

DCF | MAKING A MARK ON THE COMMUNITY

## 2011 GRANTS AWARDED

IN FEBRUARY, the Dallas Community Foundation announced the recipients of the 2011 grant distribution. Given the current economic climate, the demand for funds to meet community needs was especially strong. With a total distribution of \$30,000 available, the Foundation board considered 24 applications requesting a total of \$85,000. It was a challenging task. "The DCF board strives to support as many groups as possible with the funds allocated," says Bob Ottaway, DCF board president. Ultimately, the board funded a diverse mix of programs and activities, awarding 19 grants. In nearly all cases, DCF funds leveraged other funds.

At the awards presentation, many recipients credited the DCF for making these vital programs possible and meeting the needs of Dallas area residents. Sue Lamb, Vice-Chair of the James 2 Community Kitchen Board of Directors expressed that "the support received will help keep the kitchen operating at a more efficient manner providing meals for over 250 local citizens. The DCF truly supports our community in such tangible ways."

### THE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- Afterdarc, \$2,000*
- Blue Dolphin Swim Team, \$1,200*
- Dallas Area Seniors, \$1,500*
- Dallas Area Visitors Center, \$650*
- Dallas Arts Association, \$800*
- Dallas Education Fund, \$3,000*
- Dallas Emergency Food Corporation, \$1,000*
- Dallas Retirement Foundation, \$2,000*
- Dallas United Soccer Club, \$1,200*
- Friends of the Dallas Public Library, \$1,000*
- Help and Hope To Others, \$1,000*
- James 2 Community Kitchen, \$4,000*
- Kids, Inc. of Dallas, \$1,200*
- Mustangs and MOHR, \$1,000*
- Polk Adolescent Day Treatment Center, Inc., \$2,000*
- Polk Community Development Corporation, \$1,000*
- Sable House, \$2,000*
- Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, \$2,450*
- Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program, \$1,000*



Ken Braun receives a grant award on behalf of VORP, Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, which serves Dallas residents.

Photo Courtesy of Bonnie Dreier.

## GIVING BACK TO HELP OTHERS

*Tony & Pearl Proal have made a lasting mark on the Dallas Community.*

TONY & PEARL PROAL came to Dallas in 1934. For many years they operated a bicycle shop and worked together cleaning office buildings in town. Pearl was a mail carrier for a time. Tony and Pearl were often seen riding their bicycles and walking together through town, but they were private people, who lived quietly and simply.

When Tony passed away in 1986, Pearl was surprised to learn that, over the years, together they had grown a substantial estate. But finding "wealth" didn't change a thing about Pearl. She continued to live as simply as before, even as she contemplated what to do with what she had.

Pearl loved Dallas. She and Tony had gotten so much from the community and she wanted to give back. With no children and no close relatives, she wanted to leave most of her estate to the community in ways that would help the people of Dallas. When she found out about the Dallas Community Foundation, she knew that was the way she could leave an enduring legacy.

Pearl worked closely with the Foundation to create a Fund in her will that would honor her and Tony and support programs and services they cared about. When she passed away in 2002, she left \$628,519.10 to the Foundation, to establish the Anthony and Pearl Proal Fund.

Since then, the Proal Fund has awarded thousands of dollars to support a wide variety of services and organizations in Dallas, including the Polk Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, the Leander Quiring Foundation (which supports Polk Adolescent Day Treatment Program) and many programs providing help to seniors.

Tony and Pearl's story shows how caring people in our own community, through the Dallas Community Foundation, can make a lasting difference. They will be long remembered not only for how they lived, but for their legacy of caring and help. \*

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### SABLE HOUSE

#### Supporting Young Victims of Domestic Violence

A LITTLE BOY tries to go to sleep. He can't. He buries his head under his pillow, but it won't silence the terrifying sounds that happen at night. It doesn't hurt, but he winces in pain. A tear rolls down his cheek. He knows what is going on just outside his door.

For as much as we think about the brutality of domestic violence on adults, they are not the only

victims. "Kids are the hidden victims." says Deborah Thompson, Executive Director of the Sable House. "These children have witnessed horrific events and acts of violence." She explains that these experiences impact children's behavior, shapes who they are and how they interact with others. Such experiences can follow them into adulthood and continue

the cycle of violence.

The Sable House provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, including a safe shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, support groups, outreach and education. The shelter facility is a safe place for women and children to reside after escaping from domestic violence.

