

Member Spotlight

Fuentes Café Downtown

101 S Chadbourne Street

Beloved downtown Mexican café, Fuentes, has been a fan favorite of many for over 50 years. Beginning in 1984 the restaurant has been known for their authentic Mexican cuisine that you can get right here in Texas. You'll feel as though you have been transported to Mexico once you step inside of the many-hued brick wall space with pops of color and holiday themed decorations every season. As you are being seated, you are greeted with a smiling face and given the drink menu to browse the latest drinks available.

Owned by John and Lisa Fuentes the café is a family-owned business. They take pride in upholding their tradition of creating a comforting family friendly environment. In honor of this tradition they share a bit of their own family with you right on the menu! Dishes "Olivia" and "John Ross" are dedicated to the owner's children and their favorites. To bring a little bit of Mexico to you there is a special dish called "Molcajete" that entails your choice of chicken, steak, or seafood inside of a molcajete!

In late 2018 there was an incident in which a wall from the building next door collapsed onto Fuentes. Despite the strain it placed on the company, it gave them the opportunity to remodel. So as of early 2019 the café was back open and better than ever! Can't get enough of Fuentes Café? Well they offer catering for any of your special events, gift cards, VIP Member benefits, curbside takeout, and online ordering.



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A Message from the Executive Director



Del V. Velasquez, Executive Director

It's unbelievable that half of 2023 has come gone! Time is rapidly moving forward and Downtown San Angelo, Inc. continues its efforts in making downtown a destination.

Forty-Eight (48) new businesses opened since the Chadbourne Street Re-design completed its construction and there has been over \$280 million dollars in reinvestment. We continue to experience growing pains of the good kind. Interest, in the development of our Central Business District continues to flourish and we are optimistic the development of downtown living (multi-family dwelling) is on the horizon.

We hosted another successful Brews Ewe & BBQ on March 3rd & 4th, with over 45 teams participating in

the competition. We are very grateful to all the vendors, entertainment led by Billy Dan Langley and the host of judges and volunteers that made it all happen. Most importantly for the support of our major sponsors: Double J Lamb, TXP, Surety Title, Carpet Tech, and H.E.B. And last but certainly not least, the Brews Committee chaired by Delila & Glyn Sudduth.

We were busy in preparation for the July 3rd – “Star Spangled Banner Concert & Fireworks” at the Bill Aylor River Stage. Which featured the Lake View Mariachi's, Jazz Concho Band, the San Angelo Community Band and an After-Party Band- West Texas Funk. The Goodfellow Joint Services Honor Guard, The Boys and Girls Scouts of America and the always exciting sounds of the Fort Concho Landmark Artillery and Goode's Light Artillery accompanied the event. Also, vendors and food trucks shared their products & services with spectators at Neff's Park.

We also, contacted several nonprofit organizations in an effort to create a day of celebrations throughout downtown. The Lions Clubs of San Angelo & Fort Concho partnered for a Hamburger Dinner at The Fort Concho Stables. The San Angelo Hispanic Heritage Museum and Cultural Center planned a “Show & Shine” Car Show in the Farmer's Market Parking Lot with food trucks. The City of San Angelo July 3rd Pool Party was the place to be to soak it all in! Though, we were hoping for additional participation, most of the nonprofits we discussed potential fundraising events with are interested in participating next year's event.

This will be my final newsletter as Executive Director of Downtown San Angelo, Inc., there is no better place to experience the development of downtown San Angelo! A heartfelt “Thank You” for allowing me the privilege of serving our community. It's been a blast and great ride!!!

DSA Campaigns

Mother's Day Mosey and Pops & Pints

This spring & summer season, Downtown San Angelo, Inc. partnered up with Old Central Firehouse to plan appreciation events for all the hardworking moms & dads in the Concho Valley. Wine, shopping discounts, charcuterie bites, and free gifts were granted to guests with Mother's Day Mosey Bingo Cards. And for the guys, pint glasses, keychains, and special entertainment were offered among various bars, restaurants, and merchants. The events were a hit as they provided an inviting atmosphere of shopping and relaxation. Guests were inclined to visit locations they may not frequent often and make purchases benefiting our local small business neighborhood.



