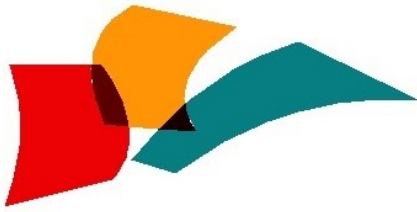




Dallas Community Foundation

2016 Annual Report



We are here for Dallas.
For good, for now, forever.

Thanks to the generous support from people like you, we have given back to Dallas through grants, scholarships and support of community events.

Grants

\$35,000 awarded
24 organizations benefitted
Over \$500,000 leveraged

Scholarships

13 scholarship funds
Over \$26,000 awarded
14 students benefitted

Sponsorships

Summerfest
Sounds of Summer
Art in the Park

Grant Recipients

Bambinos, Oregon— Bambinos, Oregon reports a strong need among low-income families for assistance with diapers and wipes. As the only 'diaper bank' in the area, Bambinos fills the budget gap for families, ensuring that babies are not left in diapers longer than recommended. With DCF grant funds, Bambinos distributed 168 packs of diapers and 111 packs of wipes, serving 98 families.

CASA of Polk County, Inc.— Critical to CASA of Polk County's mission is the recruitment and retention of volunteers to serve every child in foster care. To this end, DCF funds were used to develop a website to educate community members, recruit volunteers, receive donations and to serve as a communication tool for volunteers. The website is used in conjunction with CASA's outreach efforts, offering detailed information about the program and needs and expectations of volunteers. Volunteers can use the website to log their hours, obtain court report templates, refer to the training manual and access links for the required 12 hours of annual continuing education training.

Community Mediation Services for Polk County— DCF funds enabled Community Mediation Services to provide conflict resolution training and supported the phone and internet expenses critical to communication with clients. DCF funds were absolutely essential to CMS's ability to provide mediation services. Over the course of the grant period, there were 50 new cases/facilitations opened, scheduled and completed.

Cross and Crown Ministries— Cross and Crown Ministries offered two, 13-week grief recovery and support groups. DCF funds were used to offset the costs—promotion, professional services, supplies, rent and scholarships. The groups offered a safe place for individuals to face their grief after losing a family member or friend. They received help to face their pain and to regain perspective on life. The spring group was attended by 17 individuals and 21 participated in the fall group. Participants ranged in age from early 20's to middle 70's.

Grant Recipients

Dallas Education Foundation— With DCF funds, Dallas Education Foundation awarded \$6,509 in small grants to educators in the Dallas School District. Projects funded included the purchase of books for classroom libraries, computers, sensory materials, flexible seating, musical instruments, robotic equipment and microscopes.

Dallas Emergency Food Corporation— With DCF funds, the Dallas Emergency Food Corporation purchased meat, eggs, milk, cheese, peanut butter and beans to increase the protein content of the food boxes it distributes to those in need. In 2016, they prepared over 2700 individual food boxes to provide a family with enough food for at least one week. They average 244 boxes per week. They served 210 established families and 18 new families. 60% of the children served are age 10 and under. 38% of the adults served are over the age of 51 on fixed incomes.

Dallas Retirement Village Foundation— DCF funds were used to provide training and purchase equipment for the DRV to become a certified Music and Memory facility. The Music and Memory program uses music to enrich the lives of residents with dementia. Using Ipods with headphones to block out ambient sounds, residents listen to music that enables them to experience emotions and recall memories. They can better focus, become verbal, engage in physical activities, calm sundowning behaviors, and reconnect with people they no longer recognize. During the grant period, 30 residents have benefited from this program.



Ray's life had been centered around music. He now has dementia and is unable to play his guitar. His family brought in CDs and videos of his favorite musicians for him to enjoy. He would sit in his room and listen, but had very little response. Then they loaded the same music onto an iPod and put his earphones on. All of a sudden he came alive. He started singing, scooting his wheelchair down the halls, waving at people and smiling. Putting on his music and memory ipod is like turning on a light switch. Boyce adds, "The music soothes the souls that are so disrupted by dementia and brings them back to themselves."

