



May 9, 2024 Del Norte Credit Union
Annual Meeting Remarks on the
Del Norte LOV Foundation

Hello, my name is Connie Tooker Nuñez, and I have the privilege of being the Director of the Del Norte LOV Foundation, which is an independent foundation associated with Del Norte Credit Union and is an employee-driven, public charity 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to improve the lives of youth and families in New Mexico.

I have the honor of speaking on behalf of the Del Norte LOV Foundation Board of Directors, Employee Foundation Committee, Associate Director Matthew Ruybal, and myself about the Foundation's 2023 accomplishments.

In 2023, we improved the lives of more than 220,600 youth and families in northern New Mexico and invested \$125,000 in philanthropic giving through the Foundation's community support programs, which included:

- Awarding 10 youth scholarships totaling \$16,000 to assist them in their higher education journey;
- We conducted 17 financial literacy workshops to local schools and nonprofits, and
- Connected DNCU employees to over 200 nonprofits for volunteerism.
- We facilitated more than \$18,000 in the employee-giving program, Teen Day Tuesdays.
- We hosted our 2nd Annual Spread the LOV Gala, which is our signature annual fundraiser that had more than 120 attendees, employees, sponsors, business and community members.
- We also hosted the 2nd Annual Back to School Event, which is our community engagement program event that served more than 400 families in the Española Valley at Carols F. Vigil Middle School. It was done in collaboration with the DNCU employees, LANL Foundation, Hands Across Cultures, Española Public Schools, and 25 other nonprofits and agencies as a family-fun event that welcomed youth and their families back to school.
- In addition, the Del Norte LOV Foundation provided 11 programmatic community grants that improved the lives of youth and families that address at-risk youth, community enrichment, education & STEM, and arts & culture; and
- Distributed 53 sponsorships to community organizations that align with our mission and impact areas.
- To learn more about the Del Norte LOV Foundation's impact, I encourage you to please visit our website: www.delnortelovfoundation.org.
- Together, we are improving the lives of youth and families in New Mexico!
- Thank you for your consideration and support of our employee-driven nonprofit organization!