Front Cover
The front cover depicts a montage of images from Think New Mexico’s first ten years, illustrating our policy victories on full-day kindergarten, the food tax repeal, the Strategic Water Reserve, Individual Development accounts, lottery scholarship reform, and title insurance reform.

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Think New Mexico is a results-oriented think tank serving the citizens of New Mexico. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all New Mexicans, especially working low and middle income families. We fulfill this mission by educating the public, the media, and policymakers about some of the most serious problems facing New Mexico and by developing and advocating for effective, comprehensive, sustainable solutions to those problems.

Our approach is to perform and publish sound, nonpartisan, independent research. Unlike many think tanks, Think New Mexico does not subscribe to any particular ideology. Instead, because New Mexico is at or near the bottom of so many national rankings, our focus is on promoting workable solutions.

Consistent with our nonpartisan approach, Think New Mexico’s board is composed of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. They are statesmen and stateswomen, who have no agenda other than to see New Mexico succeed. They are also our brain trust.

Think New Mexico began its operations on January 1, 1999. It is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In order to maintain its independence, Think New Mexico does not accept state government funding. However, contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations are welcomed, encouraged and tax-deductible.

As a results-oriented think tank, Think New Mexico measures its success based on changes in law we help to achieve. Our results include:

- making full-day kindergarten accessible to every child in New Mexico
- repealing the state’s regressive tax on food
- creating a Strategic Water Reserve to protect and restore New Mexico’s rivers
- establishing New Mexico’s first state-supported Individual Development Accounts to alleviate the state’s persistent poverty
- redirecting millions of dollars a year out of the state lottery’s excessive operating costs and into full-tuition college scholarships
- reforming title insurance to lower closing costs for homebuyers and homeowners who refinance their mortgages
Think New Mexico’s Board of Directors

Clara Apodaca, a native of Las Cruces, was First Lady of New Mexico from 1975–1978. She served as New Mexico’s Secretary of Cultural Affairs and as senior advisor to the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the Clinton administration. Clara is President and CEO of the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation.

Edward Archuleta, a 13th generation New Mexican, is a consultant and activist on issues including responsible land-use planning, growth management, and sustainable development. Edward previously served as the top assistant to former New Mexico Secretary of State Stephanie Gonzales.

Paul Bardacke served as Attorney General of New Mexico from 1983–1986. Paul was Chairman of Bill Richardson’s successful gubernatorial campaigns. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Paul currently handles complex commercial litigation and mediation with the firm of Sutin, Thayer and Browne.

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Garrey Carruthers served as Governor of New Mexico from 1987–1990. Garrey is Dean of New Mexico State University’s College of Business, and was formerly President and CEO of Cimarron Health Plan. He serves on the board of the Arrowhead economic development center in Las Cruces, as well as a number of other corporate and public boards.

Dr. F. Chris Garcia is a former President of the University of New Mexico and is currently a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science. He is the co-author of, among other books, Hispanics and the U.S. Political System and Governing New Mexico. Dr. Garcia recently received the Governor’s Distinguished Public Service Award.
LaDonna Harris is Chair of the Board and Founder of Americans for Indian Opportunity. She is also a founder of the National Women’s Political Caucus. LaDonna was a leader in the effort to return the Taos Blue Lake to Taos Pueblo. She is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation.

Susan Herter served as Chief of Staff to Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and was appointed to the President’s Commission on White House Fellows by Presidents Carter and Reagan. Susan was a founding board member of Common Cause, the North American Institute, and the New Mexico Community Foundation, where she also served as president.

Edward Lujan is the former CEO of Manuel Lujan Agencies, the largest privately owned insurance agency in New Mexico. Ed is a former Chairman of the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico, the Republican Party of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Economic Development Commission.

Fred Nathan founded Think New Mexico and is its Executive Director. Fred served as Special Counsel to New Mexico Attorney General Tom Udall. In that capacity, he was the architect of several successful legislative initiatives and was in charge of New Mexico’s lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Roberta Cooper Ramo is the first woman elected President of the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute. Roberta served on the State Board of Finance and is a former President of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico. She is a shareholder in the Modrall law firm and serves on many national boards.

Stewart Udall served as Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Prior to that, Stewart served three terms in Congress. He is the author of The Quiet Crisis (1963) that tells the story of humankind’s stewardship over the planet’s resources, and To the Inland Empire: Coronado and Our Spanish Legacy (1987) which celebrates Hispanic contributions to our history.
Dear New Mexican:

A lot has changed in the decade since Think New Mexico was founded. For starters, my wife, Arlyn, is grateful that I have moved Think New Mexico’s office out of our bedroom and that I am now earning a salary.

