

Dallas Community Foundation Grant Serves the Needs of Seniors, Disabled and the Visually Impaired

This fall, Dallas Community Foundation board members visited some current grant-funded projects to understand more about the impact Foundation funds have across the community. At the Dallas Public Library, they learned about the significance of a grant to purchase audio books on cd and large print books. These items are in high demand with seniors and the visually impaired and are a vital part of the homebound delivery program.

This unique program serves 60 patrons who cannot physically come to the library and currently has a waitlist. Library staff select books specific to each patron's interest and a dedicated volunteer delivers books on a weekly schedule rotating on four different routes around Dallas.

Many of the homebound patrons need the audio or large print formats. Unfortunately, these materials come at a premium, with little to no purchasing discount available. The Foundation grant helps the library leverage its funds to purchase materials that better serve the needs of seniors, disabled and the visually impaired.

According to Mark Greenhalgh-Johnson, Library Manager, "These patrons often wait by the door for



Books are ready for delivery to patrons who cannot physically come to the library.

their books to be delivered. This grant impacts their quality of life in a very positive way. Reading and listening to these materials keeps them informed, entertained, and sharpens their minds. Many of them say they don't know what they would do if they didn't have these library books to read."

Over the past year, Dallas Library had 5949 checkouts of adult audio



Foundation funds enable the library to keep the audio and large print book collection relevant and growing.

books and 4970 checkouts of large print items. Demand for these formats continues to increase.

"Patrons are always waiting for the latest new books to enter our collection and the funds from the Dallas Community Foundation help make that possible." 🌈

Enhancing Education in Dallas Schools

With financial support from Dallas Community Foundation, Dallas Education Foundation recently awarded 12 grants to teachers totaling over \$9,000. These grants are used to purchase classroom supplies and materials that augment

and enhance student learning opportunities. From musical instruments to art supplies to science lab materials and equipment, students in the Dallas School District will benefit from enriched learning experiences.

A Word from the President

Dear Friends of the Dallas Community,

Thank you to the many supporters of the Dallas Community Foundation. This last year the Foundation was able to fulfill its mission to enhance the quality of life in our community through scholarships and grants. Scholarships aim to support the youth in our community to achieve their academic and career goals. Our grants support local organizations to improve the quality of life in our community ranging from our youth to seniors. This year the Foundation board unanimously supported the Dallas School District's proposed replacement of the turf field at Dallas High School with a \$25,000 grant. This project will improve safety and access to a greater array of sports activities for the community's youth.

During this season of thanks and giving please join with the Dallas Community Foundation and other members of your community by giving to the Foundation tasked with enhancing our family's quality of life. Give today! 🌈

Thank you,

Bob Brannigan
President
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Building a Culture of Giving

The importance of giving back to the community

Dallas Family Night Out is a great resource for families in the Dallas community. Its success is a tribute to all the dedicated volunteers and organizations that work together to make it happen.

Dallas Community Foundation is proud to assist with providing school supply-filled backpacks at this annual event. It is an opportunity to support those in need, but in the case of one family, it created an opportunity to give back. A single mother and 2 young children had attended the Dallas Family Night Out event in previous years and received school supplies, resources, and services.

This year, the mother and her daughter came the day before the event and asked if they could help with set-up. She wanted to teach her daughter about the importance of giving back to the community that has helped them so much. The two spent the day working alongside other volunteers, setting up tables, and sorting books. The following day the family attended the event and not only received backpacks, but experienced the impact of their contribution to others in the community. 🌈

Scholarship Opportunities



Stuart Olson

In March 2018, applications will be available for the Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship. This scholarship is available for graduating Dallas High School seniors, past Dallas High School graduates or current Dallas residents who will enroll in a post-secondary degree program of study in culinary arts.

This scholarship was recently established by Ray and Bonnie Olson in honor of their son, Stuart. They wanted to give back to the community that had given them

so much and memorialize Stuart by helping others pursue a career in culinary arts, a profession he was passionate about. Current high school seniors graduating spring 2018 should contact the high school guidance office for an application. All other eligible applicants should contact the Dallas Community Foundation office for more information.

