

Media Release

01/27/09 - ARCA Foundation Receives \$75,000 Matching Grant from First Community Bank

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First Community Bank Invests in Albuquerque

Albuquerque, NM –While many financial institutions are trying to find solid ground, First Community Bank (FCB) is creating opportunities. In January, the ARCA Foundation announced it had received a \$75,000 pledge from First Community Bank.

“Designed as a dollar for dollar match, we hope this contribution will inspire all Albuquerqueans to continue investing in our community’s most vital resource – her citizens,” said Patrick Dee, President and Chief Operating Officer, FCB. “ARCA and First Community Bank have been an integral part of the backbone of this community for many years. We are proud to support

the exemplary work this organization does to create opportunities for 600 treasured members of our community with developmental disabilities.”

“First Community Bank has been a valued partner for many years. We are deeply moved by their desire to encourage our friends and neighbors to look beyond today’s challenges and focus on the tremendous potential of tomorrow,” said Elaine Solimon, ARCA’s Executive Director.

“Medicaid funding supports the basic needs of the individuals we serve,” said Michele Cody, ARCA Foundation Development Director. “Our community partnerships create glorious opportunities; opportunities you or I might take for granted like living in a safe neighborhood, earning a paycheck, establishing friendships and building self esteem by learning to read or developing new job skills. Individuals who receive services from ARCA are loyal members of our workforce as well as dedicated volunteers who give countless hours to civic groups, religious organizations and local nonprofits. The chance to live a meaningful life is possible because of partners like First Community Bank.”

The ARCA Foundation is establishing a \$1,500,000 Endowment Fund to assure its services remain available in perpetuity.

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ARCA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1957 by a group of Albuquerque families who had children with developmental disabilities. The mission of ARCA has remained consistent for 51 years: opening doors for people with developmental disabilities to be valued members of our community. For more information, please call 505-332-6803 or visit our web site at www.ARCASOpeningDoors.org.