But many things have not changed. One constant over the past decade has been our mission, which continues to be to advance New Mexico in some of those national rankings where New Mexico is currently at or near the bottom.

Think New Mexico’s most recent accomplishment in this regard is our title insurance reform legislation, which was signed into law in April by Governor Richardson. Last year, our proposal for title insurance reform was so controversial (because of the extraordinary political power of our opponents) that we could not even get the bill introduced. This year, with the help of Speaker Ben Lujan, it passed unanimously and will now make title insurance more affordable for New Mexicans who buy a home or refinance a mortgage.

Like the food tax repeal and the Strategic Water Reserve, title insurance reform was a multi-year effort with its share of setbacks. As they say in the West, “what matters is not whether you get knocked down, but whether you get back up.” My colleagues, Kristina Fisher and Lynne Buchen, regularly demonstrate this sort of resilience.

Another constant over the past decade has been the remarkable people who populate Think New Mexico’s board and lend us their wisdom as well as their good reputations. We call Think New Mexico’s board our “brain trust,” and they deserve much of the credit for our success.

Finally, the most important constant has been those thoughtful and generous souls whose investments have built Think New Mexico. Their ranks have grown from 52 in 1999 to 614 in 2008. Think New Mexico now has supporters in 107 of New Mexico’s 112 legislative districts and 27 of New Mexico’s 33 counties. (There is a special prize awaiting the first person from Harding County, population 810, to join our ranks.) Because of you, Think New Mexico has become a more permanent part of New Mexico’s landscape over the past decade.

Fred Nathan

May 15, 2009
Dear Friend of Think New Mexico:

Think New Mexico was founded a short decade ago with the simple idea that an independent, results-oriented think tank could help to improve New Mexico’s quality of life.

Solving one problem at a time, Think New Mexico has succeeded by draining the politics out of partisan debates and placing the focus instead on developing effective, sustainable solutions and then working tenaciously to transform those solutions into landmark laws.

These landmark laws benefit New Mexicans every day when they buy groceries, purchase a home, or refinance a mortgage.

They benefit every full-day kindergarten student in New Mexico and every college student on a lottery scholarship.

Think New Mexico often speaks for those who are most vulnerable and who have little or no voice in the political process. For example, its campaign to establish a Strategic Water Reserve keeps water in New Mexico’s rivers, while Think New Mexico’s campaign to create publicly funded Individual Development Accounts helps low-income New Mexicans save to start a micro-enterprise, buy a first home, or go to college.

Think New Mexico is the only organization of its kind in New Mexico and it is critically important to the state’s future. That is why we are so proud to have served on the Board since Think New Mexico’s inception in 1999.

We look forward to another decade of challenging the vested interests on behalf of everyday New Mexicans. To make that possible, Think New Mexico relies on people like you to make a social investment in this unique cause. Please send a check in the conveniently enclosed yellow reply envelope today and visit Think New Mexico’s website www.thinknewmexico.org to learn about how you can become more involved.

Stewart L. Udall
Former Secretary of the Interior

Garrey Carruthers
Former New Mexico Governor
Think New Mexico’s most recent initiative is focused on incentivizing the state to build smaller schools. Smaller schools tend to have higher graduation rates, less student alienation and violence, and higher levels of satisfaction among students, parents, principals, and teachers. Yet today, two-thirds of New Mexico’s ninth graders enter high schools of more than 1,000 students, and one-third enter high schools with more than 2,000. In 2009, the Senate passed Think New Mexico’s smaller schools legislation 28–11, but it ran out of time in the House. We will continue our work to get this reform enacted over the next year.

Smaller high schools? Yes, come to Think of it

For an idea that’s supposed to be from a think tank, this one seems like a no-brainer:

Kids who go to smaller high schools tend to get a better education than the ones herded into huge ones.

Who would argue with that, other than the thankfully rare parents who want their budding Denver Bronco in the biggest scholastic athletic league possible so the professional scouts will come watch him break other kids apart?

Few academic experts favor the 4,000-student campuses where education is dehumanized, where crime thrives and where, on graduation day, total strangers form a cue that takes hours for them to be handed their diplomas?

But just in case some bigger-is-better lobbyist lies in wait to mug school reformers with smaller campuses in mind, Think New Mexico has compiled tons of research to support a case it’s planning to present to the next Legislature for more manageable schools.

