

Million Dollar Milestone Achieved!

Thanks to the generosity of donors and prudent investment, Dallas Community Foundation has given back \$1 million to the Dallas community. This significant achievement highlights the impact the Foundation has made – benefitting those in need through grants, scholarships and civic projects to enhance and improve the quality of life in Dallas. “This milestone demonstrates the Foundation’s unwavering focus on supporting the livability of the Dallas community,” says Foundation president Bob Brannigan. “The Foundation board takes its management and fiduciary responsibilities very seriously to assure our efforts are sustained over the coming years.”

Thank you to all who have included Dallas Community Foundation in your charitable giving. You are truly making a difference! 🌈



Foundation funds have made a positive and meaningful impact in the Dallas community.



Gary Johnston and Leonard Hlavinka sort donated food.

Grants Support Those in Need

Ensuring no one goes hungry in the Dallas community

The Dallas Food Bank has served the Dallas community since 1983. They provide nutritious food to individuals and families with infants up to seniors who struggle to make ends meet on very low, fixed incomes. The program is intended to ensure individuals and families don't go hungry. A once-a-month stop at the Food Bank tides them through the month when the government assistance they receive runs out.

The Food Bank is also equipped to deal with the needs of the homeless, offering nutritious foods that can be readily eaten when cooking facilities are not available. They work with those who are unable to access the Food Bank, because of disability or work hours. “There are a lot of people in need, hidden in the community,” notes Eddie Nelson, Dallas Food Bank Treasurer.

Dedicated volunteers, including a few that have been involved with the program for 35 years, keep the program running smoothly, five days a week, year around. The program relies on support from local fundraising, contributions, grants and food donations from Oregon Food Bank and Marion-Polk Food Share. Recognizing the need, Dallas Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Food Bank to purchase

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A Word from the President

Dear Friends of the Dallas Community,

2018 has been a milestone year for the Dallas Community Foundation (DCF). This year marks \$1 million dollars of DCF giving back to the Dallas community. These dollars have supported youth scholarships, grants and community projects to fulfill the DCF mission to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Please join the DCF board and fellow Dallas supporters in giving back to the community we all love. I encourage your consideration of including the DCF in your estate planning to assure the sustainability of supporting our community.

Thank you,

Bob Brannigan
President
Dallas Community
Foundation



Foundation Grants Support the Dallas Community

This spring, Dallas Community Foundation gave back \$40,000 to the community, awarding grants to 18 non-profit organizations.

Bambinos, Oregon

\$1,000 to obtain car seat certification for 5 volunteers and purchase 80 child car seats for distribution to families in need.

Community Mediation Services for Polk County

\$1,000 to provide for telephone, cell phone and internet, services critical to program delivery.

Cross and Crown Ministries

\$1,000 to offset costs of two, 13-week grief support and recovery workshops.

Dallas Education Foundation

\$3,500 to provide small grants to educators, benefitting students in the Dallas School District.

Dallas Emergency Food Corp.

\$3,650 to purchase protein enriched foods and personal care items for distribution to low-income families.

Dallas Retirement Foundation

\$2,200 to purchase supplies and equipment for an aromatherapy program to help senior residents with anxiety, pain and sleep difficulties.

Dallas Retirement Village

\$4,000 to purchase equipment and program subscription for a virtual reality travel program.

Dallas United Methodist Church

\$1,000 to offset the costs of the 2018 Creation Vacation program which provides a respite opportunity for low-income families.

Dallas Youth Garden

\$1,000 to pay for two internship positions for Dallas High School students.

Family Building Blocks

\$1,000 to support the staffing and operations necessary to maintain the Dallas therapeutic classroom program.

Friends of the Dallas Public Library

\$1,500 to purchase large print materials and books on CD for seniors and the visually impaired.

James 2 Community Kitchen

\$3,650 to purchase food for the community dinner program.

Liberty House

\$3,000 to support assessments and medical care for children in Polk County referred for concerns of sexual or physical abuse or neglect.

Sable House

\$3,000 to provide children's trauma support and educational services for victims of domestic violence.

Salem Free Clinics

\$2,500 to support Polk Community Free Clinic's general operating expenses.

Start Making a Reader Today (SMART)

\$1,000 to purchase and distribute take-home books for students in the Dallas SMART Reading Program.

The Salvation Army

\$5,000 to support urgent needs through the Dallas Resource Center Emergency Assistance Fund.