Leadership San Angelo Tour

Downtown San Angelo enjoys being a part of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Leadership San Angelo (LSA) programming. This year's tour included a walk from Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum to the Pop Art Museum & Paintbrush Alley, and concluded on Twohig near the Downtown Movie Nights location. By actively participating in the LSA tours, we are able to share the importance of history, art, and culture of the heart of our city. Future leaders are exposed to the dynamics of downtown, and learn how community service can lead to the overall success of large events.



A Star Spangled Banner Concert & Fireworks

The largest fireworks show in San Angelo history was a blast! Thanks to our top media sponsor, San Angelo Live!, for helping create an unforgettable downtown fireworks display. More than 10,000 people crowded into and around the Bill Aylor Memorial Riverstage to celebrate Independence Day with performances by Lakeview Mariachi Los Caciques, Jazz Concho, the San Angelo Community Band, and West Texas Funk.

This year's event included collaborations with Fort Concho and the Lions Club and the San Angelo Hispanic Heritage Museum & Cultural Center. The Lions Club served hamburger meals prior to the event, while the Hispanic Heritage hosted family friendly activities: Jeep Stack, Car Show, Painting Class, DJ, and Vendors.

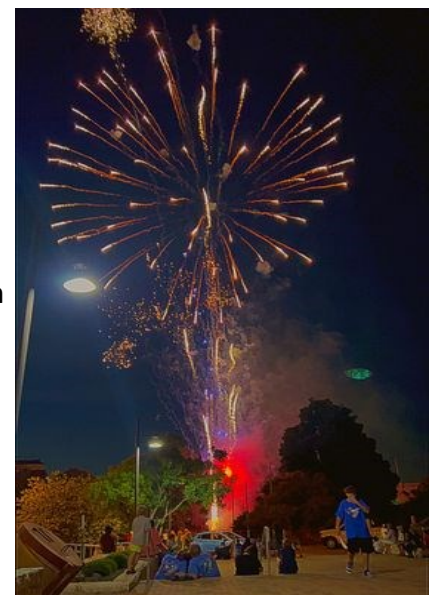


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New Downtown Businesses

Services, Venues & Dining

Grigsby's Boutique

59 N Chadbourne St

Grigsby's Boutique offers trendy clothes, accessories, and gifts for women of all ages. It is an adorable local shop where you can find a variety of colors and styles as well!



Redemption Jiu Jitsu

133 E Concho Ave

Redemption Jiu Jitsu is a local family, as well as community, teaching all ages about martial arts. Jiu-jitsu is more than a sport; it is a powerful tool in shaping and transforming lives and realities. So don't be afraid to sign up for a free one-week trial today!



Blossom Wax Bar and Aesthetics

9 W Beauregard Ave

Blossom Wax Bar and Aesthetics is here to provide you with all your beauty needs. They offer a multitude of waxes, eyelash extensions, facials, and more!



Glitches Arcade

19 E Concho Ave

Glitches Arcade is an arcade dedicated to bringing you a hip retro game experience. Classic arcade games such as pinball are all the rage here because the last Sunday of every month an epic pinball tournament is held! Located inside the Martial Pint it offers a full-service bar, cold taps, and a deliciously diverse menu.



Wandering Mind Brew Co.

130 S Oakes St

Wandering Mind Brew Co. challenges you to push your palette and think beyond your typical beer. They take pride in the essence of an untamed imagination to craft the best kind of beer. So come and let your mind wander with each season as their taps will be rotated regularly!



Always Jayo's

13 W Beauregard Ave

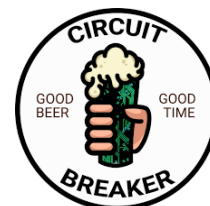
Always Jayo's offers adorable children's clothing as well as colorful women's clothing for affordable prices. Occasionally delicious collabs will appear with Divine + Delights where various treats can be sold as well.



Circuit Breaker Arcade & Bar

109 S Chadbourne St.

Circuit Breaker Arcade Bar is a widely diverse "Barcade" with all your favorite retro games, shuffleboard, and a TV set up for modern gaming too. Gaming is free to play and so is signing up for weekly tournaments with themed drinks that everyone can enjoy!