Think is a nonpartisan public-policy operation that isn’t content to just issue reports and hope someone official acts on them. Its projects have their own goals — getting laws passed, gaining legislative appropriations and putting ideas to work.

Among its accomplishments during the decade since it was founded:

◆ Making full-day kindergarten available to all our state’s kids.
◆ Repealing the state sales tax on food.
◆ Creating a strategic water reserve to protect our rivers.
◆ Reducing the state lottery’s operating costs so more money goes into college scholarships.

Still to be achieved is title-insurance reform, and that’s on the group’s agenda for the next Legislature.

But its latest annual crusade is for school-district planning that won’t include the kind of mega-high schools now on the drawing boards in Albuquerque.

Among other things, says Think, the big schools are dropout factories — and in New Mexico, more than in many other parts of the country — dropouts remain a serious problem. According to its figures, barely more than half our state’s freshmen make it to graduation.

For that, our state’s taxpayers foot big bills — socially and economically. So, say the Thinkers, the Legislature should reduce the matching funds it issues for school buildings to high schools no bigger than 900; 225 per grade.

Think New Mexico has crunched all kinds of numbers to justify a fresh focus on smaller schools — and to shred the myth that bigger schools are cheaper on a per-pupil basis. And the group has lined up loads of expert witnesses and supporting organizations. It also has looked into the facilities that go with mega-schools — auditoriums, gymnasiums, athletic fields, libraries and such — and offers suggestions as to where kids from smaller schools could find such accommodations.

What about the big schools already standing? Think has looked around the country, and come up with ideas for schools within schools; something already being tried here in Santa Fe. Further refinements might come from the group’s research.

Our senators and representatives should pay close attention to Think New Mexico’s latest work. Its Web site, by the way, is www.thinknewmexico.org.
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On April 3, 2009, Governor Richardson signed Think New Mexico's title insurance reforms into law, capping a two-year effort that began with the publication of our report, “The Secret Story Behind New Mexico’s Title Insurance Law, How it Harms Working Families, and How We Can Fix It.” The new law will substantially lower the cost of title insurance for homebuyers and homeowners who buy new title insurance policies when they refinance their mortgages. With an average of more than 100,000 title insurance policies sold each year in New Mexico, this landmark law will result in millions of dollars in savings for New Mexico families.

Richardson signs title insurance overhaul bill

SANTA FE (AP) — New Mexicans should be able to save money in closing costs when they buy a home or refinance their house under legislation Gov. Bill Richardson signed into law on Friday.

The new law overhauls the state’s title insurance system to provide for price competition in rates, starting in July.

Richardson said the reform measure “means homebuyers will be able to shop for less expensive title insurance rates.”

“It puts money into pockets of New Mexicans who purchase and refinance homes,” Richardson said at a news conference.

Title insurance is part of the closing costs people pay when buying or refinancing a home. The insurance offers protection against losses if there’s a problem with the property’s ownership records.

Under the current system, the superintendent of insurance sets a uniform rate that title insurance companies must charge in New Mexico.

With the changes in law approved by the Legislature, the state will establish a price ceiling for title insurance. Insurers can charge a lower rate in individual counties if it’s approved by the superintendent of insurance, who heads the insurance division in the Public Regulation Commission. It’s voluntary that insurers offer lower rates.

“It’s going to be very beneficial for consumers,” said House Speaker Ben Lujan, D-Santa Fe, who sponsored the legislation.

Mortgage rates are low across the nation, and supporters of the law said the title insurance overhaul offered another incentive for people to refinance or buy a home — potentially helping the New Mexico housing market and economy.

“We think this bill is a modest state-level stimulus for homebuyers and homeowners,” said Fred Nathan, executive director of Think New Mexico.

The Santa Fe-based independent think tank published a report in 2007 that advocated price competition in the title insurance market and estimated consumers could save millions of dollars. New Mexico, Florida and Texas are the only states in which the government determines the price for title insurance.

Other provisions of the new law:

- A listing of title insurance rates will be available to the public through the PRC. Supporters say the information can be posted on the regulator’s Web site.

- Larger discounts on title insurance policies for homebuyers refinancing their loans. Those provisions will take effect in May. Currently, no discount is available to someone who refinances more than 10 years after buying a home. The legislation provides for at least a 20 percent discount for a refinance between 10 years and 20 years after a home was purchased. At least a 60 percent discount will be provided for a home refinancing within three years.

