volunteer opportunities. There are two ways to do this:

1. Contact Bernadine Dallago Campaign/Volunteer Director at The United Way (505)524-7561 and she will refer you to one of her assistants.
2. Register online at www.unitedwayswnm.org and click on Non-Profit agencies and then click on Register Here.

We hope you take advantage of this community-building opportunity. Thank you for all you do in our community and we look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,

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