



Dallas Community Foundation

2017 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

\$45,000 awarded

23 organizations benefitted

Urgent needs met

Over \$500,000 leveraged

Scholarships

12 scholarship funds

Over \$30,000 awarded

15 students benefitted

2 new funds established

Sponsorships

Freedomfest

Polk County Bounty Market

Summerfest

Art in the Park

Grant Recipients

Bambinos, Oregon— Bambinos, Oregon was challenged to effectively outreach and communicate with clients because their website was outdated and not user-friendly. With DCF grant funds, Bambinos updated their website and produced a promotional video that highlighted new services they offer and described leadership changes. Since the website updates, their website is now easily located with a simple google search and online giving has increased approximately 20%.

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 support CASA’s participation in the 2017 Dallas Summerfest event. CASA hosted a booth to offer family activities and educate people about the program and their vision to have an advocate for every child in foster care. As a result of their outreach efforts, 29 people signed up for a CASA orientation session.

Community Mediation Services for Polk County— DCF funds enabled Community Mediation Services to impact more than 350 individuals through conflict resolution. Funds were used to support the landline, cell phone and internet expenses critical to client communication and program delivery.

A 12 year old boy stole \$250 from his grandma. She discovered the boy, whom she was raising, had stolen the money in small denomination amounts to buy video games. Both agreed to mediation to resolve their conflict, complicated by the fact that he was bilingual, but she only spoke Spanish. Through the process, it became clear that grandma’s frustration with the boy’s behavior led him to believe that he was a “bad” kid. The mediator picked up on that perception and grandma was able to address the difference between unacceptable behavior and how much she loved her grandson. The family agreed on a plan for the boy to work off his debt. Both grandma and grandson went away with a plan to restore the balance in their relationship and to make things right. They were both pleased with the outcome.

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Cross and Crown Ministries— Cross and Crown Ministries offered two, 13-week grief recovery and support group seminars. DCF funds were used to offset the program costs, ensuring that these seminars were accessible to those in need in the community. These seminars helped participants move forward on their journey through grief. Most individuals complete the 13 week cycle at least twice. The seminars served a total of 25 people.

Dallas Downtown Association— DCF funds supported the Art and Wine Walk, an event that created a venue for local artists to display their work and encourage people to visit downtown Dallas. With Foundation support, a professional color brochure was developed, profiling each artist involved in the event. Over 300 people attended the event; 11 artists and 13 downtown businesses were involved.

Dallas Education Foundation— With DCF funds, Dallas Education Foundation awarded over \$9,000 in small grants to educators in the Dallas School District. These grants were used to purchase supplies and equipment to enhance and augment education opportunities for students.



Dallas Emergency Food Corporation— The Dallas Emergency Food Corporation provides low-income families with food boxes. With DCF funds, the food bank was able to purchase and enhance the food boxes with protein items such as meat, eggs, milk, cheese, peanut butter and beans. In 2017, over 530 families were served.

Dallas Retirement Village Foundation— DCF funds were used to purchase a 4-bay hot/cold mobile buffet cart. This enables residents to make choices at mealtimes rather than having food pre-plated. Additionally, the availability of the cart has expanded breakfast options in a venue that previously only offered a continental breakfast. Over 300 seniors have benefitted from the buffet cart.

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 its 7th year, the program served 6 families comprising 8 adults and 21 children.

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Dallas Weekday School of the Bible— DCF funds purchased technology equipment for classrooms. 300 youth are benefitting from a new projector in the Whitworth Chapel and 150 youth are benefitting from a dry erase board and projector screen at the Senior High Chapel. The equipment upgrade has enabled the school to use new and relevant teaching material, access online resources and present slide shows.

Family Building Blocks— Family Building Blocks offers a therapeutic classroom in Dallas which works 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 supported the work of teachers in the therapeutic classroom for at-risk children, serving 9 families and a total of 12 children.



Story of Impact—Family Building Blocks

Since we received the Dallas Community Foundation grant in March, Nichole and Josh have enrolled their children into our Therapeutic Classroom services. Nichole and Josh came to us experiencing high stress and mental health concerns. In their past, Nichole and Josh have also struggled with emotional and verbal abuse, underemployment, and were raised by an alcoholic/drug affected parent. Nichole also shared that she experienced physical abuse and neglect as a child growing up.

Eleven months ago, Nichole was referred to Family Building Blocks by her daughter's pediatrician and after intake her family began receiving weekly home visits. At the time, Nichole and Josh were parenting their 12 month old daughter, Sara, and Nichole was pregnant. Nichole was stressed about finances, her marriage and her new pregnancy. Our Dallas home visitor focused on helping Nichole manage her stress and create a strong bond and attachment to her daughter. Nichole was eager to learn and prepare for her new baby.

After receiving home visiting for six months, Nichole's home visitor shared about the new openings in our Dallas Therapeutic Classroom. Nichole and her home visitor were concerned about possible developmental delays for Sara and determined that the Therapeutic Classroom was the best fit for their daughter. Nichole's home visitor also helped her complete a referral for additional services offered through Willamette Education Services District (WESD).