- Title insurance agents can retain at least 90 percent of gross premiums as commissions. The remainder goes to the insurer. Starting in July, agents can get 61 percent of the price paid for the insurance.
April 3, 2009 Governor Bill Richardson signs Think New Mexico’s title insurance reform legislation into law in the Governor’s Conference Room at the Roundhouse. Top row (L–R): Kristina G. Fisher, Associate Director of Think New Mexico; Regis Pecos, Chief of Staff to Speaker Ben Lujan. Bottom row (L–R): Speaker of the House Ben Lujan; Fred Nathan, Executive Director of Think New Mexico; Governor Bill Richardson. Photo by Richard C. Fisher.
Think New Mexico’s inaugural project set out to make full-day kindergarten accessible to every child in the state—replacing two and a half hour “half-day” programs. We won passage of our landmark law in 2000, and over 26,000 children now benefit from the full-day classes each year. The initial assessments have shown that over 95% of the students advancing from full-day kindergarten are ready to learn how to read, and many are already reading.

Credit all around for full-day kindergarten

In a terrestrial setting plagued by inactivity at educational achievement, New Mexicans are seeing something of a celestial convergence:

A Republican governor and a Democratic legislature, who rarely agree on the time of day, have come together to approve full-day kindergarten for all our state’s school districts.

It might not happen immediately: the bill approved in the recent legislative session, then signed by Gov. Gary Johnson, calls for “phasing in” full-day classes—voluntary to our state’s parents.

Given the huge cost of providing classrooms, teachers, transportation and equipment for all our state’s five-year-olds, and the time it might take to build new rooms in some locales, “phasing in” might make some sense—even though every year’s delay does damage to those youngsters’ future.

Meanwhile, the mere approval of such an important educational and social step is cause for celebration—and salutes to all who made it happen.

The brains behind this campaign is the aptly, if awkwardly, named Think New Mexico. It’s one of those public-policy research institutions often called “think tanks.”

But while most of its counterparts limit their work to the cerebral, Think New Mexico was founded last year to develop ideas and put them to work.

It’s a bipartisan group; board members are Frank Ortiz, Stewart Udall, Garrey Carruthers, LaDonna Harris, Roberta Cooper Ramo, Paul Bardacke, Rebecca Koch, David Buchholtz, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Edward Archuleta and Fred Nathan. Nathan, who served as special counsel to then-Attorney General Tom Udall, is founder and executive director; Carol Romero-Wirth is assistant director; and Susan Fleischmann is the financial officer.

That’s it: a small staff, an eminent board.

To Think’s way of thinking, there was no better way to begin educational reform than to start where our state’s public education does: kindergarten.

It’s where kids learn to learn, and learn to get along with others, yet half-day sessions rarely give kids time to take off their coats before they’re on the way back home.
FOOD TAX REPEAL 2001–2004

In 2001, New Mexico was one of only a handful of states that continued to tax groceries. This regressive tax had been imposed as a temporary, emergency measure to increase revenues during the Great Depression, but it continued to burden New Mexico families seven decades later. After a three-year fight, the legislature passed and the governor signed a law repealing New Mexico’s food tax. Only Alabama and Mississippi continue to fully tax food.

“Anti-family” food tax eliminated starting Jan. 1

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

A new tax law that will eliminate the gross receipts tax on food while boosting taxes on other items takes effect the first of the year.

Fred Nathan, executive director of Think New Mexico, a public policy group that helped spearhead the effort to end the food tax, said the tax was especially hard on large families.

“It’s a very regressive tax that harms working families,” Nathan said. “And, the larger your family, the more mouths to feed, the more groceries you buy, the more taxes you pay. So it’s truly an anti-family tax.”

Allen Sanchez, executive director of the New Mexico Catholic Conference, said the bill will help the “working poor,” those who are making just enough that they don’t qualify for food stamps.

Sanchez said he became convinced of the need to support the bill when he was waiting in a checkout line at Wal-Mart. In front of him were a mother, a teen-age daughter and younger child. When the final item was scanned, they didn’t have enough money to pay the bill. The daughter, who had been adding up the cost of each item as it went into the cart, had forgotten to include the tax, Sanchez said.

“They ended up having to take a box of Cream of Wheat and a frozen pizza out of the cart,” Sanchez said. “If the food tax hadn’t been there, that food would have stayed in the cart. That really brought it home to me. That food needed to stay in the cart.”

The state instituted a sales tax in 1933 to make up for the decline in property tax revenue caused by the Great Depression, Nathan said.

“In the statute, it says it’s a temporary measure. It’s also an emergency measure, basically to keep the schools open,” he said. “That emergency, the Great Depression, ended more than six decades ago. But the food tax has endured.”