Wear it Well

37 W Twohig Ave

Wear it Well is a local t-shirt shop owned by college-aged girls with the goal in mind to provide you with quality products at affordable prices. Their specialty is creating cute aesthetically pleasing shirts, tote bags, and other accessories. If you're feeling something different, they also offer any custom designs you may request!



Benefactor Spotlight- Centurion Planning & Design



121 S Chadbourne Street

Centurion offers services regarding aviation, transportation, outreach, project facilitation, and development. You can find their work right here in downtown just by looking down at the streets! The new streetscape of downtown featuring the Texas Lonestar was made possible by Centurion Planning and Design. Not only do they design streets, but they also offer a variety of field services such as construction administration and inspection and geospatial and surveying . *Geospatial and surveying including ground- based laser scanning, drone-based laser scanning, aerial mapping control, asset mapping, 3D modeling, utility survey, ROW survey, highway and route design survey, as-built surveys, topographic survey, traditional boundary land surveying and platting, construction staking, control surveying, stockpile/excavation quantity analysis.

Pursuing Downtown Development



Imagine the Possibilities Tour

In partnership with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Texas Main Street Program (TMSP), Downtown San Angelo, Inc. invited potential investors, downtown developers, entrepreneurs, and residents looking to be a part of downtown's "Imagine the Possibilities" transformation to explore available historic downtown properties. Included in the tour were the top floor of 109 S Chadbourne Street, the Household Furniture Building at 7-13 N Chadbourne Street, and 322 N Chadbourne Street, aka Burlap & Paisley.

The tour began with refreshments and an opening presentation focused on prime reasons to invest in San Angelo. Economic Anchors: San Angelo Regional Airport, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Shannon Health, Angelo State University and Howard College; Municipal Support & Investment: Concho River, Bill Aylor Memorial Riverstage, Museum of Fine Arts, Fort Concho, Chadbourne Streetscape, and Consistent increase in number of businesses.

Keynote speakers from First Financial Bank, Gossett, Millican & Harrison, and the City of San Angelo

touched on useful tips related to commercial lending, deed process, and city permitting process. Each attendee was provided with packets including references to topics discussed, a Construction Permit Checklist, Central Business District Zoning details, and Design & Historic Review Commission information & application. Among the handouts was a list of Available Incentives for property seekers to take advantage of like Tax Increment Reinvestment Program, Main Street Design Assistance, and Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

Overall, the Imagine the Possibilities Tour passed on a sense of appreciation for historic preservation. Our guests were able to see with their own eyes, the beauty of historic properties and understand that modern can be combined with historic elements to create an inviting atmosphere.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors for helping make this event a success! *Fast Signs* / *RJ's Party Rentals* / *First Title Company* / *Steve Eustis Real Estate* / *Keller Williams Synergy*



Above: Tour guests observing historic downtown San Angelo from the ground level.



Above: Maps, renditions, and historic information were provided for guests to view and ask questions

Out on the Town

Art Alliance

The Art Alliance is an organization dedicated to bringing fellow artists together. It is a place for new and old artists alike to learn, share, and connect. Together you come to learn the struggles of owning an art business and how to overcome those struggles. It is also a place to share your art with others through co-creates, or just creating with others by your side. Not only do you get to create art together, but you can also form lifelong relationships with fellow artists. So what are you waiting for? As their website states, "Art cannot exist outside of connection. To create is to connect."



Off the Menu

Food + Wine Festival

Organized by Concho Valley Events, the 2nd Annual Food + Wine Festival made its debut on May 6, 2023. The Pop Art Museum was filled with guests throughout the duration of the evening and lively entertainment by Billy Dans One Man Blues Band and Nathan Vinson attributed to the eclectic ambiance.

A total of 17 chefs, 4 wineries, and 3 breweries were in attendance serving samplings of their best cuisine and craft brewed beverages.



Above: Fine taco delicacy paired with a local craft brew.

Art in Uncommon Places New Murals

Four new murals have made their way to San Angelo! Check out each mural in various locations throughout Angelo.

Ashley Perales' mural at 423 Irving Street depicts a greener Earth with beautiful flowers and butterflies, and a recyclable bottle to remind you to keep our Earth cleaner.



