A Newsletter of the Dallas Community Foundation

Summer 2019

# **Giving Back to the Dallas Community**

Thanks to your support, Dallas Community Foundation gives back to the Dallas community through grants and scholarships. In 2018, we made a difference!

# Foundation funds support emergency assistance

"If it wasn't for you, we would not have a stable place to live right now," said a Dallas resident who accessed support from the Dallas Resource Center.

The family of five faced eviction from their apartment because of a medical emergency which left them unable to pay their rent. Because of DCF support, the family was able to avoid eviction, paying their past due rent and keeping their utilities current.

# Foundation funds support local access to services for youth

With DCF grant support, Liberty House recently opened a clinic in Dallas to provide medical exams and family support services for children with concerns of sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect. Previously, Polk County families had to travel to Salem to access these critical services.

### Foundation funds support families in need

A DCF grant to Bambinos, Oregon ensured Dallas families had access to new child car seats. One of their clients, a young homeless woman, was in desperate need of a car seat. Her due date was approaching and her baby would not be able to leave the hospital without a car seat. "She was in tears when we presented her with a brand new car seat for her daughter. As she wept, she hugged us and said this was the first time she had ever received something brand new for either herself or her child."

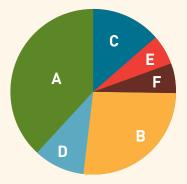
### **Foundation funds support education**

In partnership with Dallas Education Foundation, DCF funds supported a small grants program for teachers in the Dallas School District. Teacher Melanie McCarley received a grant for STEM/ STEAM toys for first graders at Oakdale Heights elementary. She explains, "These materials were used every morning by approximately 70 students in three first grade classrooms. During their morning routine, students were able to play and explore with these toys. What the students didn't realize was that they were actually learning! Because the toys fostered creativity, problem solving, and cooperation, students were gaining essential skills to prepare them for future learning. I believe that because students had daily practice working together during morning playtime, academic tasks went more smoothly later in the day. By starting our day in a positive and fun way, students were happy to be at school and ready to start another day! Thank you for this grant. It made a huge impact on how my students felt about school and learning."

### Foundation funds support community

James 2 Community Kitchen received DCF grant funds to feed over 200 people each month, providing a meal, friendship, and an opportunity to socialize with fellow community members. "A mother, grandmother and several children come every meal. They are very appreciative of the service and the food. Rarely is food left on the plate."

# 2016-2018 Snapshot of Giving



- A Scholarships \$95,200
- B Social Services \$66,650
- C Community, Arts and Culture \$33,600
- D Youth **\$24,150**
- **E** *Education* **\$14,400**
- F *Seniors* \$13,700



# A Word from the President

Dear Friends of the Dallas Community,

This last year has been a satisfying year for your Dallas Community Foundation. We supported grant requests exceeding \$40,000 and \$35,000 in scholarships for our local Dallas High School and Morrison young men and women.

In 2018, my wife Lori and I decided to include the Dallas Community in our legacy plans by designating a part of our estate to the Dallas Community Foundation. We have chosen to support our community through Dallas School District CTE (Continuing Technical Education) programs and scholarships. We believe it is our responsibility to give career opportunities for the young men and women of our community. The Dallas Community Foundation manages many legacy funds that designate their use for specific purposes.

I would like to ask each of you to consider how you would like to give back to the community you call home through a legacy gift to the Foundation. In this way we can build a better community, a better world and "pay it forward".

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan

President

Dallas Community

Foundation



# Foundation Grants Support the Dallas Community

In March, Dallas Community Foundation gave back \$40,000 to the community, awarding grants to 22 non-profit organizations.

### **CASA of Polk County, Inc.**

\$1,000 to support volunteer recruitment efforts.

### **City of Dallas**

\$1,000 to purchase and install a reader board at the Dallas Aquatic Center.

# Community Mediation Services of Polk County

\$500 to purchase an all-in-one printer/copier/scanner.

### **Cross and Crown Ministries**

\$1,000 to provide grief support and counseling.

### **Dallas Education Foundation**

\$3,500 for small grants for teachers.