Senate Minority Whip Lee Rawson, Las Cruces, said one of the benefits of the new law is that it will stop people in towns like Las Cruces and Farmington from making the short drive across the state border to purchase tax-free groceries.

“We have people who go down on a weekly basis to El Paso with their ice chests because they’re saving 6 1/2 percent. That’s a significant savings,” he said. “And while they’re there, they may see a movie or go out to dinner. I think taking the tax off will be a significant benefit to the economies in the border communities.”
Think New Mexico's 2003 policy report proposed the creation of a Strategic Water Reserve: a pool of publicly held instream water rights dedicated to keeping New Mexico's rivers flowing to meet the needs of river-dependent endangered species and fulfill our water delivery obligations to other states. Since the legislation establishing the Reserve was enacted in 2005, millions of dollars have been appropriated to acquire water rights to keep New Mexico's rivers flowing, and initial acquisitions have been made to benefit endangered species on the Pecos and Rio Grande rivers.

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### Senate Embraces Water Reserve

**Bill Would Let State Buy Rights**  
**By Tania Soussan**  
*Journal Staff Writer*

New Mexico could establish a pool of state-owned water rights to help endangered species and to meet water delivery obligations to other states under a measure sent to Gov. Bill Richardson.

The Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the “strategic water reserve” bill (HB 195).

The proposal would allow the Interstate Stream Commission to lease or purchase water rights from willing sellers, obtain rights to store water and accept donations of water rights. However, the commission would be prohibited from acquiring water rights from acequias.


Richardson, who supports the measure, has included an initial appropriation of $4 million for the program in his capital outlay plan this year.

State Engineer John D’Antonio said the water reserve would help protect New Mexico water users from the threat of the federal government taking water to meet Endangered Species Act requirements.

“The passage of this bill is a big bipartisan victory for New Mexico’s rivers and the communities that depend on them,” said Fred Nathan, executive director of Think New Mexico, a think tank that called for a water reserve in a 2003 report.

“The Strategic Water Reserve will help New Mexico proactively resolve our water conflicts before they become as contentious as the silvery minnow lawsuit or as expensive as the Pecos River settlement,” he said.

The need to provide water for the endangered Rio Grande minnow during the drought sparked fights between environmentalists, farmers, cities and others.

On the Pecos, the state needs about $30 million this year to retire water rights and ensure New Mexico meets its compact delivery obligations to Texas. If that money doesn’t come from other legislative appropriations, the Strategic Water Reserve might be able to help, Stell said.

But he said legislators need to look farther ahead to deal with New Mexico’s growing struggles to get water to places it’s needed, such as Santa Fe and Ruidoso Downs.

“The signs and the warnings are all there,” he said. “It’s just that the Legislature is a slow-moving organization.”

The bill is supported by business and environmental groups and by rural and urban interests, including the Association of Commerce and Industry, the Sierra Club, the New Mexico Rural Water Association and the New Mexico Municipal League.
New Mexico consistently ranks at the top of the nation for families living in poverty. In 2005, Think New Mexico proposed to expand access to Individual Development Accounts, matched savings accounts and financial literacy classes where working families can learn how to save for education, homeownership, or starting a microenterprise. Our legislation was enacted in 2006 with an initial appropriation of $1.5 million and recurring funding of $250,000 a year to make IDAs available to families across New Mexico.

Consider This Savings Plan

Here's something to Think about, New Mexico, before your legislators get together in January and start spending your money on their pet projects.

If you saved $10 a month at the end of one year you'd have $124 if you put it in a simple savings account earning 3 percent interest. Continue contributing for a second year and your $124 would grow to about $256.

Now imagine someone else matching your $10 investment every month and it grows interest. You would double your $256 in two years. If Think New Mexico has its way, the lowest income New Mexicans would have the opportunity to have their savings matched by the state in an Individual Development Account.

Think New Mexico is a group of concerned citizens from all over the state who brain storm ideas, pick a major concern, plot an attack plan and then go after the politicians like ants picking a bone clean. They're organized, intelligent, media savvy, have the average New Mexican in mind and don't mind tackling tough issues from which most people would shrink.

Its director Fred Nathan spearheaded getting full-day kindergarten implemented. Think New Mexico brought shifting food tax to tobacco the year before Bill Richardson carried the flag and called it his own.

Now they want to help New Mexicans save. A simple idea in one of the richest countries in the world, yet some of the poorest savers. Think's idea is to use state funds to match lower income savers' deposits. These Individual Development Accounts have worked in 15 states, with varying degrees of participation and success.

