

## Foundation Grants Support the Dallas Community

This year, Dallas Community Foundation gave back \$45,000 to the community, awarding grants to 23 non-profit organizations.

### **Bambinos, Oregon**

\$700 to develop a website and IT support.

### **CASA of Polk County, Inc.**

\$800 to support volunteer recruitment efforts.

### **Community Mediation Services for Polk County**

\$1,500 to support phone and internet service.

### **Cross and Crown Ministries**

\$1,000 to provide grief support and counseling.

### **Dallas Downtown Association**

\$300 to support marketing expenses.

### **Dallas Education Foundation**

\$4,000 for small grants for teachers.

### **Dallas Emergency Food Corp.**

\$4,000 to purchase protein food items.

### **Dallas Retirement Foundation**

\$2,000 to purchase a mobile hot/cold buffet cart.

### **Dallas United Methodist Church**

\$1,000 to provide a respite opportunity for low-income families.

### **Dallas Weekday School of the Bible**

\$900 to purchase technology equipment for classrooms.

### **Family Building Blocks**

\$1,500 to support the Dallas Therapeutic Classroom for highest risk children.

### **Friends of the Dallas Public Library**

\$1,000 to purchase large print and audio books.

### **Garten Services**

\$1,000 to install energy efficiency equipment.

### **James 2 Community Kitchen**

\$4,000 to purchase food for community dinners.

### **Liberty House**

\$3000 to support a pediatric sexual assault nurse practitioner position.

### **Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation**

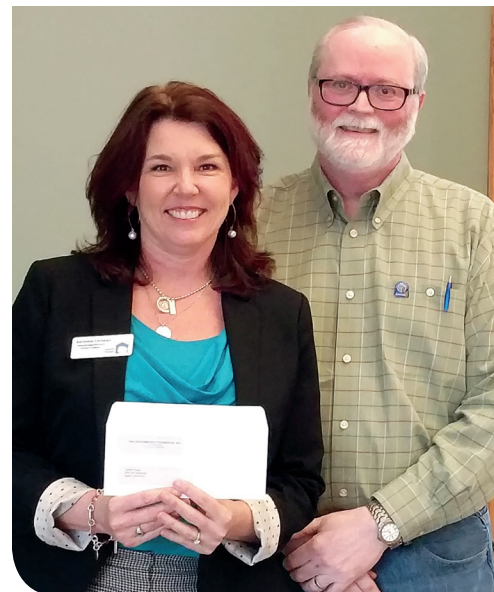
\$1,500 to support vision screening, examinations, eyeglasses and hearing aids in the Dallas community.

### **Polk County Historical Society**

\$800 to purchase archival-quality storage folders and boxes.

### **Sable House**

\$3,000 to provide children's trauma support and educational services.



*Adrienne Christian of Liberty House accepts a grant award from DCF President Bob Brannigan.*

### **Salem Free Clinics**

\$3,000 to assist with Polk Community Free Clinic's general operating expenses.

### **SMART (Start Making a Reader Today)**

\$2,000 to purchase and distribute take-home books for students.


### **The Salvation Army**

\$5,000 for the Dallas Community Resource Center Emergency Assistance Fund.

### **Titus 3**

\$2,000 to fund improvement projects.

### **West Valley Housing Authority**

\$1,000 to purchase and distribute school backpacks for low-income youth. 

## A Word from the President

Dear Friends of Dallas:

The Dallas Community Foundation has been an integral part of our community since 1995. Over the last 22 years our mission has been “to enhance the quality of life in the Dallas community by building a culture of giving.”

Through this journey, our volunteer board has focused on creating and sustaining annual giving designed to meet our mission while maintaining low overhead costs. Our board is comprised of local community and business leaders committed to local needs and stewardship of Foundation assets. That means more of your giving benefits our community. Since the Foundation’s inception, hundreds of Dallas residents have helped that be a reality.

Please join the board and your fellow citizens in strengthening this vision by giving today. 🌈

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan  
President

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Foundation Board  
of Directors

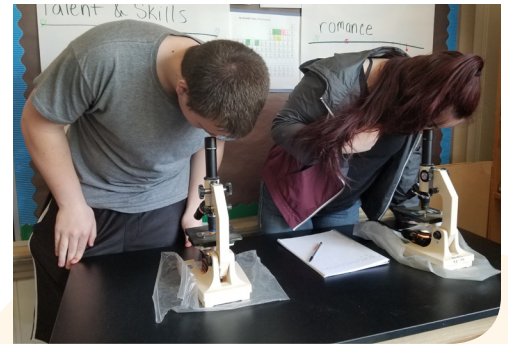


## Grants Support Students in the Classroom

*Supplies and equipment enhance educational opportunities*

This past year, Dallas Community Foundation funds supported the Dallas Education Foundation’s small grants program. In total, 17 grants were awarded, enabling teachers to purchase supplies and equipment to enhance educational opportunities for students. Grant funds were used for a variety of projects including books for classroom libraries, computers, sensory materials, flexible seating, musical instruments, robotic equipment and microscopes.