For all other Foundation managed scholarships, please contact the Dallas High School guidance office. Thanks to the generosity of those who have established scholarship funds, opportunities await! 🌈



Dallas Community Foundation

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

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your gifts of support to the Dallas community in 2017! **You have made a difference in the lives of your neighbors in need.** Thanks to your gifts, the Foundation gave back more than \$75,000 in grants and scholarships.

In 2017, we have directed your gifts to make a positive impact across the Dallas community. Grant funds have given a hand up to struggling families, brought stability to those facing homelessness and hunger, supported young victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence, and provided medical care for those in need. Grant funds have also enhanced youth education, enriched culture and the arts, and sustained programs for seniors. Scholarships helped enable graduating seniors pursue their dreams of a post-secondary education. These outstanding young men and women will be the next generation of healthcare professionals, teachers, scientists and engineers.

Many of the grants made by the Foundation are critical in leveraging other funds and together, they add up to a big difference. **There is a lot more we can do in 2018...with your help.** As the Foundation funds continue to grow, so does the impact we can make in the Dallas area.

When you give to the Foundation, you can support a serving charity that helps people in Dallas now, and into the future.

In this season of giving, make a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation. Large or small, it will touch the lives of those who need it the most *in your community*. For someone in need, it may make all the difference in the world.

You can give in several ways. You can contribute to the Community Impact Fund which addresses the most urgent needs. You can give to an established scholarship fund. With a larger contribution, you can create your own designated fund to support the local charity or cause of your choice. To learn more about these and other giving options such as estate gifts, please give us a call.

To make your contribution today, you can send your check along with the form on the back page of this newsletter, or donate online by visiting our website.

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

Best wishes for a blessed holiday season,

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Helping Young Victims of Abuse and Neglect

Foundation funds support a sexual assault nurse practitioner with a specialty in pediatrics

Someone noticed. The child didn't say anything, but someone noticed. Something wasn't quite right. Authorities were alerted. A traumatic experience uncovered. The young child is examined and asked to recount and share painful details of what happened at the hands of an adult, someone they knew, with adults they don't know. Strangers.

In the past, the process of investigating abuse and neglect was complicated, difficult and uncomfortable for the child involving multiple interviews with numerous agencies in various locations.

Fortunately, Liberty House, a child abuse assessment center for children, has streamlined the process and offers core services all in one location. In 2016, 28 children from Dallas

were assessed by Liberty House for concerns of sexual or physical abuse or neglect. In this safe and caring environment, children are objectively assessed by professionals specifically trained in identifying sexual and physical abuse and neglect. A support dog, Eli, is also available to help during the assessment process, which can be very beneficial to some children.

With support of DCF funds, Liberty House has a full-time, certified sexual assault nurse practitioner with a specialty in pediatrics. This person performs sensitive and thorough medical exams and can provide expert testimony in court. They are also a member of the Polk County Multidisciplinary Team and serves on the Polk County Sexual Assault Response Team.

In addition to medical exams, the professionals at Liberty House conduct forensic interviews and provide family support and mental health services. They coordinate services with law enforcement, district attorney, Department of Human Services, Victims Assistance and other professionals. As a result, children referred for concerns of abuse or neglect can receive the help they need with fewer appointments and better support for them and their families.

This year, over 40 children from Polk County have been referred for assessment. Thankfully, there is a specialized resource available to serve their unique needs.

Thank you, contributors, for your gifts enabling us to grant funds for this critical service for young boys and girls in Dallas! 🇺🇸




Liberty House exam room



Liberty House support dog Eli

DCF Announces 2018 Grant Distribution

Dallas Community Foundation will accept applications for the 2018 grant distribution beginning January 1st. The Foundation seeks to fund projects that benefit the people of the Dallas area, with preference given to projects that serve urgent needs and have a broad and meaningful impact on the community.

The grant application will be available online through the DCF website at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com. A paper application will be available upon request. For more information, contact Mia Mohr by phone or text 503-798-7847 or email mia@dallascommunityfoundation.com. Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations or other qualified tax-exempt entities that serve the Dallas area are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is January 31, 2018. 



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