



## Foundation Funds at Work

### *Making a Difference in Dallas*

It's been a year of giving! This year, your gifts enabled the Foundation to distribute \$43,000 in grants, award 32 scholarships to 18 students totaling \$38,800 and give an additional \$30,000 in support of community activities and programs, including the high school turf project. In November, the Foundation awarded an additional grant to Polk County's Resource Center to address immediate urgent needs.

We're pleased to share a few highlights from our 2018 grant recipients.

The Dallas Youth Garden continues to grow. Nine interns delivered over 3,200 pounds of fresh produce to the Dallas Food Bank and Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program.

Dallas Food Bank is serving more families this year compared to last; the number of homeless families has doubled. The Food Bank prepares approximately 289 food boxes per month.


Friends of the Dallas Library were able to purchase 37 Large Print books and 32 Audio Books, serving the needs of seniors, disabled and the visually impaired.

Liberty House is set to open a clinic here in Dallas to better serve the needs of children with concerns of abuse and neglect.

Quality of life has improved for residents of Dallas Retirement Village with two new programs, aromatherapy and virtual reality travel.

Polk Community Free Clinic has provided 440 medical and mental health appointments, nearly a 25% increase from 2017.

Family Building Blocks Therapeutic Classroom is making a big impact on at-risk toddlers, such as Kieler. Born two months premature, he had significant health and behavioral challenges. With his extreme sensitivity to noise and new environments, he cried constantly, was unable to regulate his emotions and did not interact with teachers or other children. After six months in the program, his progress has been truly remarkable. He rarely cries. He uses sign language and verbal cues to communicate with his teachers and peers. He's becoming a happy, well-adjusted little boy.

Recently, Dallas Community Foundation and Dallas Education Foundation granted \$7200 for 14 projects for Dallas School District students. An update from Amy Morrison, a teacher at LaCreole who received a grant last year, "It's been so wonderful to provide the 8th grade STEAM students with the tools, equipment and materials necessary to work on their projects and tasks. The concept of building and design became more real and meaningful when students were able to assemble and create with quality materials, instead of prototypes with popsicle sticks and tape." 

## A Word from the President

Dear Friends of the Dallas Community,

Happy Holidays from the Dallas Community Foundation! I wish you and your loved ones the best the season has to offer. During this time of the year we celebrate with giving and thoughts of friends, family and reflect on the past year.

During this past year the DCF has funded projects ranging from large print books, supporting our local hospital, student scholarships and joining in a community effort to install artificial turf for our high school. Your donations to the Foundation are used to support our community within the Dallas School District. These projects are designed to enhance the livability of the community we all have chosen to call home and over this past year we have achieved a milestone of \$1 million dollars given back to the community we love.

Please join with me and the board to support local programs over this next year with a generous donation to the Dallas Community Foundation.

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan  
President  
Dallas Community  
Foundation



## Are You a Supporter of Culture in Oregon?

If you have made a donation to the Dallas Community Foundation in 2018, 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 culture benefits!

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.



**It's win-win:** Any Oregonian who donates to the Trust and qualified cultural nonprofits such as Dallas Community Foundation, can get both a tax write-off AND a tax credit!

Since 2003, donations to the cultural Trust have generated more than \$18 million in grants to more than 1,000 arts, heritage and humanities programs.

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

## 2018 Scholarship Recipient Updates



### Arvidson Scholarship Ryan Bibler

Ryan is busy! In addition to maintaining good grades and a full course load,

he's serving as an assistant coach for high school cross country and middle school wrestling. This experience will be beneficial as he plans to become a teacher and coach. "I'm very thankful for the all the help I've been given. I am looking forward to paying it back to my community."



### Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship Zachary Genthner

In his second year at Linn-Benton Community College, Zachary has been balancing work and school, making a long daily commute from Dallas to Lebanon. In addition to classes, he has assisted first year students and was involved

in the successful fall Farm to Table banquet. "Thank you very much for this amazing opportunity - culinary arts is definitely my passion and I hope to spread that love to others."



### Paul Olliff Memorial Math Scholarship Healy Memorial Scholarship Natalia Schilling

Natalia is majoring in Civil Engineering at Oregon State. The scholarships have enabled her to stay on campus and get involved in several organizations beneficial to her future career and participate in an internship. "I've been challenged in new ways and have experienced an entirely new community and culture. Thank you for your donations. Without the scholarships provided to me, the education and experiences I received would not be possible."