New Mexico passed an Individual Development Act in 2003 allowing these unique accounts to be established, but they're funded by private sources, and are therefore limited in scope. Using state dollars would be a giant step in the right direction.

This is a viable option for those who are barely getting by to save some money, set some goals and make some plans. Think New Mexico deserves a listen on this.
New Mexico’s lottery scholarships have sent more than 40,000 of our best students to college. However, in 2006, the scholarship fund was projected to face an $18 million deficit by 2011. Think New Mexico proposed to reduce the operating costs of the lottery and redirect the savings to the scholarship fund. Our legislation guaranteeing the scholarship fund at least 30% of the lottery revenues was enacted in 2007 and resulted in the lottery re-bidding its sole-source contract for online games, yielding savings of $35 million over the next seven years. The lottery is now delivering an additional $9 million a year to full-tuition college scholarships.

Think New Mexico helps foster change in state lottery

BY JAY MILLER FOR THE DAILY NEWS

SANTA FE – Good news. The New Mexico lottery has been able to meet the new standards prescribed for it by Gov. Bill Richardson and the state legislature.

Last year about this time, we learned that the percentage of money going to New Mexico’s lottery scholarships was pitifully low compared to other states. About 23 percent of New Mexico’s lottery proceeds have been going to fund tuition scholarships for New Mexico college students, while other states have been funneling in 30 percent and more of their proceeds.

That news came to us last year from Think New Mexico, a think tank composed of distinguished New Mexicans interested in improving our state. They told us that far too much lottery money was being spent on administration of the process and that we were even more out of line in what we were paying a contractor to provide the terminals and operate the lottery.

In July, with a cutback on administrative and advertising costs, the lottery in its first month of operating under the new law, upped its earmarks for scholarships to 27 percent, the goal for the first year.

Soon the lottery will be with a new vendor for its machine operation, which will be charging about six percent less, so New Mexico should easily be able to achieve its second-year goal of at least 30 percent of lottery proceeds going to college scholarships.

This huge boon for college students can be credited almost entirely to Think New Mexico. Few others were criticizing the situation. The lottery board wanted to change vendors but wanted to put the savings into even higher salaries and more lavish game promotions. New Mexico is fortunate to have such a powerful public interest group.

And powerful this organization is. Other groups meet and decide on priorities to push in the Legislature, but Think New Mexico gets it done, with a board of influential business officials and political leaders.

In its first year, this young think tank successfully campaigned to make full-day kindergarten accessible to every child in the state. The next year, it was the elimination of the state’s regressive tax on groceries.

And now, here’s an advanced look at what is coming next. In the 2008 Legislature, Think New Mexico will go after the state’s powerful title insurance industry. They are the folks who charge you an arm and a leg when you want to buy a house.

Why is home title insurance so high? It began in 1985, when the industry talked the Legislature into letting the state superintendent of insurance set a single rate schedule for the entire state.

This elimination of competition has been healthy indeed for the industry. Think New Mexico estimates bringing back competition will drop rates by at least 30 percent and save New Mexico homeowners about $40 million a year.

It appears Think New Mexico has found another winner. It is a needed reform necessary to making home ownership possible for thousands of working New Mexico families.
**Think New Mexico’s Staff and Interns**

As Think New Mexico celebrates a decade of policy victories for New Mexico, we also celebrate our current staff members and interns, who work so hard to make these victories possible.

**Lynne Buchen** became Think New Mexico’s Business Manager in 2001, taking charge of the organization’s accounting, budgeting, database system, and personnel management, as well as myriad other tasks that go above and beyond her job description. Lynne’s extensive behind-the-scenes work has been essential to our success. A Los Alamos native, Lynne is a singer and musician who managed Santa Fe Pro Musica and the Santa Fe Women’s Ensemble before joining Think New Mexico.

Associate Director **Kristina Fisher** first came to Think New Mexico as a student intern in 2001. A native of Santa Fe, Kristina graduated first in her class from the University of New Mexico School of Law in May 2008 and is now an Adjunct Professor at the school. She served as the Student Editor-in-Chief of the *Natural Resources Journal* and has been an advocate for New Mexico’s acequias, land grants, and environmental justice communities. Kristina is a member of the New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council and the New Mexico Environmental Justice Working Group.

This year, Think New Mexico launched a new Leadership Internship program, designed to retain a new generation of potential leaders in New Mexico by showing some of New Mexico’s best students how they can make a difference here in their home state.