Through financial support from the Dallas Community Foundation, the Sable House offers the Children's Trauma Support and Education Program for children who are staying in the Sable House shelter. The program serves between 50



Creative art projects aid in the healing process. This project enabled kids to tell stories and share their feelings by painting them on t-shirts.

and 85 children per year, offering a safe environment for children to build healthy relationships with adults and to learn how to positively interact with their peers. Children meet weekly, participating in a variety of activities, including games, reading, videos, creative art projects, interactive play and outdoor field trips.

"We want to break the cycle of violence." says Thompson. "Through this program, kids learn

that abuse is not normal." The program increases self-esteem, teaches healthy conflict resolution skills and safety planning so kids know what to do if and when violence does occur. Thompson notes that the relationship with the DCF has been positive in addressing the area's social issues. "Dallas Community Foundation funding helps in a big way. It ensures that we can keep providing this service." #

For more information on services for domestic violence victims, contact Sable House.

(503) 623-6703

24 Hour Hotline at (503) 623-4033

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### VICTIM OFFENDER RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

#### Helping People in Conflict Resolve Their Disputes in More Positive Ways

MOST PEOPLE think of conflict as something negative. According to Ken Braun, Executive Director of the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP), conflict is neutral. How individuals respond to conflict determines whether it is a negative or positive experience. It is this kind of outside-the-box thinking and looking at things from a different perspective that has led to successful results for VORP. VORP has been

providing conflict resolution and mediation services to families, neighbors and individuals in the Dallas community since 1983.

VORP provides a valuable resource to those who are in conflict. A simple disagreement between neighbors can escalate into something much larger that can ultimately affect the entire neighborhood. Serving as a neutral third party, VORP arranges meetings between people in dispute, and helps them develop practical solutions to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution.

For victims and offenders, conflict is not always resolved in the criminal justice process. With the assistance of VORP, victims get the sense that justice has been done. Offenders learn the human consequences of their crimes. The end result is a written restitution contract.

"Most conflict happens because of miscommunication." says Braun. "If we can help people find a common ground, they can find a solution." He adds, "We have had some really amazing results."

For more information on conflict resolution & community mediation services, contact VORP.

(503) 623-3111

[www.vorpcms.org](http://www.vorpcms.org)

He recalls several recent mediations, including one between two neighbors, one with a barking dog, the other with an overgrown hedge. Another involved the owner of an aggressive dog and a neighbor with a gun. In both cases, the neighbors involved were able to resolve their conflicts simply through communicating their issues openly in a facilitated neutral setting. Each had completely misunderstood the feelings and motives of the other, which had caused the disputes to escalate. Successful resolution was achieved without involving the courts or code and law enforcement agencies.

VORP serves between 200 – 300 people a year. Services are provided free of charge to the community through a variety of funding sources, including the Dallas Community Foundation. Helping people resolve conflict now and teaching them how to resolve future conflict differently, VORP empowers people in the Dallas community to make positive change. #



## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### WILLAMETTE VALLEY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### *Assisting Those Who Face Hunger Every Week*

IT'S A SMALL WAREHOUSE, busy with activity. A group of 20 volunteers briskly organize and stock shelves. They are preparing for the people who are beginning to form a line outside in the rain. It's cold for a spring day, but that doesn't seem to bother anyone. It's the same routine every week at the Willamette Valley Food Assistance program warehouse.

Most of the program participants do not receive government assistance. They work, but can't afford the rising costs of food. For some seniors, it comes down to a choice between paying for prescription medicine or paying for food. Beth, a client of the program comments, "There are many families just like ours, who work hard to make ends meet, but fall through the cracks because their income is too much for government aid, yet not enough to sustain the needs of their families."

With financial support from the Dallas Community Foundation, the program serves 300 families per week. The warehouse is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, with a special time set aside specifically for seniors and disabled clients. Clients must meet certain income requirements to participate. Unlike other food assistance programs, clients pay a fee to help sustain the program. The fee for a family of four is \$40 a month.

*For more information, contact the Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program.*

*(503) 831-5634*

*888 Monmouth Cutoff Rd, Bldg E*

*Wed. 1:30–5pm*

*Thurs. 3:30–6:30pm*

*Seniors & disabled may also shop Thurs. 3–3:30pm.*

Kathy Chiles, Executive Director, notes that the program is unique in that it allows families to 'shop' every week, choosing the foods they will use. "There isn't the waste that you would get if you received a box once a month full of food that you wouldn't eat. Participants are able to choose from a variety of product choices, selecting the foods that will meet their dietary needs." The program also works with elderly shut-ins, delivering a weekly food box based on their dietary needs and preferences.

