

## Greater Needs in 2020 – What a Year It Has Been

*The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted the ability to serve those in need.*

In 2020, Dallas Community Foundation grant funds had a greater significance as community needs increased in urgent and unexpected ways. DCF endeavored to work with organizations, offering flexibility to meet the changing needs they suddenly faced. Despite the challenges of delivering services during the COVID-19 outbreak, most organizations were able to adapt and found new ways to help those in need. Here are updates from some of the organizations DCF supported in 2020.

The **Polk County Resource Center** has served more families with urgent needs than ever before in their six years of operation. DCF funds are one of the few unrestricted funding streams that can immediately address urgent needs such as pre-paid cards for gas and groceries, cell phone bills and other utilities, rental deposits and application fees, and fees for identification cards.

After losing her job because of COVID-19, a single parent on the verge of losing her housing reached out to the Resource Center. With DCF funds, they helped her remain in her home. "COVID-19 made this year the hardest in my life as a single parent, I am extremely happy that the Resource Center staff were able to help me save the roof over mine and my kiddos head during

these bleak times. I could not be more thankful for their assistance."

Food insecurity continues to be a significant problem in the community. **Dallas Food Bank** experienced an increase in demand for emergency food boxes. This year to date, they have served 1,256 unique families - a 42% increase over the same period last year. DCF grant funds helped them distribute more than 387,000 pounds of food - an increase of 26% over last year.

They are no longer able to serve clients inside the building. A limited number of volunteers prepare boxes, a more labor-intensive process than the 'shopping style' model they had previously. Fewer volunteers are working longer hours. This summer, cars lined up for blocks for the Food Bank's weekly Farm to Family Food Box distribution. There were never any leftover boxes. Over the course of 13 weeks, Food Bank and community volunteers distributed 3,250 food boxes through this federally funded program, a total of 65,000 pounds of food.

**James 2 Community Kitchen** also experienced an increase in demand as they transitioned from in-person dining to packaging meals for curbside pick-up. Prior to COVID-19, they served approximately 120 meals, but are now serving between



185-200, nearing their capacity. A dedicated group of volunteers prepare and package the weekly meals, though their numbers are limited by safety protocols. The flexibility of DCF grant funds enabled them to purchase supplies and to-go containers, ensuring they could continue to provide meals to those in need.

Fortunately, the weather cooperated in 2020; **Dallas Youth Garden** had a successful season, delivering over 5300 pounds of produce, 2000 pounds more than last year, all for local food distribution programs.



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## A Word from the President

Dear Friends of the Dallas Community,

The entire board of the Dallas Community Foundation extends wishes for a happy holiday season to all members of the Dallas community. 2020 has been an incredibly challenging time for us all, bringing new words and phrases into our everyday vocabulary, pandemic and social distancing to name a few. During this time, the Foundation board has focused on three strategic priorities in support of our community:

- Health and well-being of vulnerable populations
- Opportunities for youth and seniors
- Community livability

During 2020, the Foundation has awarded grants and scholarships of more than \$85,000 in support of these priorities.

Please join with me and the entire DCF board by making a generous donation in support of our community today.

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan  
President  
Dallas Community  
Foundation



## Coronavirus Relief Funds Awarded to Polk County Cultural Programs

Dallas Community Foundation is pleased to serve as fiscal sponsor for the Polk County Cultural Coalition, distributing \$245,072 in federal coronavirus relief funds. These grants were awarded specifically to provide financial assistance to cultural non-profit organizations and community venues facing losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Grant recipients include:

- Ash Creek Arts Center - \$1,066
- City of Independence - \$26,008
- Independence Downtown Association - \$3,545
- Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center - \$130,689
- Polk County Historical Society - \$23,267
- Salem Pops Orchestra - \$3,329
- Salem Symphonic Winds - \$9,602
- Western Oregon University Development Foundation - \$47,566

## Are You a Supporter of Culture in Oregon?



If you donated to the Dallas Community Foundation in 2020, you are eligible to participate in the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit. Simply make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust by December 31st and receive a 100% state tax credit for the Trust donation. You can double the impact of your gift for free and benefit arts and culture programs at the same time.

The Oregon Cultural Trust enriches the life of all Oregonians by increasing access to cultural activities across the state – library and museum programs, concerts and dance, educational outreach, preservation projects, and more. Since 2003, donations to the cultural Trust have generated more than \$18 million in grants to arts, heritage and humanities programs.

For more information, visit [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org) or consult your tax preparer. 