### **Dallas Emergency Food Corporation**

\$4,000 to purchase protein-enriched foods and personal care products.

### **Dallas Retirement Village**

\$2,000 to purchase, assemble and monitor life skills stations in the memory care unit.

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### **Dallas United Methodist Church**

\$500 to provide scholarships for lowincome youth to purchase required team uniforms.

#### **Dallas United Soccer Club**

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### Dallas Weekday School of the Bible

\$500 to purchase and install classroom computers and projectors.

### Dallas Youth Garden

\$2,000 to provide stipends for two high school youth internship positions.

### **Family Building Blocks**

\$2,000 to support the Dallas Court and Community Care program.

### Friends of the Dallas Public Library

\$1,000 to purchase large print and audio books.

### **Garten Services**

\$1,000 to install a 20'X20' commercialgrade canopy at the laundry division work site.

### **James 2 Community Kitchen**

\$4,000 to purchase food for the Dallas community dinner program.

### Kid's, Inc.

\$500 to provide scholarships to youth participants who are unable to afford registration fees.

### **Oregon Children's Foundation**

\$1,000 to provide books for students in the Dallas SMART Reading Program.

# Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

\$1,000 to support vision screening for students in the Dallas school district.

### Sable House

\$3,000 to provide children's trauma support and educational services.

### Salem Free Clinics

\$3,500 to assist with Polk Community Free Clinics' general operating expenses.

### **The Salvation Army**

\$5,000 for the Dallas Resource Center Emergency Assistance Fund.



### **Grants Support Those in Need**

### Providing respite care for families with young children in Dallas

Families living in poverty rarely have access to affordable, reliable, quality childcare. They are often faced with situations where they must take their children with them – to court appointments where they are exposed to adult conversations and possible trauma, or to medical appointments or counseling appointments where personal, private conversations need to happen. This can cause significant stress for parents and children.

With support from a Dallas Community Foundation grant, Family Building Blocks provides respite care to those in need.

The Court and Community Care program supports parents in getting their needs met so they can better meet the needs of their children with more patience, empathy and understanding, connection and love. Patrice Altenhofen. Executive Director explains, "Respite care allows families to access quality childcare while they are attending court proceedings, doctor's appointments, social service appointments, or if they need a break to sleep, go grocery shopping, or participate in selfcare." Parents know that their child will be well cared for by Family Building Blocks staff.

Last year, the Court and Community Care program provided quality childcare for 46 families and 371 children. This year, Family Building Blocks offers 23.5 hours of Court and Community Care weekly. To date, over 113 people have benefitted from this vital resource. Of the families they serve organization-wide, 14% are teen parents, 74% are single parents, 43% have less than a high school education, and 92% are at or below the poverty level.

Altenhofen notes, "We are very grateful to the Dallas Community Foundation for their support of our respite care program in Polk County." Respite care is one of several therapeutic early childhood programs offered in Dallas, in addition to therapeutic classrooms for children, home visits for families and parent education.

Dallas Community Foundation is pleased to support this important program as it serves to improve the health and wellbeing of families in Dallas, setting them on a course for future success. Partnering with Family Building Blocks is critical to addressing problems now, reducing the likelihood, scope and expense of future interventions.



### **Congratulations 2019 Scholarship Recipients!**

This spring, 27 students received scholarship awards from 15 funds managed by the Dallas Community Foundation, totaling nearly \$39,000. These students, who have put considerable time and effort into their academic studies, extra-curricular activities and community service, are going on to pursue studies in nursing, education, science and other fields.

Thank you to those who have generously contributed to scholarship funds. You are making a difference in the lives of these outstanding young men and women.

