

GIVING A HAND UP TO GRADUATING SENIORS

This year, three students were selected as recipients of the Dallas Community Foundation and Arvidson Scholarships.



Madeleine Nelson plans to study physical therapy at George Fox University. At Dallas High School, she was involved in soccer, track, cadet teaching and tutoring, and the National Honors Society. She has also been very active in the community and her church, participating with Christmas Cheer, Camp Attitude, Beautification Day and Red Cross blood drives.



Courtney DuMond also plans to study physical therapy at George Fox University. She hopes to eventually use her professional skills to help those in need in third world nations.

A member of the National Honor Society, she made the honor roll all four years at Dallas High School. She has been highly involved in the community,

volunteering with the James 2 Community Kitchen, Dallas Retirement Village and the Postal Service food drive. She has been a camp counselor and is very active with her church.

Brooke Perry plans to study nursing and Spanish language. At Dallas High School she was very active in athletics, participating in soccer, tennis, swim team and cross-country. She has also



volunteered for West Valley Hospital and has held a part time job. Upon receiving her scholarship at the Awards Night, she expressed her appreciation, commenting "the community believes in me."

That is the spirit in which these scholarship funds are established and awarded annually to very deserving young people who have already given of themselves to the community. If you would like to help give a hand up to a graduating senior, you can set up a scholarship fund in your name, or the name of a loved one. It's easier than you think! You can also make a gift to any of the existing scholarship funds.

Congratulations to the recipients of other scholarship funds administered by the Dallas Community Foundation:

American Legion

Natalie Green

Beatrice Gallaspy

Danielle Ackerman, Courtney Dumond, Leslie Classen

Chester B. and Jeanne R. Healy Memorial

Courtney DuMond, Jamie Kennedy

Dallas Rotary/Carl E. Morrison

Amelia Hoskisson, Madeline Nelson, David Solvedt, Chris Murphy

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Efrain Quevedo Ramos, Eric Shaw

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Alyssa Zeigler

Oregon Department of Forestry

Miranda Shockey, Mikayla Unger

Paul Olliff Memorial

Kristi Pedersen

WHY I GIVE

Dave Pederson

Karen and I have lived in Dallas for 26 years. We have fallen in love with this community. It has given us so much!

As a pastor, God has shown me God is all about giving. God gives love, faith, communities like Dallas, a great country



like America and everything we see and don't see. God is a great giver!

When I give to others through my time, my skills or money, life opens up because

we, the creation, are doing what the creator intended.

That is why I give to the Dallas Community Foundation. As a board member from the Foundation's inception, I have seen what this money does for groups of people and individuals who are helping others in this community. I get to see and sometimes even interview the amazing high school students who receive scholarships each year. It is so much fun!

Karen and I give money each year, but this last year we had the great fun of doing our will. It was fun to sit down with our lawyer and dream about groups

that we could help after God has called us home. After our kids, the Dallas Community Foundation was at the top of the list. Because generally only the interest is expended, that money will go on helping people in Dallas until Jesus returns! It just doesn't get more exciting than that!

Please consider a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation. And, if it is time to do or redo your will, please consider giving money that will literally go on forever helping others in this great community.

Blessings and love

Dave Pederson

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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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN DALLAS

You can learn more about how the DCF is making a difference in the Dallas community by visiting our website at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com. There you will find recent updates from grantees as well as the 2012 Final Grant Report. The report highlights the outcomes of each grant made in 2012. See the impact of your dollars at work! You can also find a link to make a quick and easy online donation.

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Grantee Spotlight – Morrison Campus Alternative School

Giving Students a Path to Employment

A high school diploma is so very important to future success. For some, earning one is a serious challenge. Substance abuse, homelessness, being a teen parent, living in a troubled home, simply not fitting in at the high school are all factors that can lead to dropping out. Dallas is fortunate to have the Morrison Campus Alternative School. Located in the Morrison School building, the program addresses this problem, serving approximately 54 students in the 11th and 12th grade, graduating about 30 each year. While the program offers a traditional classroom setting, it is structured to better meet students' needs. The focus is more academic and all course work is completed within a 9am-2pm day. There are more opportunities to earn credits on an accelerated schedule so students can complete their diploma.

As a requirement to graduate, all students must take a careers class. This offers vital experience for future success. Students learn about the types of jobs they are best suited for and what academic preparation they need to get

the job they want. They learn about personal hygiene and how to iron clothes. They get help with resume writing, mock interviewing and learn how to conduct themselves professionally. Field trips to a variety of workplaces offer exposure to employment opportunities.

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Because of their living situation, many students are unable to continue on to college and need to find employment after they graduate. With a diploma in hand and the skills necessary to obtain and hold a job, these kids are ready to earn a paycheck. Unfortunately, most do not have the money in hand to obtain some of the items necessary for work such as a food handler's permit, a state-issued identification card, appropriate clothing or sturdy work boots. A \$10 food handler permit may seem like a trivial ex-

pense, but for a homeless student, \$10 is a lot of money. With a grant funds from the DCF, these students are able to obtain the necessary occupational supplies they need once they have a job opportunity or have already secured employment.