Lyle Elementary teacher Liz Blake received a grant to purchase Chromebooks. “The Chromebooks have been such a wonderful addition to my classroom! I am SO thankful!” She uses these computers to teach basic word processing skills. Her students have become proficient at typing their stories, changing the font style and adding pictures. “In just the few months I’ve had these Chromebooks, I’ve been amazed at what students have learned to do.” She is also able to support a student who struggles with



*Morrison Campus Science Lab*

writing. He has a difficult time getting his ideas down on paper before he forgets them. With the Chromebook, she explains, “He can type a whole story faster than most students can write one.”

Brian Rebischke purchased a bass bar and mallet for Oakdale/Lyle music classes. This enabled students who have difficulty with finer motor skills enjoy success and gave them the opportunity to play something different, which “they thought was cool.”

Melissa Glazner, a teacher at Morrison Campus used grant funds to purchase science lab materials. She comments, “I am very grateful for the support. Besides being a strategic help in the classroom, receiving the grant also provided a psychological boost for me by showing that people care and are willing to help...one student even said our class was the most interesting science class he’d ever been in. I expect to use these resources for years and build on them as we move forward.” 🌈



*DHS Classroom Library*

## Congratulations 2017 Dallas High School Scholarship Recipients!

This spring, scholarship selection committee members took on the challenging task of reviewing applications and interviewing students. In the end, 15 students were awarded scholarships from 13 DCF-managed scholarship funds totaling over \$30,000.

In the years to come, these talented and aspiring students will be teachers, engineers, business owners, scientists and medical professionals.

Thank-you to those who have generously contributed to these funds. Without your support, these scholarships would not be possible!

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

### American Legion

Emma Cromwell

### Richard Arvidson

Ryan Kennedy

### Beatrice Gallaspy

Ryan Kennedy, Emma Noack, Molly Peffley

### Carl E. Morrison/Rotary

Emma Cromwell, Rylie Gaither-Lyell, Molly Peffley

### Chester B. and Jeanne R. Healy-Brown Memorial

Emma Cromwell, Megan Ronco

### Dallas Community Foundation

Tanner Earhart, Rylie Gaither-Lyell, Molly Peffley, Travis Wilson

### Department of Forestry

Sheridan Rutland, Brianna Schetzel

### Hank and Wanona Kliever Memorial

Alex Enderle

### Helen M. Smith

Reed Lowery, Matthew Sleeper

### Jeremy Buller Memorial

Alisha Aime

### Jerry Piering Family

Jacqueline Larson

### Paul Olliff Memorial Math

Reed Lowery

### Paul Olliff Memorial Wrestling

Tanner Earhart

### VFW/Charlie Bair

Rylie Gaither-Lyell

*"This scholarship award means a lot to me, because it will help me fund my studies for college, and thus help me become closer to achieving the goal of making the world a better place. Ultimately, in the end I will be able to give back more than what my scholarship gave me, but it's because of this jump start that I'll be able to pursue my studies without as big of a pressure on figuring out how to pay for them."*

- Brianna Schetzel

*"This scholarship was very special to receive, I so enjoyed talking to the committee that interviewed me for the Jeremy Buller scholarship, and I was thrilled to have the honor of receiving it. This scholarship is so important to me because it is such a great thing to see other people want to support me in my education and career plans. It really motivates me to do well and go for what I want even though I know it will be difficult!"*

- Alisha Aime

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Alex Enderle



Alisha Aime



Brianna Schetzel



Emma Cromwell



## Dallas High School Scholarship Recipients

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Emma Noack



Jacqueline Larson



Matthew Sleeper



Meagan Ronco



Molly Peffley



Reed Lowery



Ryan Kennedy



Rylie Gaither-Lyell



Sheridan Rutland

*"I have worked very hard through all of my school years to achieve a high level of academic success. It is very rewarding to me to earn scholarships that recognize my efforts."*

-Tanner Earhart



Tanner Earhart




Travis Wilson

## Graduating Twice... in the Same Year

"It's been an amazing experience," says Rylie Gaither-Lyell, on her achievement of earning both an honors diploma from Dallas High School and an associate's degree from Chemeketa Community College this year. It all began at age sixteen, when she considered her options for the foreign language requirement. Seeking an alternative, she enrolled in an American Sign Language class at Chemeketa with her mom. She found college level classes challenging, but really enjoyed it.

"My mom and I began to map it out and realized if I took a full load each term, including summers, I could actually graduate with my AAOT degree at the same time I graduated from high school. I knew instantly I wanted to do it." And she did. She maintained a 3.75 college GPA and a 3.80 high school GPA all while participating in sports, balancing a full schedule of classes.

