

GIVING BACK TO HELP OTHERS

Richard Arvidson has left a legacy that will support youth, years into the future

Richard Arvidson was frustrated by all the negative news stories that seemed to focus on kids getting into trouble. He knew that there were many, many good kids in the community that were doing great things. He wanted to do something to support those kids and reward them in a meaningful way. He gave regularly to the Dallas Community Foundation, specifying that his gifts be given toward scholarships.

When he died several years ago, he left \$165,957 in his will to the Dallas Community Foundation to establish a scholarship

fund. With prudent financial management, this fund will continue to provide scholarships for years into the future. Richard knew there were good kids out there. There still are today and will be tomorrow. Thanks to his generosity and his values, those kids will continue to benefit for the good they do.

If you would like to permanently link your name or your support to the youth of the Dallas area, please contact the Foundation office. Scholarship funds can be established with as little as \$5000.



DCF AWARDS 2012 GRANTS

of effectively distributing funds. "The DCF Board is open to considering grant requests that cover the wide diversity of ways that non-profits serve the Dallas area," explains Bob Ottaway, DCF president. "It is not often that we are able to fully fund the requested amount, yet partial funding goes a long way to meeting the need." DCF funds are often utilized to leverage other grants, particularly in cases where a cash match is required.

Among the grant recipients, a diversity of needs will be met. Dallas United Soccer Club, Blue Dolphin Swim Team and Kids, Inc. of Dallas will be able to offer scholarships to youth who would otherwise be unable to participate in athletic programs. The City of Dallas received matching funds necessary for a much larger government grant to complete phase 4 of the Rickreall Creek Trail System. Seniors will receive food and gift boxes through the efforts of Dallas Christmas Cheer.

Families experiencing hardship will receive assistance from Dallas

Emergency Food Corp., and the Dallas Resource Center. Local schools will receive funds to support learning enrichment programs. Youth will benefit from grants to After Darc, Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Dallas Weekday School of the Bible, Mustangs and MOHR, Polk Adolescent Day Treatment Center and Sable House. The Polk Community Free Clinic at Trinity will be able to improve patient care for those without medical and dental insurance. The Arc of Polk County will be able to enrich socialization experiences for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Grants to Microenterprise Resources, Initiatives and Training (MERIT), and Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) will offer broad-based benefit to the Dallas community.

The DCF is proud to have the opportunity to make these meaningful investments in the Dallas community, and is grateful for the generosity of supporters whose gifts make this all possible.

In March, the Dallas Community Foundation awarded \$20,000 in grants to 18 local organizations. As with the previous year, economic woes reduced the amount of funds available for distribution. "Our local non-profit organizations have felt the pinch all the way around," says Mia Mohr, Foundation Administrator. "Donations are down, state and federal sources of funding are either reduced or gone completely, and weak financial markets are constraining the ability of foundations to keep up with the increased demand."

Keenly aware of local needs, the DCF board took to task the difficult process

2011 Final Grant Report Now Available

Want to know more about the impact DCF dollars make in the Dallas community? The 2011 Final Grant report is available on the DCF website at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com. The report highlights the outcomes and discusses the impact of each grant made in 2011.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Dallas Resource Center

Providing Assistance to Those with Urgent Needs; Promoting Self-Sufficiency

Imagine you are on the verge of having your utilities shut off, or worse, losing your home. As difficult as it is to imagine, such a turn of events can happen quickly and unexpectedly. You lose your job. You can't find another one with comparable pay. You can't keep up with your bills. You exhaust your savings. Other family members are unable to help. What do you do?



The Dallas Resource Center is a last stop for those who have exhausted all other means. They offer rent assistance for those who have received a 72 hour eviction notice, utility assistance for those who have received their final shut-off notice, gas vouchers for those who need to get to a medical appointment or a job interview, and prescription assistance for those who cannot afford necessary medications.

Dallas Resource Center staff carefully evaluate each assistance request, con-

sidering the circumstances that have caused or contributed to the urgent need, and the ability of the applicant to get back on his or her feet once the immediate need is met. Unfortunately, they are unable to assist every deserving applicant. Like many organizations providing assistance to those in need, the Dallas Resource Center has experienced significant reductions in funding. In some cases, funding is only 25% of normal. Additionally, many sources of funding have strict, targeted requirements, which sadly, disqualify some very deserving families.

Melissa Baurer, Dallas Resource Center Coordinator, explains that DCF funds have come at a critical time, enabling them to further stretch their limited funds. "DCF funds have given us more flexibility to help deserving people that are facing urgent needs."

In fact, the day after the grant award was received, DCF funds made an immediate impact on a local homeless family. They had been living in their car. The father had just landed a job, but needed to obtain a set of fingerprints for a background check as well as a specific uniform in order to start the next day. He went to the Dallas Resource Center. Because of the DCF grant, he was able to get the short-term assistance necessary

to start his new job. Dallas Resource Center Staff were also able to get the family assistance to move into housing. At last report, the family was self-sufficient and doing well.

Dallas Resource Center works closely with partners to make limited funds go further. DCF funds were combined with Salvation Army funds to help a couple with a one year-old get into an apartment. They had been living in an abandoned building with no running water or electricity. The father recently landed a job and had money for the deposit, but simply needed help covering the first month's rent.