Our 2008–2009 interns are: **Diane Alongi Berger**, an Albuquerque native who earned a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of New Mexico; **Jacob Candelaria**, who grew up in the San Jose barrio of Albuquerque and just graduated from Princeton University; **Gregory Gonzales**, a Taoseño and Truman Scholarship finalist majoring in Government and Spanish at New Mexico State University; **Emma Hamilton**, an entering freshman in the Honors College at New Mexico State University; and **Maclovia Quintana**, a Pojoaque native and sophomore at Yale University.
Board Profile: F. Chris Garcia

It is a remarkable resource for Think New Mexico to have the person who literally wrote the book on New Mexico state government as a member of the board.

Most New Mexicans know Dr. F. Chris Garcia as a former President of the University of New Mexico. Chris never sought the presidency, and in fact was reluctant to take the position, but he ultimately agreed to do so out of his devotion and commitment to UNM and the state. It was a popular decision with students, community members, and his colleagues on the faculty, many of whom circulated petitions urging the Board of Regents to hire him.

Chris, a 13th generation New Mexican, is the eldest of six children born to a family in the North Valley of Albuquerque and the first in his family to attend college. He intended to pursue a career teaching high school, and served as a student teacher at his alma mater, Valley High School. However, his professors encouraged him to continue his studies, and he went on to earn a doctorate in political science.

In 1970, Chris founded Zia Research Associates, Inc., which was the only full service polling and analysis firm in the state. As a widely respected expert on New Mexico government and politics, Chris appeared regularly on KOAT-TV and other television stations for many years to offer election coverage and analysis.

Chris also began teaching at UNM, and over the next several decades, he taught seventeen different courses and served as Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He also authored or edited a dozen books and dozens of scholarly articles. His best known books, Hispanics and the U.S. Political System and Governing New Mexico, continue to be the standard texts used in their fields.

“As a political scientist, I marvel at how Think New Mexico, with its tiny staff and budget, has had such a large and positive impact on the state’s public policy. As a citizen of the state, it gives me real hope for our future,” says Chris, “and it is an honor to contribute to that effort as a member of the board.”

Chris has been married to his wife, Sandra, for 42 years. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.
**Board Profile: Susan Herter**

Susan has been connected to New Mexico since before she was born. When she was still *in utero*, her parents were on a train from Chicago that broke down in Lamy and they ended up buying a home in Pojoaque, where Susan spent her childhood summers.

After studying in Canada and Mexico, Susan went to work for Nelson Rockefeller at the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in 1943. She was a key staffer when Rockefeller became Assistant Secretary of State for Latin Affairs and served as his Chief of Staff when he became Vice President of the United States in 1974.

Always a reformer, Susan helped found the national government accountability group Common Cause. Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan both appointed her to the President’s Commission on White House Fellows.

In 1968, Susan bought a home in Jacona, near Pojoaque, and returned to New Mexico permanently about a decade later, becoming a center of community involvement and activism.

You can find Susan’s imprint on many good causes across New Mexico. She was a founding board member of both the Santa Fe Community Foundation and the New Mexico Community Foundation, where she also served as President. In addition, Susan was instrumental in establishing Cornerstones, which works to preserve New Mexico’s architectural and cultural heritage. She was also a co-founder of the North American Institute, a forum for leaders from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to discuss border issues, green trade initiatives, and other opportunities for collaboration.

Along the way, Susan managed to squeeze in eight years as Executive Director of the Thaw Charitable Trust, where she helped Think New Mexico to develop its Strategic Water Reserve initiative in 2003. Although she now claims to be retired, Susan continues to serve as President of the Pojoaque Valley Fund. She joined Think New Mexico’s board in 2008.

“Think New Mexico reflects the state at its best by bringing together so many people from so many diverse backgrounds to address our common challenges,” says Susan.
**Statement of Income and Expenditures**

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Note: These financial statements do not include in-kind contributions of goods and services and materials from 2008, which were valued at $15,490. They also do not include 2008 investment depreciation of $213,580.
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY
YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2008

### Balance Sheet

**ASSETS**

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Summer Storm Over the Painted Kiva. Photo by Alex Candelaria Sedillos.
FOUNDATION PARTNERS
(JANUARY 1, 2008—MAY 1, 2009)

Near the New Mexico-Colorado border.
Photo by Geraint Smith.