Zoe Perez's mural is located at L & J roofing. 26 W. Washington drive featuring an eye-catching rainbow-colored mural with various geometric shapes and illusions.



Artists Inx and Chè created a beautiful riverside mural with emphasis on the local wildlife.

Finally, Kristin Tyler is also working on a mural depicting everything you would expect of a West Texas night sky.



The Downtown Dose

New Ewes On The Town



"Freida Read"
Sponsored by:
Tom Green County Library
Artist: Zoe
Located at 33 W Beauregard Ave



Sponsored by:
Angelo Oral Surgery
Artist: Ashley Perales
Located at 3012 Green Meadow Dr

Downtown San Angelo, Inc. established the "Sheeptacular" Art project as a tribute to the burgeoning sheep industry that has been crucial to the growth of San Angelo over the years. Not only has the sheep industry been an important facet of San Angelo's culture and history, but it is also a key part of West Texas heritage. Over 100 fiberglass sheep have been sponsored and are on display across San Angelo featuring talented local artists.

For more information about sponsoring your own fiberglass sheep for an organization or business, please reach out to our office or visit our website at:

downtownsanangelo.com/sheepstatues.



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Historic Oakes Street Bridge

What's happening?

On June 5, 2023, the historic Oakes Street Bridge was closed to traffic as it undergoes repairs and reinforcement construction. Surface work will include deck preservation and reconstruction of the approaches on either side of the bridge. On the underside of the bridge, work will include concrete repairs and painting.



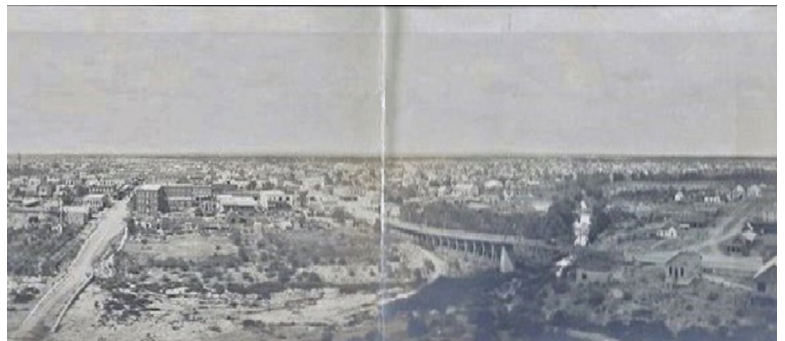
Per the Texas Department of Transportation, the project is part of TxDOT's Bridge Maintenance & Improvement Program which is a federally funded program that allows local governments to apply for funding from the State of Texas. The City of San Angelo applied to receive funding assistance for the repairs. Of the \$1.2 million dollar improvements, TxDOT will pay for 90% and the City will pay for 10%.

The closure is expected to last nine months and is from Concho Avenue to Allen Street. Detours will be in place to guide traffic.

History of the Oakes Street Bridge

Spanning the North Concho River in San Angelo, this bridge was constructed in 1930. The purpose of this bridge was to replace the long overdue steel truss bridge that had been standing since 1880. This 472-foot-long bridge consists of 11 spans of continuous variable depth concrete girders resting on massive two and three column concrete piers. The curved line of the girders is repeated in miniature along the scalloped fascia walls placed along the outside of the deck. Noted bridge engineer, Francis Hughes of Dallas, designed the new concrete bridge to complement the nearby 1924 concrete curved beam Murphy Bridge on Bearegard Avenue. During his career as a consultant, he worked on the following projects:

National Avenue Subway, Springfield, Mo.
Benton Avenue Viaduct, Springfield, Mo.
Arkansas River Bridge, Sedgwick Co., Ks.
Corinth Street Underpass, Dallas, Tx..
Cadiz Street Underpass, Dallas, Tx.
Oakes Street Bridge, San Angelo, Tx.
Trinity River Bridges (eighteen), Tarrant Co., Tx.
Belknap Street Viaduct, Ft. Worth, Tx.
Triple Underpass, Dallas, Tx.
T.A.T. shop and hanger, Love Field, Dallas, Tx.



These projects are what made him a notable engineer. Therefore, the Oakes Street Bridge is significant as the only example of a concrete bridge in West Texas designed by a renowned bridge engineer.

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Nice to Meet You: Outstanding Volunteer

Samantha Chavez



My name is Samantha Chavez, and I was born and raised in a small border town named Del Rio, TX. In my hometown, I would spend most of my time working on school or helping out in my family's business. My family business was a small Mexican restaurant named Carmelita's. Working gave me the opportunity to learn real world experience on how to manage my own business one day. Furthermore, before starting high school, I was selected to be part of the Early College program where I was able to receive an Associate's degree along with my high school diploma. After graduating high school in 2021, I decided to move to San Angelo to study Business Management at Angelo State University. I am now a recent graduate

from ASU and received my bachelor's degree in May of 2023. During my last semester of college, I got the opportunity to intern with Downtown San Angelo Inc. Since I was young, I always had a passion to participate in planning events but never experienced it on a business level. DTSA saw something in me that I didn't see, so they gave me the opportunity to intern with them and show them my skills. This dedicated organization taught me the importance of downtown revitalization, the planning of events, networking with clients, marketing, and most importantly, bringing the community together. I was lucky enough to help aid in coordinating events such as the Brews, Ewes & BBQ, Downtown strolls, Imagine the Possibilities Tour, and Star Spangled Banner Concert and Show. Downtown San Angelo has strengthened my passion for coordinating events, and interning with them allowed me to learn how to plan the right way. I thank Downtown San Angelo for setting the foundation, and I can't wait for what is to come.

How Can You Make a Difference?

Choose to volunteer with Downtown San Angelo, Inc. and actively participate in your community. The organization is always willing to accept volunteers in any manner of experience or talents. From boosting an individual's career experience to the mental health benefits, volunteering with local organizations helps to develop character and benefit the community in which you live, work, and play.

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Historic Downtown San Angelo Magazine

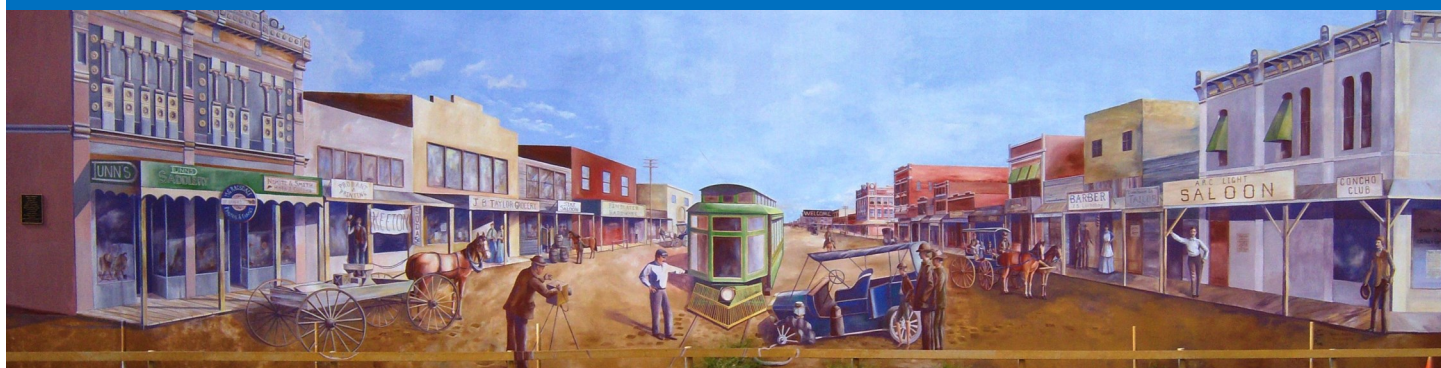
Downtown San Angelo, Inc. is pleased to announce MEDIA ADVANTAGE as our NEW local editor of the Historic Downtown San Angelo Magazine!

Display your business in a high-quality, glossy publication in full color containing 20+ pages. Historic Downtown San Angelo Magazine is distributed throughout San Angelo at hotels, in doctors' offices, local area businesses and over 10 Chambers of Commerce in the communities of the Concho Valley! Not only does this publication show off the incredible businesses in thriving Downtown San Angelo, it also encompasses the rich history within the walls of our preserved and restored buildings.



Contact Morgan Janca to be included in the next issue! morgan@mediaadvantage.net 325-653-4488

The Downtown Dose



Downtown San Angelo Inc, (DSA) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to the revitalization and preservation of historic downtown San Angelo. Additionally, we are a Texas Main Street, Nationally recognized urban city and a National Trust of Historic Preservation member.

Established in 2004, Downtown San Angelo, Inc. was formed by a group of 35 individuals who were dedicated to downtown revitalization. In November 2005, the organization was granted membership in the Main Street Program. This program is a major effort by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to provide assistance to cities whose older central business districts are seeking to retain some vestige of their visual character and whose economic position is slipping. The premise of this program is that economic revitalization can take place within the context of historic preservation.

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An active Board of Directors, committees, and project leaders are key to the revitalization effort of Downtown San Angelo, Inc.

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Thank you to our ASU interns and volunteers who have helped make Downtown San Angelo Inc.'s world turn!

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For more information about volunteering with Downtown San Angelo, Inc., stop by our office or call to learn more.

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Special thanks to our Donors who have sponsored Downtown San Angelo, Inc.

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- Legend Jewelers
- Lily's Pizza
- Live Design & Print Shop
- Los Panchito's at El Paseo
- M.L. Leddy's
- Meadows Fisher & Cleere
- Pinnacle Bank
- San Angelo Performing Arts Center
- Steve Eustis Co. Realtors Commercial & Investment Properties
- Weatherford, Russ & Deborah

Why do I want to be a member? What does DSA do for me?

Downtown San Angelo, Inc. focuses on revitalizing and promotion commerce and the history of San Angelo within the downtown area. Not all projects that we engage in are geared towards helping an individual. We support Downtown as a whole; from preserving old buildings to bringing in new business, hosting events that bring visitors downtown, partnering with other organizations and everything in between.

When the area is more functional, visually appealing, and trafficked, your business wins for being in a purposeful, appealing and well-traveled location.

The Downtown San Angelo, Inc. program engages not just the district's property or business owners or local government, but all members of the community who are interested in the community's overall health. You can be part of preserving history and protecting monuments and locations that you may remember from your childhood for future generations. It is a preservation of the way of life in San Angelo where Downtown is the central hub and the entire community gains.

Downtown San Angelo, Inc. does not create this in itself, but is a huge component, utilizing historic preservation, promotions, design and economic restructuring in positive economic development.

We are a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. We receive a portion of our funding from the City of San Angelo, memberships, corporate sponsorships, private contributions and grants. Your donation could help to aid in our efforts. Involvement by both the public and private sectors is critical; neither can revitalize the commercial district without the other.

The Downtown Dose

Downtown San Angelo, Inc. Membership Benefits/Opportunities

Members	Donors	Benefactors	Patrons	Benefits & Opportunities for non-downtown San Angelo businesses and organizations, Benefits & Opportunities for Downtown businesses and organizations
✓				Business/Organization listed on DSA website by business category (Includes: Name, Address, Phone)
	✓	✓	✓	Business/Organization listed on DSA website by business category (Includes: All business information and storefront photo or logo)
	✓			Business name in Downtown Dose bi-annual online newsletter (Published January & August)
		✓	✓	Logo featured in DSA's official bi-annual online newsletter, the Downtown Dose (Published January & August)
		✓	✓	Social media promotion
		✓	✓	Rotating photo ad space on DSA Website in respective business category
			✓	Logo placement on Downtown Stroll flyers for one year
			✓	Logo of placement in bi-annual Historic Downtown San Angelo magazine publication
			✓	Downtown businesses receive: 800 x 533px Featurette on DSA Website Home Page

Contributing to Downtown San Angelo, Inc.

Please include the following information and return to our Downtown San Angelo, Inc. office at 24 W. Concho Ave.

Business Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: (Street) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone Number: _____

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Please make checks payable to: Downtown San Angelo, Inc.

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- Benefactor \$500
- Patron \$1,000+

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The First National Bank of Merton