# Library Expansion Effort Gets a Boost

*Your support can make it happen.*

Lois and Dale Derouin are believers in public libraries as community centers. They have volunteered at the Dallas library for nearly 25 years and have seen first-hand the need for more space. With the former senior center space vacated, there is now an opportunity to expand. Keenly aware of limited availability of funds and the need for renovation to make the new space functional, the Derouins established the Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund through Dallas Community Foundation that will grow through investment and will specifically support this effort. "We seeded the fund to get it started with the hope that other library supporters would join us."

Mark Johnson, Library Manager, echoes the Derouins' interest and enthusiasm. He explains that there has been no expansion or major renovations made to the library since 1990 when it moved from the Carnegie building to its current location on Main Street. The library collection and use by the residents of the Dallas area has increased dramatically since then. Patron visits have risen from 75,000 in 2014/15 to 110,000 in 2018/19.



The 1600 square foot addition will better accommodate the growing public use.

The library plans to relocate the children and teen areas into a portion of the new space. The Youth Services Librarian, Betty Simpson, is thrilled with the idea of creating a dedicated story-time and craft area for children. This will alleviate having to constantly shift furnishings to accommodate different activities. There are also plans to create a meeting and event space that can be used by all ages for a multitude of activities.

Johnson notes that this project will require more than simply punching a hole in the wall, involving changes necessary to keep the library vibrant and functional, structurally sound and up to date. "I think the library needs this expansion to better provide cultural and educational resources and events in Dallas."

The city is currently preparing bids for architectural design work

which will identify project costs. In addition to city funds, grants will be sought to help fully fund the project. The Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund will not only be helpful in providing funds for the project, but will also demonstrate local support, a very critical piece in securing grant funding.

The Derouins encourage community members to pitch in support with contributions large and small to make the library expansion a reality.

To contribute to this fund, you can donate online at [www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/donate](http://www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/donate) or you can send a check payable to Dallas Community Foundation, PO Box 1001, Dallas OR 97338. Please make sure to note that your donation is for the Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund. 🌈



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### Polk Community Free Clinic

provides free acute and chronic medical care and mental health care to those without health insurance. The virus shut down the spring screening clinic and the open clinics for several months and with additional restrictions, the numbers of patients served was down 25%. This is a sobering statistic considering that many of the low-income patients are treated for chronic disease; without care, they typically go without. DCF funds supported the clinic's utilities, medical supplies, medications and staff wages.

The number of people seeking assistance from **Bambinos, OR** has doubled. By mid-year 2019, they had served 40 new children; by the same point in 2020, they had served 114. DCF funds helped the organization purchase storage shelving for the car seats, diapers and formula they distribute to families in need, as well as a washer and dryer to clean and sanitize clothing donations onsite. The Grace Church youth group stepped in to assemble the shelving as their summer international mission trip was cancelled.



### Dallas Retirement Foundation

experienced an increase in requests for their rent assistance program. Despite careful planning for retirement, some people outlive their financial savings and are unable to make their monthly rent payments. For residents struggling to make ends meet, rent assistance eliminates stress and offers a peace of mind that their housing at Dallas Retirement Village is secure. DCF funds helped residents in the program stay in their homes.

Foster children are still in need of advocates through **CASA of Polk County**. Unable to participate in the volunteer recruitment activities as planned during Summerfest, DCF funds supported other recruitment efforts as well as the fall volunteer training class.



The families served by **Family Building Blocks** were already under extreme stress due to overwhelming life circumstances caused by poverty, isolation, or recovering from abuse or addiction. With employment uncertainty and the lack of resources, the need to reach out to these families became greater than ever. With DCF funds,

they began providing emergency respite care to families in April. From April to September, they served 565 children.

Victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and neglect were at heightened risk due to the stressors of job/income loss and staying home together more where abusive behaviors could tend to escalate. The numbers of survivors in Polk County served by **SABLE House** increased. At the same time, COVID impacted the way they could deliver services. They quickly needed to upgrade technology, increase staff hours and purchase disinfectant products to safely serve clients with immediate needs. They offer support sessions both remotely and in-person. DCF funds assist with trauma support and educational activities for young victims of domestic violence.

A significant challenge has been the lack of sheltering and storage options, because of safety protocols and the limited availability of transitional housing. Many Polk County survivors are housed in hotels where it is safe and appropriate to their situation which is more costly, particularly as a longer-term solution. Survivors dependent on public housing wait a year or more for a voucher; it can take months more to find appropriate housing. Those who have obtained their own housing but find themselves now laid off, worry about the end of the eviction moratorium. If they cannot pay back

rent, they face eviction and the choice of going back to their abusive living situation or becoming homeless.



Like SABLE House, **Liberty House** also experienced an increase in the number of children they serve. Because of the role they play in the healthcare system through diagnosing and treating child abuse, their therapists continue working on-site as “essential personnel” through the COVID-19 crisis. They also have additional costs in conducting in-person counseling as well as video counseling. In a time when children are more vulnerable and without many of their traditional social supports, they have additional counseling needs. With support from DCF funds, 17 children are receiving critical trauma-informed care from highly trained therapists, who understand the biological, psychological, neurological, and social impact of trauma on a child.