Rylie plans to study pre-nursing/ community health at Western Oregon State University. "I know I have been given a great opportunity through this hard work and through the scholarships I earned. I am so grateful for those who cheered me on and said of course you can accomplish this. The scholarships are supporting me in the same way by reminding me that I am a worthy investment."

As scholarship selection committee members will tell you, it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know these special young people, and to see how these scholarships can make such a difference as they move on to college. Thank you to all who generously support these local scholarship funds! 

## Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship Established

*"He leaves a legacy of a big heart, an easy smile, and friends beyond measure."*

If you attended school in Dallas in the 50's and 60's, you may remember teachers Ray and Bonnie Olson. Ray was raised in Dallas, his father Howard was a head millwright at the mill. The community was very much a part of the family. Ray explains, "we wanted to give back to the community that had given so much to us."

Ray and Bonnie recently established a scholarship in memory of their son, Stuart Olson. Stuart was born in Dallas and spent his early years here before the family moved out of the area. After high school, his interest in gardening and cooking eventually led to culinary school. At graduation from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, he was honored with the prestigious "Graduate Most Likely to Succeed" award.

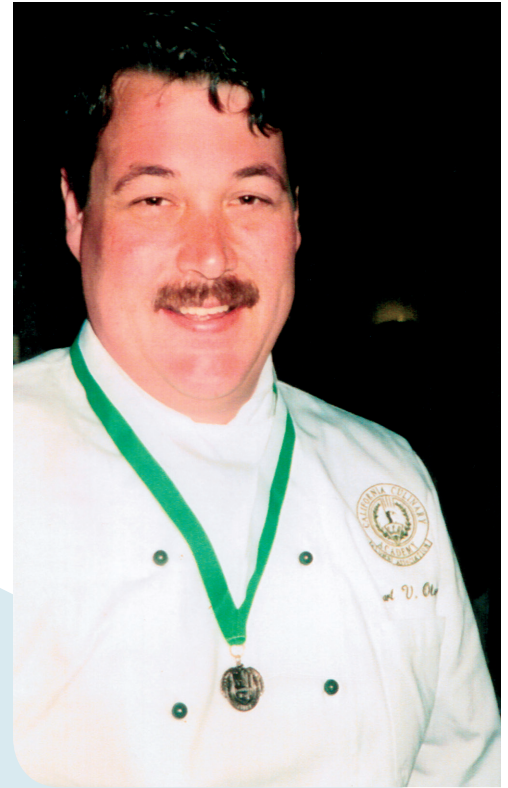
Stuart rose quickly through the ranks and served as Executive Chef at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank, New Jersey for over a decade. During that time, both he and his restaurant won many awards, and the establishment was popular among celebrities. The restaurant became renown for its famous Sunday brunch. Unfortunately, health problems prevented Stuart from continuing the profession he loved.

Throughout his life, Stuart loved sports, fishing, golf, photography, time spent with friends and family, and of course, all things food. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Cubs. His career led him to many places, from Alaska to California to New Jersey, and he made many friends along the way. Stuart died in 2015 at age 55.

Ray and Bonnie decided to establish the scholarship with the Dallas Community Foundation to give back to the community and to memorialize Stuart by helping those who want to pursue a career in culinary arts. Thanks to the generous contributions of family and friends from across the country, his legacy will live on.

The scholarship will be available beginning in the spring of 2018. Eligible recipients include graduating high school seniors, past graduates of Dallas High School and current Dallas residents committed to enroll in a post-secondary degree program in culinary arts. Because Stuart did not follow his love for cooking as a career until later in life, the Olsons wanted to also make the scholarship available to post-high school graduates.

Ray and Bonnie note, "Stuart found joy in his friends and family and truly appreciated those that loved and supported him



Stuart Olson

through his life and illness. He leaves a legacy of a big heart, an easy smile and friends beyond measure."

If you would like to contribute to the Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship fund, please reference the fund name with your gift.


For more information on applying for the scholarship, please contact the DCF office. 🌈

## Addressing Emergency Assistance Needs

Since receiving a Dallas Community Foundation grant in March, Dallas Community Resource Center partners have met the emergency assistance needs of over 20 families and individuals like Tina.

Tina's work hours had been cut. With less income, she couldn't afford her housing. She became homeless. She waited patiently for a low-income apartment to come available. One did, but she did not have the funds to pay the initial rent and security

deposits. Foundation funds leveraged dollars from The Salvation Army, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and Dallas Ministerial Association to assist with some of the initial costs, enabling Tina to move in. She is very thankful to once again have a safe home of her own. She's working and is able to support herself.

Dallas Community Foundation funds are making a difference, giving a hand up to those in need. 



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