Weekday Bible Inc.

\$1,000 to purchase materials to replace the roof on the Weekday Bible buildings.



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protein enriched foods and personal care items. Having the variety of protein products available, ensures nutritious meals.

“The DCF grant has a wonderful impact on the mission of the foodbank,” says Nelson. “We have been able to stock the shelves with meats, peanut butter, eggs and dairy products and keep these items available for the clients who access our services.” Personal hygiene items are in demand as they cannot be purchased with government assistance funds. Access to these items is significant. “Clients are elated to get toothpaste, toilet paper and bath, dish and laundry soap,” says Nelson.

Last summer, the Food Bank converted to a shopping style format. Previously, volunteers filled and distributed boxes with a variety of foods. Now, individuals are able to enter the shopping area and with the guidance of a volunteer, select the food products that their family can use.

Nelson explains the benefits of the shopping format. “It is more personal for shoppers. It changes the atmosphere. They get to pick what they want rather than sitting and waiting for a box. They actually take less than what they would have been given. They take what they want and will use. They

are so thankful to receive eggs, milk, meat, tuna and even a jar of peanut butter. They interact with the volunteers and talk about how they plan to prepare their meals.”

Each individual or family shops once a month but is welcome and encouraged to come as often as needed to pick up perishable items, such as bread and fresh produce. During summer, the Food Bank receives generous donations of fresh produce from a variety of sources, including Grace Baptist Church.

A representative from OSU Extension Service comes periodically to prepare a healthy food dish using the foods available there for shoppers to sample and get recipes. This is very helpful for people to get ideas for meal planning.

The Food Bank reflects the care and compassion often found in the Dallas community. When a family has a birthday, they distribute cake mixes and a few items to make a special birthday celebration possible. They offer baby food for families with infants, donated dog and cat food – items which are in high demand. During holidays, they distribute donated hats and gloves, and specialty food items.

As of June 30th, the Food Bank received 5,365 lbs. of local food



Donna Black checks in a shopper for the Food Bank store.

donations and 8,790 lbs. of local food drive donations, and cash donations to purchase food sufficient to provide 1,674 food boxes. According to Nelson, demand for Food Bank services is growing. From January to June of this year, the program served 188 new families.

To ensure no one in Dallas goes hungry, the Food Bank continues to assess the services it provides. They are partnering with other organizations to increase their outreach and enhance their service delivery, recruiting new volunteers and continuing to fundraise. They have used the DCF grant as match to generate additional funds. Nelson comments, “The Food Bank is so grateful for the funds received from the DCF.” 🌈

Karen Barnard Nursing Scholarship Fund Established

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

Karen was born August 19, 1952 in Portland Oregon. As a toddler, her family moved to a berry and cattle farm in Woodburn, Oregon. There she spent her childhood along with six other siblings. After graduating high school, she planned to attend Chemeketa Community College. Those plans changed however, when her application was not submitted due to a clerical error. With encouragement and support from her grandfather, "Papa", she applied to Portland Adventist Hospital School of Practical Nursing. She was accepted into the program. In addition to her full-time studies, she worked at the hospital to pay for her education.

Following graduation in 1971, she was immediately hired by Salem Memorial Hospital where she worked in the orthopedic department. As nursing was her true calling, so was her love for children. When a position in the pediatric department came open, she jumped at the opportunity. She felt very blessed to work there for the next 25 years.

Over the course of her career and into retirement, Karen frequently encountered former patients and their families outside of the hospital. She was always greeted warmly and thanked for the wonderful, compassionate care she had given them. She enjoyed these moments and reflected fondly on them.



In addition to nursing, Karen was also very gifted in other areas. She was an avid gardener and was passionate about her roses. She created beautiful bouquets for her home and also shared them with others to brighten their day. Her sewing abilities were like none other. She made wedding dresses, bridesmaid dress and clothing for her grandchildren. She enjoyed counted cross stitch.

While she was very dedicated to her profession, Karen's greatest joy in her life was her family. She and her husband John raised three children in Dallas and was blessed with seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She found great happiness in watching them grow and being a part of their lives. She was always their #1 cheerleader.

Even into her retirement she was actively involved in raising her grandchildren and mentoring many young families caring for their babies. She was always just a phone call away if they had questions or needed her to look at an ailment.