While no one anticipated the significant impact COVID-19 would have on those in need and the vulnerable, at-risk among us, Dallas Community Foundation funds were there to help. We look forward to another round of grant distribution in 2021, and with your support, we will continue to make a difference in the community. 🌈

## Scholarship Recipient Update



While students have returned to school in the fall, the experience has certainly been different. Our local scholarship recipients are making the most of their opportunity. EmmaMae Johnson, a second year recipient of the Karen Barnard Nursing Scholarship writes,

*My classes at Gonzaga are going well! I have some very difficult classes this year, but the semester is coming to a close and I feel confident about how I will wrap up the fall semester. The scholarship funds I received this year have enabled me to be comfortable with my studies, despite the fact that 100% of my classes are completely remote. This school year has certainly been one for the books, but the support of the Dallas Community Foundation has continued to make my college experience possible, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

*The importance of the nursing*

*profession has been stressed this year, and the reality of my eventual role in the healthcare industry is beginning to set in. It is no secret that nursing is a caring profession, and that as nurses, my cohort and I will be charged with many responsibilities as we enter the workforce. We have witnessed the tremendous difference that kindness can make in stressful situations and the impact that folks working in healthcare can have on their patients.* 🌈

**Contact the DCF office to learn how you can establish a scholarship fund, or simply contribute to an existing scholarship fund.**



*Karen Dinges-Barnard had a true love for nursing and caring for others. Through the Karen Barnard Nursing Scholarship Fund, lovingly established by her family, her legacy continues to the next generation of nurses.*



## Dallas Community Foundation

A Non-Profit Corporation to Benefit the People of the Dallas Area

December, 2020

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your gifts of support to the Dallas community in 2020! What a year it has been. Though social distancing keeps us further apart, we are, as a community, closer than ever. We're more aware of the needs of others, we look out for one another, and lift up each other with care and compassion. **Together, we have made a difference in the lives of those in need and enriched our community in countless ways.**

Thanks to a giving community, DCF continues to make investments in Dallas, supporting programs that assist those facing urgent needs, while helping sustain programs that benefit the community. In 2020, the Foundation supported 20 local non-profit organizations with grants and awarded 32 scholarships to 21 students, giving over \$85,000 back to the community!

As we reflect on the impact of grant funds, we think specifically of the 60 homeless individuals served by the Dallas Food Bank. They either camp, live in their vehicles, or are otherwise unhoused. Many do not have the means to refrigerate or cook their food. DCF grant funds enabled the Food Bank to provide these people with protein foods they can prepare and store, suitable to their specific living situations.

**With your gifts large and small, these grants are possible. In this season of giving, please consider a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation. Your support can make all the difference to those in your community, your neighbors, those who need a hand up in this time of great uncertainty.**

You can give in several ways. A contribution to the Community Impact Fund addresses the most urgent needs as they arise. You can give to an established scholarship or designated fund. With a larger contribution, you can create your own designated fund, in your name or the name of a loved one, to support the local charity or cause of your choice. To learn more about these and planned giving options, please contact our office. To make your contribution today, send a check along with the form on the back page of this newsletter, or donate online through our website.

**We are just around the corner from another grant cycle and another round of scholarships. Please give so that we can give back.**

Thanks for joining us in supporting the Dallas community, for good, for now, forever.

Best wishes for a blessed holiday season,

The Dallas Community Foundation Board of Directors

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## Thank You to Our Donors!

It is through your generous gifts that DCF can touch the lives of those in need and make a difference in the Dallas community. **Thank you for your kind generosity and support!**

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## DCF Announces 2021 Grant Distribution

Dallas Community Foundation is pleased to announce a grant distribution of \$45,000 for 2021. Foundation funds support a variety of programs and projects, assisting those in need and improving quality of life.

For 2021, the Foundation will focus particularly on the following funding priorities:

- Health and Wellbeing of Vulnerable Populations
- Opportunities for Youth and Seniors
- Community Livability

Beginning January 1st, 2021, applications will be accepted online through the DCF website at [www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/grants](http://www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/grants). For more information, contact **Mia Mohr** by phone, text **503-798-7847**, or email [mia@dallascommunityfoundation.com](mailto:mia@dallascommunityfoundation.com).

Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations or other qualified tax-exempt entities that serve the Dallas area are eligible to apply. Applicants are welcome and encouraged to contact the Foundation to discuss their proposed project prior to submitting an application. The application deadline is January 29, 2021. 



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