Dallas United Methodist Church— DCF funds enabled low-income families to participate in Creation Vacation, a program designed to offer an opportunity for relaxation, recreation, quality food and time for renewals for families who would not normally have the opportunity for a vacation. For many of the families, it is a break from the daily struggles and worries of where the next paycheck is coming from and a chance to reconnect with family in a community setting. In it's 6th year, the program served 10 families comprising 14 adults and 35 children.

Friends of the Dallas Public Library— With DCF funds, the Dallas Library purchased 11 audio CDs and 11 large print books. The grant enabled the library to maximize their purchasing discounts to meet the needs of seniors and those who are visually impaired. The library has an active homebound service that serves patrons who cannot physically travel to the library; these patrons are dependent upon audio and large print materials.

Grant Recipients

Family Building Blocks— Family Building Blocks provides intensive, specialized support for families who, in many cases, face overwhelming life circumstances. DCF funds supported the work of teachers in the therapeutic classroom for at-risk children. The classroom is designed to reduce the potential of adverse childhood experiences, providing young children a safe environment to express their feelings, learn social skills and process the world around them. DCF funds helped to serve 6 families, including 10 children. In addition to classroom time, teachers also met with the families on monthly home visits.

Garten Services, Inc.— Garten Services, Inc. operates a commercial laundry facility in Dallas that employs people with disabilities. DCF funds were used to upgrade washing machines which decreased down time and increased capacity. For the first three months since installing the new equipment, 240,000 pounds of laundry was processed, a 16% increase. Six additional people were provided paid work.

Barbara, Mary and Shirine enjoy the social time and comradery folding laundry at the Garten Services laundry facility in Dallas. They have aged out of the workforce, but participate in the Day Activity Program. They have a few hours of paid work each week which supplements their social security income, enabling them to afford basic necessities.



James 2 Community Kitchen— DCF funds were used to purchase food and supplies for the weekly community dinners. Over the course of nine months, the program provided 7,770 adult and 607 children meals. With the support of the DCF grant, the organization was able to purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables, and staple items in bulk.

Kid's Inc. of Dallas— Kid's Inc. provides a wide range of recreational and competitive sports for children in the Dallas community, including baseball, softball, t-ball, soccer, track, volleyball, football and archery. DCF funds were used to provide scholarships, assisting 46 low-income families with the cost of registration fees.

Law Enforcement for Youth— DCF funds assisted 21 low-income families who could not afford essential safety equipment such as infant car seats, booster seats and bicycle helmets.

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency— DCF funds were used to support the Dallas Flexible Urgent Need Fund. This fund helps families who are at imminent risk of homelessness to pay for rent and utilities to avoid eviction. Additionally, DCF funds were used to help homeless families move into stable housing. A total of 7 families were assisted.

"A single mom came to the Resource Center looking for help to pay her rent bill. She had recently suffered a stroke and a broken foot, resulting in her inability to work for a few months. With the help of DCF dollars we were able to prevent her and her daughters from being evicted and losing their housing. This client will continue to work with housing and the self-sufficiency program...She is on the road to being self-sufficient."

Grant Recipients

Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation— DCF funds helped the Dallas Lions bring the Mobile Health Screening Program to Dallas and provide hearing aids and eyeglasses to people in need. Over the course of the grant period, 1,294 students were screened for vision, 114 were referred for follow-up examinations. Additionally, over 30 low-income adults were screened for vision, 7 needed follow-up services. One individual was provided a hearing aid.

Polk Community Development Corporation— DCF funds supported the Woodbridge Meadow Summer and After School Program. An average of 25 children participated, receiving after school homework help during the school year and free lunch and activities in the summer.

Polk County 4-H Leaders Association— The Dallas Youth Garden provides a working opportunity and job skill training for nine Dallas High School students, and delivered over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce to feed the hungry. DCF funds were used to install a drainage system in the garden to improve soil conditions and harvest productivity. Twelve individuals, including the youth interns worked to install the drainage system.