In another case, \$79 of DCF grant funds leveraged \$400 from the Dallas Service Integration Team to help a family avoid a utility shut-off.

"Just a small amount of dollars, but a HUGE impact," says Baurer. She notes that if they had more funding, they could help more families. "Our goal is to help more families be self-sufficient, not to make temporary, band-aid fixes. The flexibility of DCF funds has really made a difference."

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2012 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

In May, members of the Dallas Community Foundation scholarship selection committee interviewed applicants for two scholarship awards. The experience left a strong impression on Jim Fowler, DCF board member and selection committee member. "These students all clearly valued their community and their education," he said. "Conducting these interviews gave us an appreciation for those in the community who have given to the DCF to make these scholarships possible. It is very encouraging to see our community pull together and see

our investments make a positive difference in the students' lives and the lives they touch, no matter where they go in life."



Kaden Montague

In the end, the DCF awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors, Kaden Montague and Connor Locke.

Kaden Montague plans to attend Oregon State University, majoring in mechanical engineering and pursuing a career in either automotive or aeronautical engineering. At Dallas High School, he was a member of the

National Honor Society and a scholar athlete, playing football and basketball. He was also involved in DECA and the school newspaper as the sports editor.

Connor Locke plans to study health science at Corban University. Also a member of the National Honor Society, he earned the scholar athlete award for football, basketball and baseball.



Connor Locke

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He was active in student government and involved in various community service projects. Conner noted, "I have learned how important it is to be involved in community service. I have benefitted just as much as those I'm helping."

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Dallas Community Foundation administers 11 other scholarship funds. Recipients are selected either by donors or their designees. Congratulations to the following 2012 scholarship recipients:

American Legion

Shawn Thornhil

Beatrice Gallaspy

Anna Finke, Kaden Montague

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Paul Olliff Memorial

Alex Bird (Math), Josh Christianson (Wrestling)

VFW/Charlie Bair Memorial

Nathan MacDonald, Marissa Wynia

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

After Darc

Providing Safe Activities for Local Youth

What do kids like to do? They like to hang out and be kids. After Darc, a volunteer-run organization, supports local kids by providing fun activities in a safe, supervised environment where kids can just be themselves. A group of dedicated volunteers transform the two Dallas High School gyms into a hub of activity – from basketball to video games to dances. The events are held on select Saturday evenings during the school year.



The program has evolved over time, keeping pace with the interests of the kids.

Kris Gustafson, a volunteer for After Darc, became involved several years ago. She collects admission at the door. It's also a place to make expectations clear and an opportunity to set the tone for the evening. The events draw an average of 50-70 kids, typically 6th-9th graders, and many are repeats. Gustafson gets to know a lot of these kids. "They are amazingly good kids," she says. "The kids have a good time and see adults as

positive role models." At a time when familiarity and stability are so important in their lives, the kids develop a comfort level with the volunteers. Gustafson notes, "Many of the kids enjoy visiting and sharing their life stories with me."

To support the program and to share the responsibility of ownership, kids pay a \$5 entrance admission. This isn't always enough to fully cover program costs. While the cost to maintain the program is relatively low, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, there are some necessary expenses such as insurance. DCF funds have been instrumental in supporting the program. "After Darc would not be possible without the DCF grant," says Gustafson.

Gustafson knows the impact of the program. "There aren't too many places to go in the city of Dallas. Our young people are truly a good investment and need a safe place to hang out." Board chair Roger Pope adds, "If they aren't there (at After Darc), where are they going to be?"



THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS!

It is through your generous gifts that the DCF can support efforts that touch the lives of those in need, making a difference in the Dallas community.

Thank you to the following who have contributed to the unrestricted and scholarship funds over the past year:

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Susan Morrill



I became involved with the Dallas Community Foundation in 2005 as a member of the investment advisory committee. The committee was responsible for reviewing portfolio performance and investment allocations. I was very impressed by the group of individuals on the board and the investment committee.

In 2009, I joined the DCF board. I enjoy being a part of an organization that helps people. It is so rewarding to see the good work that is done by the many groups who receive grants from the DCF. It is also exciting to help plan for the future of the DCF in hopes of doing even more.

Every organization we give to makes a huge difference. I am most familiar with the work done at SABLE House, the only domestic violence shelter and program here in Polk County. I know the staff of four helps hundreds of clients every year. The grant from

the DCF pays for trauma support and education for children. They need so much help to feel safe again and to renew some sense of self-esteem. I am very proud that the DCF can make a difference in the lives of these children.

I have seen so many of our citizens give of their time and money to make the lives of their fellow community members better. I wish more people realized that giving to the DCF is a great way to provide assistance to those in need right here in the Dallas community. I know so many people love the quality of life here and might want to consider the DCF in their estate plan. Giving to the DCF gives you a lot of "bang for your buck." Through a single donation, a variety of areas of the community can be assisted. You can be rest assured that people who live here or have their businesses here will guide the decisions about how best to allocate the money. Since the DCF pools its assets for investment, it can achieve a higher rate of return, which increases the amount it can give back to the community.

I am proud to serve on the DCF board, to make a tangible difference in the Dallas community. I encourage you to join with me and consider the DCF in your charitable giving plans.

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