“It really helps to break down barriers for students accessing employment. It also helps Morrison students to realize that the school and community supports them,” says Dana Goodale, Polk County School Based Mental Health Therapist at Morrison. “I think it's great that students feel so supported.”

She explains that for students who don't have a lot, little things really do matter to them. They understand the value of money and are hesitant to take from others what they know others have worked hard to earn. Those who do accept the assistance are genuinely grateful for the help.

So far, 10 students have been assisted through this grant. Goodale anticipates more will benefit in the coming school year.

Thanks to contributors like you, the Dallas Community Foundation is able to give a hand up to these students.

Dallas Community Foundation Awards 22 Grants for 2013

It's another year of great things happening in the Dallas community. In February, the DCF board reviewed a total of 30 grant applications, an increase over previous years. In the end, 22 local non-profit organizations were awarded grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,800 for a variety of projects and programs serving those in need in the Dallas community.

The recipient organizations include:

Bambinos, Oregon

\$2,000.00 to establish an office space for meeting with clients and convening group sessions.

Blue Dolphin Swim Team

\$500.00 to provide scholarships for youth who cannot afford registration fees.

Dallas Education Foundation

\$2,000.00 to provide grants to teachers in the Dallas School District.



Dallas Emergency Food Corporation

\$1,800.00 to purchase needed food items that are not available through the Marion-Polk Food Share Warehouse.

Dallas Mat Club

\$1,000.00 to replace the 25+ year old mats at Dallas High School.

Dallas United Methodist Church

\$1,000.00 to support the 2013 Creation Vacation program for low-income families in the West Valley Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Dallas United Soccer Club

\$500.00 for player scholarships.

Dallas Weekday School of the Bible

\$900.00 for a new computer and printer.

Friends of the Dallas Public Library

\$1,000.00 to purchase audio books on cd and large print materials.

Garten Services, Inc.

\$1,500.00, toward the purchase and installation of four new tankless water heaters at the Garten Dallas Commercial Laundry facility.

James 2 Community Kitchen

\$2,800.00 to purchase and install a new gas range, hood and suppression system.

Kids, Inc. of Dallas

\$500.00 to provide scholarships for youth who cannot afford registration fees.

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency

\$2,000.00 to provide gap funding for urgent needs requests for low-income families.

Morrison Campus Alternative School

\$1,000.00 to provide support to prepare students for employment and provide grants to assist students with the purchase of necessary occupational supplies.

Mustangs and MOHR

\$1,000.00 to support qualified staff to work with youth during the peak summer months.

Polk Community Development Corporation

\$2,000.00 to provide staff time to produce documents, plans, agreements and budgets to complete an IFA/CDBG application for the Dallas Senior Center.

Polk County Health and Human Services

\$1,000.00 to purchase parenting class curricula, train parent educators and offer parenting classes targeted to grandparents raising grandchildren ages 0-17.

Sable House

\$2,000.00 to provide trauma support and educational services for children residing in the domestic violence shelter facility.



Salem Free Clinics (at Trinity Lutheran Church)

\$1,500.00 to purchase four computers, a scanner/printer and other technical support to provide clinic workers access to the electronic health records system.

The Arc of Polk County

\$750.00 to provide funding for family support groups and a new karaoke machine for social events.

VORP

\$1,500.00 to provide funding for staff salary.

Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program

\$1,750.00 to procure non-perishable food items and cover transportation costs for distribution.

Bob Ottaway



In the mid 1990's several of us in the Dallas Rotary Club were considering establishing a Foundation, which many Rotary Clubs have done to enhance the lives of local people. We considered many elements of such a decision, but the strongest theme was a desire to see a broad-based organization. This thought superseded the possibilities of Clubs competing for the same charitable dollars, and maximized the ability to see that those funds went to a wide variety of causes rather than follow the objectives of Dallas Rotary or any other

Club. Dallas Community Foundation was founded to achieve that primary goal.

I have served on the Foundation Board for most of its seventeen years. I have drawn a lot of satisfaction in presenting many scholarships to Dallas seniors on behalf of the Foundation and donors. The greatest highlight for me is the annual presentation of grant awards to local non-profits from the earnings of the funds we manage. This has been in the area of \$25,000 to \$40,000 each year, and has gone to food banks, sporting groups, groups working to overcome domestic disputes, and many other fine Polk County efforts. This event gets to the heart of why the Foundation

was founded, as noted above. It gathers a group of wonderful people who essentially join hands to see that good things happen, without counting on the government.

Dallas Community Foundation has formulated some goals to increase its ability to support local causes. I hope I can be a part of making that happen, through my own financial support and the contributions of others. We know that the biggest avenue for achieving that goal is via estate planning. The legacy I see in those who have already given is a real challenge for those of us who have lived in Dallas for many years, and even for recent "settlers". I serve for just such a legacy.



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