Chiles explains that most volunteers are clients of the program. "Volunteering gives clients a sense of self-worth and accomplishment in helping others, helping themselves, and keeping the program going. In fact, the program could not function without volunteers." The experience gained from volunteering has also led to employment opportunities for several volunteers.

"We are grateful for the financial support of the Dallas Community Foundation," says Chiles. "It truly makes an impact in the Dallas community." #



Program participants "shop" the newly stocked shelves at the food program's warehouse.

## 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED



Kylie Roth



Sadie Western

AT THE RECENT Dallas High School Senior Awards Program, the Dallas Community Foundation awarded scholarships to two very deserving graduating seniors, Kylie Roth and Sadie Western. Ms. Roth plans to attend Western Oregon University where she is considering a major in Occupational Therapy. She has been a very active volunteer in the Dallas community while maintaining a high grade point average. Ms. Western is planning to attend Willamette University where she will pursue a degree that will eventually lead to a career as a veterinarian. She also has been a very active volunteer and has a strong academic record. Congratulations to both of these outstanding young women!

Additionally, the Dallas Community Foundation administers 10 other scholarship funds whose recipients are selected by donors or their designees. Congratulations to the following recipients:

AMERICAN LEGION — *Nick McCleery*

BEATRICE GALLASPY — *Christina Bibler; Rachel Bibler*

CARL E. MORRISON ROTARY — *Kylie Roth; Victoria Wilson; Christina Bibler*

DALLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION — *Sadie Western; Kylie Roth*

EDWARD CAILLIER MEMORIAL — *Katie Anderson*

HANK & WANONA KLIEVER MEMORIAL — *Alex Diener*

ILENE C. AAMODT MEMORIAL — *Jessica Lin*

JEREMY BULLER MEMORIAL — *Morgan Searles*

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY — *Rachel Bibler; Samantha Skinner*

PAUL OLLIFF MEMORIAL — *Skyler Holstad*

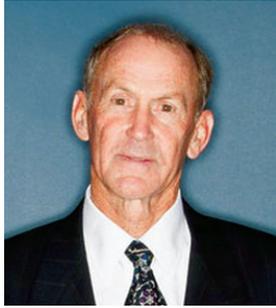
VFW/CHARLIE BAIR MEMORIAL — *Brenda Uribes*

*For more information on how you can establish a scholarship fund to benefit the youth of our community, contact the Dallas Community Foundation.*

## JIM FOWLER

SINCE JOINING the Dallas Community Foundation board in 2007, it has become evident to me that the DCF is committed to effectively supporting all areas of need within our community. Many groups in our community fill specific needs from pre-school children to senior citizens, but some need financial help and encouragement; DCF supports those needs comprehensively. As a local business owner, it is my privilege to serve on DCF with members who share my principles.

One aspect of my board service that has left a lasting impression was meeting with local students and reviewing their scholarship applications. They articulated their individual needs and how they would



use the funds if granted. I was touched by their goals and aspirations; their desire to reciprocate and help others when they have the opportunity.

If your desire is to support your local community in an effective and compassionate way, I would encourage you to support DCF in your financial planning and donations. You can give to DCF confidently, knowing that your funds will be managed by members of your community in a financially prudent way.

## The Dallas Community Foundation

### WHO ARE WE?

We are part of the community, just like you. We are professionals, citizens, civic leaders, and volunteers. We are passionate about the special place where we live, work and raise our families. We serve on the board with a sense of pride, but also with a strong sense of responsibility and stewardship.

### WHY GIVE TO THE DCF?

Simply put, it is a way to give back. It is an investment in the Dallas community, making a difference today and tomorrow. The Foundation offers a broad-base support mechanism, connecting those who care with causes that matter in the Dallas area. The fund has grown steadily since 1994 and is now valued at over \$1,500,000. Over \$180,000 has been distributed to local non-profit organizations to directly address local needs. The Foundation also administers 12 scholarship funds, established by donors for a specific purpose. About 25% of the Foundation's total assets are unrestricted funds, given by donors to be used for local programs and activities at the board's discretion.

The Foundation is only possible through the generous giving of the community. Please consider making an investment in your community today. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Return the form below or make an online donation at [www.dallascommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dallascommunityfoundation.com). You may also consider the Foundation in your estate planning as a way of leaving your mark on the Dallas community. Contact us for more information.

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