While transitioning Sara to the classroom, Nichole gave birth to her second daughter, Jane. WESD is working closely with our Dallas classroom teachers to address Sara's developmental needs and provide appropriate activities for Sara to learn and grow. Both of Nichole and Josh's daughters now attend our Dallas classroom, which provide the girls with a safe and therapeutic environment, and allows Nichole some time for weekly self-care. Nichole and Josh continue to receive home visits, where dad participates in those home visits. Josh has also gotten a job. They both continue to learn how to delight in their children's milestones and are continuing to learn new approaches to support their growing family and break the cycles they were raised in.

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Friends of the Dallas Public Library— With DCF funds, the Dallas Library purchased 26 audio CDs and 30 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. Many of these patrons are dependent upon audio and large print materials.

Garten Services, Inc.— Garten Services, Inc. operates a commercial laundry facility in Dallas that employs people with disabilities. Garten received funding to upgrade their commercial equipment. However, unforeseen circumstances necessitated a change in the scope of the project. Consequently, the grant funds were returned.

James 2 Community Kitchen— With DCF funds, James 2 Community Kitchen was able to prepare quality food for community dinners, incorporating more fresh vegetables and fruit. In 2017, the community dinner program served 9472 adults and 785 children at an average cost of \$.46 per plate. DCF funds enabled the program to purchase in bulk, which contributed to the low cost per plate.

Liberty House— Liberty House provides medical examinations of children for whom there are concerns of abuse and/or neglect. With support from a DCF grant, Liberty House was able to provide 52 Polk County children with specialized care by a pediatric sexual assault nurse practitioner. In some cases, Eli, the therapy dog pictured to the right, can help children through the examination process.



Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation— DCF funds enabled the local Dallas Lions Club to conduct vision screening for 1214 children in the Dallas School District. Of those, 10% were referred for additional screening. Funds also supported vision and hearing screening for 60 low-income adults. 15 clients were fitted for eye glasses and 2 received hearing aids.



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Polk County Historical Society— The Polk County History Museum collects, preserves, exhibits and publishes historical information relating to Polk County. The museum maintains a large collection of documents and photographs that will deteriorate over time. To preserve these important documents for future use and reference, DCF funds were used to purchase acid-free storage boxes and envelopes.

Sable House— In 2017, a total of 100 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, utilities, medicines and medical supplies. The clinic provides free medical and mental health services to patients without health insurance. These patients are often family members of the working poor or individuals who do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan. They cannot afford health insurance and cannot afford to go to the doctor. In 2017, the clinic provided care to 340 patients. Nearly 4000 hours of service have been provided by 55 volunteers. With proper medical care, these people can live healthier and more productive lives in the Dallas community.



At the clinic, a patient receives a flu shot while her baby is held by a volunteer interpreter.

Start Making a Reader Today (SMART)— The SMART reading program connects volunteers with students at Lyle and Oakdale Heights Elementary schools who struggle with reading. Volunteers meet regularly with students and read together. To encourage reading at home, an activity essential to fostering good reading habits, SMART students select two books from the SMART library to keep each month, resulting in up to 14 books each year going directly to each child. A significant percentage of SMART students are from families who are least likely to have the resources or opportunities needed to be successful in school. This includes having fewer books in their homes, making them much less likely to engage in reading outside of school. DCF funds provided funds to give 712 culturally relevant and age-appropriate books to 57 students and families in Dallas.

Titus 3 House — DCF funds were used to support operational expenses and improvement projects. Residents benefitted from the gardening experiences; staff from OSU Extension gave a class on canning cherries. Residents also participated in cleanup projects in the Dallas community. Of the 17 clients in 2017, six have been reunified with the children, living in their own home and are employed.



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The Salvation Army— The Salvation Army partnered with Dallas Service Integration, Dallas Ministerial Association and Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency to use DCF funds for urgent needs as identified through the Polk County Resource Center. A total of 26 households were served including 31 adults and 37 children. Each household had unique needs, some were facing eviction, others were on the verge of utility disruption, and others needed assistance getting into housing. All were helped out of their immediate crisis and able to move towards self-sufficiency.

West Valley Housing Authority— Funds awarded by DCF were used in partnership with other funders and fundraising to provide backpacks to low-income students in the Dallas community. The backpacks, filled with school supplies were distributed at the Dallas Family Night Out, a fun, family-oriented resource fair. Of the 859 people served at Dallas Family Night Out, 486 children received a new backpack and a voucher for a free haircut. Following the event, an additional 50 backpacks were distributed at the Dallas Resource Center as supplies ran short of the need.

Dallas Family Night Out has a long standing reputation of being a resource in the community that helps to relieve the stress that many families feel at the start of the school year. This year, we were reminded of this by a single mother with 2 young children who had received school supplies, resources, and services from this event for multiple years. During the set-up the day before the event, this mother showed up at the church with the older of her two children and asked to help with setting up as a way to teach her daughter about the importance of giving back to the community who had helped them so much. They spent the day working alongside volunteers, setting up tables, and sorting books. The following day they attended the event not only to receive back packs from themselves, but to see the impact of their contribution on the community.



Scholarship Recipients

Over \$30,000 in scholarships was awarded to 15 Dallas High School graduating seniors to continue their post-secondary education. The Foundation administers 12 scholarship funds.

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