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"After insuring the public education of our state's kindergarten children, relieving our citizens of the unfair, regressive burden of the food tax, creating a mechanism for us to 'bank' future water supplies for our state, and taking on the shamefully entrenched public school system bureaucracy, I have nothing but confidence that you will someday turn around New Mexico's number one ranking for child poverty. Although financial managers always caution that past performance is not necessarily indicative of future returns, I have no hesitation continuing our social investment in your ongoing and future good works."

Daniel F. Haft, Managing Director, The Joseph C. and Esther Foster Foundation, Inc.
What’s a “Social Investor?” We call our contributors “social investors” because we believe that nonprofits should be evaluated based on the social return they produce from their investments each year. For example, every $1 invested in Think New Mexico’s full-day kindergarten initiative yields social dividends of $1,230 a year, given the 2008 appropriation of $134.7 million to serve over 26,000 children.
Think New Mexico’s social investors come from over eighty communities throughout New Mexico.

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James McGrath
David & Jane McGuire
Michael McKay

“Think New Mexico has been responsible for more public policy advances than any other organization in my nearly fifty years in New Mexico politics.” Raymond W. Davenport, former state legislator
### Think New Mexico’s Individual Social Investors 1999–2008

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Even in the worst fundraising environment in seven decades, the number of Think New Mexico’s social investors remained remarkably steady. We see this as strong evidence that our mission continues to be worth pursuing.

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Steven D. McKee  
Jean McKinney  
Annmarie McLaughlin  
George & Tiia McLaughlin  
Ted McLaughlin  
Matt McQueen  
Saba McWilliams  
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Dale & Ivan Melada  
Joyce & Steve Melander-Dayton  
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Judy Mikkelsen  
Ellen & Dr. Roger Miller  
Haydock H. Miller  
David Mills  
Louise T. Mills  
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Drs. Philip & Karen Milstein  
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Peggy Montgomery Lunt  
Manuel & Delma Moreno  
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Fran & Fred Nathan Sr.  
Gay Nathan  
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Blair Naylor  
Laurence Nee  
James & Susan Neidhart  
Bill Niendorff  
David Nochumson  
Phyllis B. Norman  
James L. Norris  
Bob Nurock  
John M. Nye  
Jorden Nye  
Christopher O’Brien  
Michael J. O’Connell  
Kathryn O’Keeffe  
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Marilyn Petschek  
Sheridan Phillips  
Julia M. Phillips & John A. Connor  
The Honorable Lynn Pickard  
Nancy L. Plettenberg  
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Christopher Purvis  
Lois Purvis
Frank Ortiz: 1926–2005
Ambassador Frank Ortiz, a career Foreign Service Officer of the United States, served as Vice-Chairman of Think New Mexico’s Board from the organization’s founding in 1999 until his death in 2005. After completing a distinguished career abroad, Ambassador Ortiz returned home to Santa Fe and dedicated himself to serving the community and preserving its unique cultural heritage. He was especially passionate about Think New Mexico’s initiatives to increase the educational opportunities available to young children across New Mexico.

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International

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Terri Jerry

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Mary Grathwol
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Fran Nathan
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Megan Cox Taylor
Helen Wagner

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Davos Capital, LLC
Day & Zimmermann/SOC Los Alamos
Dessauer Building Co.
First Community Bank
Fort Washington Capital
Western & Southern Financial Fund
Ken Gallard Photographics
Harry’s Roadhouse
Horn Distributing Co., Inc.
Eric Sedillo Jeffries LLC
Kaiserman Group LP
Lamb Consulting, Inc.
Michael W. Lilley, PA
Los Alamos National Bank
Los Alamos National Security
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John McCorkle CPA
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Santa Fe Preparatory School
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Shop at the Think New Mexico Online Store

While you are at Think New Mexico's website, you can also shop for Think New Mexico apparel and accessories in our online store, which contains something for every taste and price range. (They also make great gifts for New Mexicans who are currently living outside the Land of Enchantment!) Ten to fifteen percent of the revenue generated by the store goes to support Think New Mexico's work. This is a great opportunity to show your support for Think New Mexico while at the same time completing your wardrobe.

Contribute to Think New Mexico's Endowments

The goal of Think New Mexico's endowment funds at the Albuquerque Community Foundation, the New Mexico Community Foundation, the Santa Fe Community Foundation, and the Taos Community Foundation is to generate enough income to offset all of Think New Mexico's annual administrative costs and help insure that Think New Mexico's mission will be sustained in perpetuity. Thanks to your extraordinary generosity and careful investment, the endowments are on their way to achieving those purposes. If you are interested in supporting Think New Mexico's endowments and have questions, please contact us at: 505 992-1315.
Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead