

## For Immediate Release

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## Alamosa ArtScape Program Sells "Running Girl"

The City of Alamosa is excited to announce that the ArtScape Program has sold the sculpture "Running Girl" by Harold Linke. Damon and Konnie Martin have purchased the sculpture and it will be a permanent sculpture for the outdoor grounds of San Luis Valley Health, next to the new Cancer Center.

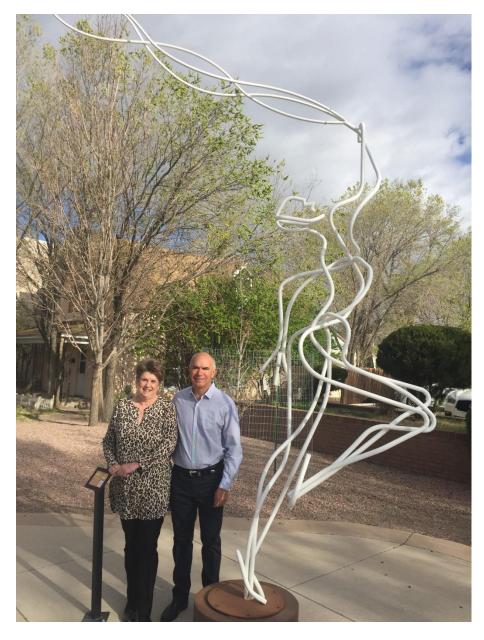
During an interview with Mrs. Martin she expressed how excited she was to hear about the ArtScape program. When the sculptures where installed they walked around and viewed each one. When she came up to the site of "Running Girl", in front of San Luis Valley Federal Bank, she immediately felt a positive alive connection with the sculpture before she even knew what the title of the piece was. After almost a year to think about this sculpture the Martin's knew they could not see the piece go, so they decided to purchase the sculpture as a donation to SLV Health. "It's an honor and privilege for us to support the ArtScape project and SLV Health with this gift. And, it's a special treat that we can do this with a piece of art that touches us in a personal way" said Konnie Martin.

The sculpture fits in to SLV Health's current grounds beautification plan and aligns with the City's plan to bring a bigger presence of art to the community and to create a sense of place. The site actually has a few more spots for other sculptures and SLV Health hopes to receive more donations to add art.

The ArtScape Committee and the City are very excited to see a sculpture from the 1st year of the program stay in Alamosa. All the sculptures are for sale and the City does receive a 20% commission from sales that will be reinvested to grow the program. Mayor Coleman shared, "We are so excited to see the community embrace the public art and work with us on enhancing art in Alamosa. SLV Health is putting the final touches on what has been an amazing project and it is very

special to see the connection to the ArtScape Program through the donation of the Martins!"

For more information or to purchase art please contact Jolene Webb, Public Relations & Project Specialist at (719) 587-2024 or <a href="mailto:jwebb@ci.alamosa.co.us">jwebb@ci.alamosa.co.us</a>.



Konnie and Damon Martin with Running Girl by Harold Linke