## Dallas Community Foundation

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

December, 2018

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your gifts of support to the Dallas community in 2018! We are so thankful for the giving spirit that has enriched the community and helped those in need. **Thanks to you, the Foundation has given back more than \$112,800 through grants, scholarships and civic projects.**

Earlier this year, a senior at Dallas High School was looking forward to graduation. Sadly, her excitement was dampened by the reality that she would not be able to go on to college. Her family simply could not afford the tuition. Undeterred, she applied for scholarships. The waiting was difficult. At Senior Awards Night, she got the word that changed it all. She received the scholarship that would enable her to go on to college. Thanks to your support, a Foundation scholarship made the impossible, possible.

In 2018, the Foundation achieved a significant milestone having given back over \$1,000,000 to the Dallas community. While we celebrate the accomplishment, we've raised the bar yet again. We know there is more to do for the Dallas community. And with your help, we will be there. We'll be there to support graduating high school students with scholarships, enabling them to go on to become leaders of tomorrow. We'll be there to provide a safety net for those who need a hand up. We'll be there to support programs in the community that make Dallas whole, safe, healthy and vibrant. We'll be there to encourage and support those who desire to leave a legacy for future generations.

**In this season of giving, please consider a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation. Your support can make all the difference in the world for someone that just needs a hand up.**

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. You can also 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,

The Dallas Community Foundation Board of Directors

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## Thank You to Our Donors!

It is through your generous gifts that the DCF can support efforts that touch the lives of those in need, making a difference in the Dallas community. We can't do it without you. **Thank you for your kind generosity and support!**

### Community Impact Fund (unrestricted gifts)

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## Supporting Literacy in Dallas Schools

### *SMART Program Inspires a Life-Long Love of Reading*

Maria is a happy young girl, with an infectious smile. She loves school but struggles with reading. Every week, she looks forward to a special reading program called SMART. She gets to read with a very nice lady. She especially loves the special days when she gets to pick out a book to take home. She's becoming a better reader and is very proud of her growing collection of books at home.

SMART, Start Making a Reader Today, is a statewide program that works with local schools to help kids reach the 3rd grade benchmark for reading. In Dallas, the program currently serves 40 students at Lyle and Oakdale Heights Elementary Schools. The students, ranging from kindergarten to 3rd grade, are selected by their teachers. One Dallas teacher explains, "My student loves his time with SMART volunteers and looks forward to his reading time each week. He has benefitted abundantly from having a positive adult interaction."

Volunteer readers for the program are assigned two students for the program year. Each week they come in for an hour, spending 30 minutes of reading time with each student. There are currently 26 volunteers; 5 of these come in twice a week to serve the additional students. According to Michael Finlay, SMART Program Manager, more volunteers are needed. "SMART is committed to helping develop a love of books and reading with students in Dallas. We have two terrific site coordinators and a bunch of wonderful readers. We still have many students waiting to be read with at both schools. We

would love to see 10 new volunteers join us in the New Year so that we can reach out to more students with shared reading experiences and the joy of a good book."

To encourage reading at home, an activity essential to fostering good reading habits, SMART students select two books each month to keep. A significant percentage of SMART students are from families who have few, if any books in the home, and are much less likely to engage in reading outside of school. Book giveaway days are often the best part of SMART for students. They get to choose their favorite from among the books they have enjoyed reading each week with their volunteer. Together with the volunteer, students personalize the book with a name plate before it is taken home to enjoy.

Great care is put into the book selections. A committee reviews the books to ensure they are positively affirming, inspiring, and age and reading level-appropriate. This year, DCF has provided grant funds to purchase 351 books for SMART students at Lyle and Oakdale Heights Elementary Schools.

Dallas Community Foundation is pleased to support the SMART program in Dallas, enhancing the efforts of volunteer readers that inspire and motivate students to grow as readers and increasing students' access to books. Literacy skills are critical to a student's success in school and throughout their entire adult life. 

## Volunteer Opportunities in Dallas

Local organizations rely on Foundation grant funds to address needs in Dallas, but they also need dedicated volunteers to help carry out their very important work. Do you have some time to hold babies or play with toddlers? Enjoy a good book with a young reader? Stock shelves at the Food Bank? Here are a few opportunities:

### **SMART**

Volunteer readers are needed. Contact **Michael Finlay** at 503-391-8423 or [mfinlay@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:mfinlay@getsmartoregon.org).

### **Family Building Blocks**

Multiple volunteer opportunities are available. Contact **Camille Stricklin** at 503-798-4744

### **Dallas Food Bank**


Multiple volunteer opportunities are available. See **Marianne** at **Dallas Food Bank, 322 Main St., Suite 180** or call 503-623-3578



## DCF Announces 2019 Grant Distribution

Dallas Community Foundation will accept applications for the 2019 grant distribution beginning January 1st. This year, the Foundation will distribute \$40,000 in grants. A portion of this amount will come from the Anthony and Pearl Proal Fund which places a preference on projects that benefit senior citizens.

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](http://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](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 prior to submitting an application. The application deadline is January 31, 2019. 



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