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

### **2019 Scholarship Recipients**

### American Legion

Aimee Sygney

### **Arvidson**

Landan Anderson

### **Karen Barnard Nursing**

Emma Classen, EmmaMae Johns<mark>on,</mark> Emily May

### Jeremy Buller Memorial

MaryKate Buhler

### **Dallas Community Foundation**

Bailey Golden, Jack Hannan, Regan Nguyen, Jenessa Parnell, Madison Shuck, Taylor Snoha

# Dallas Rotary/Morrison Academic

Nahla Hamilton, Lindsey Krumroy

# Dallas Rotary/Morrison Vocational

Eliza Keys, Devon Shaw

### **Department of Forestry**

EmmaMae Johnson, Taylor Snoha

### **Beatrice Gallaspy**

Dawson Barcroft, Emily West, Leanne Sleeper, Rebekah Rocak, Adrian Lee

### Chester B. and Jeanne R. Healy

Guinievere Olander, Leanne Sleeper

### Hank and Wanona Kliever Memorial

Dawson Barcroft

### **Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary**

Devon Shaw

### Piering Family

Jacqueline Buller

### Paul Olliff Memorial Wrestling

Joseph Foster

### Paul Olliff Memorial Math

Madelyn Kennedy

#### Rochambeau

Nahla Hamilton

### Helen M. Smith

Tiana Moniz, Ashley Ragan

"This scholarship allows me to pursue my dreams and goals with a little less worry. It will also give me the opportunity to donate some of my time to volunteering rather than working, something that has been an important part of my life for the past four years. I sincerely appreciate this award from the Dallas Community Foundation! Thank you so much!"

- Regan Nguyen

"Through this journey, financial help means the absolute world to me and I am so thankful that I could be gifted with this scholarship. Thank you so much!"

Lindsey Krumroy

"This financial gift is making my dream of helping others and getting a higher education possible. So I would like to thank my benefactors and the Dallas Community Foundation for making my dreams a reality."

- Nahla Hamilton

"I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank you for choosing me to be one of the recipients for the Dallas Community Foundation Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship allows for me to take one step forward in bettering my future while also being the first in my family to receive my college degree."

- Bailey Golden

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## **Congratulations 2019 Scholarship Recipients!**

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**Aimee Sygney** Corban University Music Education



**Landan Anderson** University of Oregon Political Science



**Emma Classen** George Fox University Nursina



EmmaMae Johnson Gonzaga University Nursina



**Emily May** Oregon Institute of Technology Nursina



MaryKate Buhler Southern Oregon University Business



**Bailey Golden** Chemeketa (Honors Program) Nursing



**Jack Hannan** Southern Oregon University Digital Cinema



Regan Nguyen Pacific Lutheran University Pediatric Nursing



Jenessa Parnell Chemeketa (Honors Program) Early Childhood Education



**Madison Shuck** Western Oregon University Special Education



**Taylor Snoha** Oregon State University Biology



**Emily West** University of Portland Nursing



**Leanne Sleeper** Oregon State University Animal Science



Rebekah Rocak Oregon State University Journalism



Adrian Lee Chemeketa (Honors Program) Medicine



**Guinievere Olander** Western Oregon University Psychology and Education



**Dawson Barcroft** Oregon State University Engineering



Madelyn Kennedy Gonzaga University **Biochemistry** 



**Joseph Foster** Corban University Criminal Justice



**Devon Shaw** Oregon Culinary Institute Culinary Arts



**Jacqueline Buller** Western Oregon University Psychology



**Nahla Hamilton** Portland State University Political Science



**Lindsey Krumroy** Chemeketa (Honors Program) Optometry



Eliza Keys Dental Assistant



**Tiana Moniz** Chemeketa



**Ashley Ragan** Western Oregon University Spanish Education

Thank you scholarship donors!

## **Scholarship Update**

### From Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship Recipient Zachary Genthner

"I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship that I received from the Dallas Community Foundation. The scholarship helped me attain my dream of completing culinary school – I received my diploma June 6. Best grades I have ever received proving culinary was the right choice for me. On June 14, I will be flying to Spain for a three-month culinary internship at two different restaurants, at least one will be a Michelin Star

restaurant! While there, I will be able to witness the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, as well as learn traditional Spanish tapas and dishes. I hope to come home with a wealth of knowledge.

Again, thank you to the donors of the Stuart Olson Memorial Scholarship for such a great opportunity!"



**Zachary Genthner** 



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