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Student and Youth Film Contest Event a Great Success Raises Poverty Awareness and More than \$600 for Good Causes

Last night's Student and Youth Film Contest was a great success!

The five selected films were shown to a packed house - all 125 seats at the New Mexico Film Museum (formerly the Jean Cocteau) were filled and there were a number of kids sitting on the floor and in the aisles.

The winning film was made by a group of students from the Santa Fe School for the Arts and Sciences. Their film was called "The Other Side of the Tracks." The student filmmakers who participated in the making of this film were Clay Balsamo, Rikki Carroll, Benet Comeau, Beth Christensen, Arin Dineen, Lili Nimlo, Kiera O'Brien and Emma Selby.

The goal of the event was to raise awareness about poverty in Santa Fe and engage the community's young people in this important discussion. We also helped Warehouse 21 to raise more than \$350, for which they get a 50 percent match for a total of more than \$525. To top off the night, the winning filmmakers from the School for the Arts and Sciences decided to donate their \$250 cash prize to Youth Shelters and Family Services.

Here is a list of the other featured films and filmmakers:

"Getting by in Santa Fe ... As a Girl"

By Girls Inc.: Niquelle Barnes-Mackey, Mona Chavarria, Laura Christain, Delaney Covelli, Kaylee Engle, Molly Kunkel, Kiana Lamberton, Ghita Lemrabet, Baylee Lucciano, Cheryl McKenna, Miranda Sanford, Hazel Simmons, Abrianna Tafoya, I'a Torres-O'Neal, S'ea Torres-O'Neal, Caitlyn Willis

"Finally Gone"

By Santa Fe School for the Arts and Sciences: Kristina Huckabee, Becca Lenetsky, Sophia Nimlo, Justin VanderHam

"Endless Weekend"

By Julie Garcia

"To Lose"

By Sebastian Weissbarth