Dallas Youth Garden Drainage Project



Sable House— In 2016, a total of 208 children were served through the Trauma Support and Education Program. This program offers both one-on-one crisis support and group education sessions for children who have been either a witness to violence in the home, or victims of bullying, child abuse or neglect. DCF funds supported crisis support for children residing in the shelter facility through the Trauma Support and Education Program.

Salem Free Clinics— DCF funds were used for the Polk Community Free Clinic staff wages, medicines and medical supplies. The clinic provides free medical and mental health services to patients without health insurance. In the first 10 months of 2016, the clinic provided care to 237 patients. With proper medical care, these people can live healthier and more productive lives.

The Salvation Army— DCF funds supported the Domestic Violence Financial Assistance Fund which is used to address the urgent needs of domestic violence victims, such as housing and restraining orders. Ten households were served to gain self-sufficiency and escape from danger. Without this support, the financial instability many victims face causes them to return to abusive situations.

Grant Recipients

Titus 3— Titus 3 is a transitional housing program for women who have been released from prison, jail, or referred by the Department of Human Services because of drug addiction. With DCF funds, Titus 3 replaced 5 mattresses for the House residents.

With a Dallas Community Foundation grant, Titus 3 purchased five new mattresses. P.J. Johnson of Titus 3 explains, “You have no idea what a blessing the grant was. All of the mattresses were second-hand when we got them five years ago. The girls were constantly telling me how they couldn’t get a good night’s sleep. ‘It’s so lumpy!’ they would say. I prayed for those mattresses...and the DCF grant came.”



West Valley Hospital Foundation— DCF funds assisted with the purchase of a new “Connections” van, which provides medical transportation for patients to access appointments. The new van replaced an aging vehicle that could no longer adequately serve the population in need. Between October 2015 and June 2016, the service provided nearly 1500 rides for those needing medical transportation.



West Valley Housing Authority— DCF funds were used to purchase and distribute school backpacks to low-income families at the annual Dallas Family Night Out. Over 450 backpacks with school supplies were distributed at the event, which serves as a fun, family-oriented resource fair.



Partnering with Local Organizations to Make a Difference

“I can’t thank you enough for the help you have given to my children and I. If it wasn’t for you we would not have a safe place to live right now.” says Rose, a Dallas resident. She was assisted by The Salvation Army’s Domestic Violence Financial Assistance Program, funded by the Dallas Community Foundation. Rose came to the Academy Building after fleeing an abusive spouse. She had obtained a restraining order against her abuser, but was fearful to stay with family because he knew where they lived. She and her two children needed a safe place to live.

The Salvation Army Social Services Representative worked with other local agencies to make sure this family would have a safe place to live. An apartment was found through West Valley Housing Authority. The Domestic Violence Assistance Program leveraged additional funds from Dallas Service Integration Team and Community Action Agency to cover the security deposits. Polk County Resource Center provided coats and hygiene items, and sourced household items and furniture.

Rose and her children moved into their new apartment just before Christmas. They received gifts and a holiday meal from the Dallas Adopt-A-Family program. Most importantly, they are now safe. Rose is employed and her children are thriving.

Scholarship Recipients

Over \$26,000 in scholarships was awarded to 14 Dallas High School graduating seniors to continue their post-secondary education. The Foundation administers 13 scholarship funds.

Amercian Legion

Leah Tabtab-Ensey

Beatrice Gallaspy

Naomi Howe

Lindsay Golly

Sarah Ussery

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Lindsay Golly

Leah Tabtab-Ensey

Emily Weninger

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Lindsay Golly

Emily Weninger

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Jessica Fenton

Leah Tabtab-Ensey

Jasmin Sosa-Santiago

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Hannah Clothier

Helen M. Smith

Maci Ackerman

Danielle DuMond

Jeremy Buller Memorial

Emily Cuno

Oregon Department of Forestry

Hannah Clothier

Lindsay Golly

Paul Olliff Memorial

Jessica Fenton

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Caleb Will



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Tabtab-Ensey, Jessica Fenton,
and Jasmine Sosa-Santiago.*



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is to enhance the quality of life
in the Dallas community
by building a culture of giving.