Later in life she was able to assist with the nursing care of her beloved grandfather "Papa" until his passing. This was a comfort to her, as he had supported her entrance into the nursing profession.

Karen passed away in 2016. Her family believes that she would want

to financially assist other students to support their desire to become nurses and help others as she had.

To contribute to the Karen Barnard Nursing Scholarship fund, please reference the fund name with your gift and send it to the Dallas Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1001, Dallas, OR 97338. Donations can also be made online at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com. In the special instructions section, please designate your gift to the Karen Barnard Nursing Scholarship fund. 🌈

Zachary Genthner awarded Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship

Dallas resident Zachary Genthner was honored to be the first recipient of the Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary scholarship. This scholarship was recently established by Ray and Bonnie Olson in memory of their son, Stuart.

Genthner, a 2016 graduate of Dallas High School, will be entering his second year in the culinary arts program at Linn Benton Community College. He noted in his application, "I'm about to complete my first year of culinary school and am as excited as I was my first day." He is appreciative of the scholarship award. "I'm committed to doing my very best as a way of thanking donors for their investments and eventually, I want to give back to my community." 🌈

Dallas High School Graduates Receive Scholarships

Earlier this year as the excitement and anticipation of graduation set in, high school seniors were mindful of planning for their future, applying for the scholarships made possible by thoughtful and generous donors. In the end, scholarship selection committees awarded 32 scholarships totaling \$38,800 to 18 deserving students.

One student didn't think college was possible. Their family couldn't afford the tuition. Everything changed when they received a scholarship. With tremendous gratitude to the scholarship donors and the Dallas community, they are off to college this fall!

2018 Scholarship Recipients

American Legion

Brianne Halin

Arvidson

Ryan Bibler, Brianne Halin

Charlie Bair Memorial

Elizabeth Davis, Jenny Love, Ian Gaither-Lyell

Karen Barnard Nursing

Emily May

Jeremy Buller Memorial

Nick Nelson

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Treve Earhart, Ian Gaither-Lyell, Josie Smith

Dallas Rotary/Morrison Academic

Ian Gaither-Lyell, Lakota Richardson

Dallas Rotary/Morrison Vocational

Elizabeth Davis, Johnathan Lumby

Department of Forestry

Lynn Gumpinger, Hannah Locke

Beatrice Gallaspy

Treve Earhart, Hannah Locke, Josie Smith, Andria Theiss

Chester B. and Jeanne R. Healy

Lynn Gumpinger, Natalia Schilling

Hank and Wanona Kliever Memorial

Hannah Locke

Paul Olliff Memorial Math

Lynn Gumpinger, Natalia Schilling

Paul Olliff Memorial Wrestling

Bryce Jordan

Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary

Zachary Genthner

Piering Family

Jessica Furman

Rochambeau

Lakota Richardson

Helen M. Smith

Jessica Furman, Hannah Locke

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

"The scholarship will help me achieve my dreams of helping people and having an impact on their lives. This scholarship is a key to that future. I am very grateful."
 – Ian Gaither-Lyell

"I plan on studying nursing and hope to become a traveling nurse. This scholarship means so much to me. It isn't just money it's a symbol of hope for my future and a helpful stepping stone to achieving my dreams and goals."
 – Lakota Richardson



Ryan Bibler



Elizabeth Davis



Treve Earhart



Jessica Furman



Ian Gaither-Lyell



Zachary Genthner



Lynn Gumpinger



Brianne Halin



Bryce Jordan



Hannah Locke



Jenny Love



Johnathan Lumby



Emily May



Nick Nelson



Lakota Richardson



Natalia Schilling



Josie Smith



Andria Theiss

Rochambeau Scholarship – A Special Opportunity for Dallas Students

At the beginning of this year, an anonymous donor generously established the Rochambeau scholarship. They understood the need and decided to make a difference in a meaningful way. As they explained, “We have been fortunate in our lives to benefit from good educations, much of it at public expense. As college becomes ever more costly, we wanted to help others have similar opportunities.”

Qualifying criteria for this special opportunity scholarship include students who are first-in-family

to pursue a college education, or come from a single-parent household, or are homeless. A minimum 3.0 grade point average must also be met.

Recognizing that financial needs continue after the first year, the donor has also directed this scholarship to be renewable upon satisfactory progress toward a degree. Thanks to their generosity, this scholarship will support deserving students to achieve their dreams of post-secondary education. 



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