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Dear Recipients of *"Women Who Made A Difference In New Mexico"*

Congratulations! You have received a poster dedicated to the commitments and strengths of New Mexico Women -- perhaps a first in our state. Each year I receive five or six posters from other states which honor women in this manner. To the best of my knowledge, New Mexico has not previously produced a poster recognizing the multicultural work of women's lives which have played a significant role in making this state what it is today.

Our research team and our selection committee committed several days to ensuring accurate information and quality representation. In addition to these individuals, who are recognized by name on this poster, additional individuals and groups were contacted for information. We soon recognized that our task was more complex than we, at first had envisioned. For example, some cultures have an extensive *"oral history"*, but may not have documented records, nor written information regarding names, birth or death dates, nor photographs. We now recognize that some courageous women who have accomplished extraordinary work, may have remained invisible to our committee. Therefore, we ask you, our supporters, our readers, to send women's names and information to me for possible use on a future poster.

Our goal is to provide an educational tool with a new perspective for looking at the past which honors the richness and diversity of the lives of the many women who came before us. For our students, we hope to promote a deeper and more relevant appreciation of New Mexico history. Women of previous generations who have left their mark on our society provide important role models for our daughters and sons, as they endeavor to envision what their own lives might hold in store.

Our school children may be inspired to meet:

WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE . . .

Many of these women began their lives in repressive and impoverished conditions. Through hard work and determination they were able to overcome the many obstacles facing them to make important contributions to society.

YOU TOO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Fox, State Supervisor
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