COMMUNITY focus

A Newsletter of the Dallas Community Foundation

Summer 2021

Library Expansion Update

Capital Needs Fund Directs Local Support for Expansion Project

In 2020, Dale and Lois Derouin established the Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund through the Dallas Community Foundation. It created an opportunity for community members to show their support and generate momentum for the library expansion project. To date, the Fund has raised nearly \$8,000.



Design work began in March. Following site visits, measurements and several drafts, the new library design, incorporating the space previously occupied by the Dallas Senior Center, is now nearly complete. The plan has been reviewed by the library staff and city administration and is being finalized by the architect.

Once the total cost is determined, the city will allocate available funds and pursue additional sources, including grants. The Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund will play an important role in providing match for larger grants as well as demonstrating local support for the project.

The project will be conducted in phases to minimize the impact on Library operations. Mark Johnson, Library Manager, says, "It is exciting to have actual diagrams and drawings of what we hope to accomplish. We are definitely moving forward."

Additional contributions for this project and future capital needs can be made online at **www. dallascommunityfoundation.com/donate** or by check payable to Dallas Community Foundation, PO Box 1001, Dallas OR 97338. Please specify your gift is for the Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund.

Focusing on Women's Health

Foundation Funds Support a Women's Preventative Care Initiative

Dallas Community Foundation has long supported the efforts of Polk Community Free Clinic to ensure free medical and mental health care for the under and uninsured.

In 2020, Dr. Robert Davies, PCFC Medical Director, identified the need for female patients to access a routine women's exam, including critical tests such as Pap and Mammogram. These routine exams incur higher supply and laboratory costs than a regular office visit but are vital in detecting cancers and other conditions. With additional volunteer providers and support from a Dallas Community Foundation grant, these services are now available.

Over 65 patients have been identified through the Clinic's electronic health records. The clinic is currently working through a waitlist to provide appointments.

Gail Saxowsky, PCFC Clinic Director says, "We are incredibly grateful for the grant provided by the Dallas Community



Foundation that enables PCFC to help cover the added expenses incurred by this new program. Currently we are offering one Women's Clinic each month for the routine exams and then one Women's Clinic a month for complicated cases. As of July 9th, we have served over 40 patients through the Women's Clinic. Thank you to the Dallas Community Foundation for your investment in the lives of the uninsured in Polk County!" **F**

Foundation Updates

Board Transitions

Welcome new board member **Tina Orpilla**. Tina brings a wealth of business experience to the board. "I am extremely excited



and grateful for this opportunity to serve on the board for the Dallas Community Foundation. Dallas and the people in it have enriched the lives of our family and I can't wait to contribute back."

Tina replaced Jim Fowler, who stepped down after many years of dedicated service to the Foundation. Another recent departure is Debbie MacLean. She was actively involved with the Foundation and committed to serving the Dallas community. The board is currently working to fill her vacancy. Thank you for your service, Jim and Debbie, you both will be missed.

Annual Report

2020 was a challenging year like no other, but Dallas Community Foundation was there to support the community in a time of need. The 2020 Annual Report highlights the ways in which the Foundation's culture of giving made a positive difference in Dallas. The report is now available through the website at **www.** dallascommunityfoundation. com/impact/#annualreport

Annual Grant Distribution Supports the Dallas Community

In March, Dallas Community Foundation gave back \$45,000 to the community, awarding grants to 15 non-profit organizations.

Unable to gather in person due to covid, the grant awards presentation was held via zoom. Grant recipients noted that even via zoom, they appreciated the opportunity to venture outside of their "isolation bubble" to interact with others serving the Dallas community. Attendees shared their pandemic experiences – the challenges of delivering services to an increasing number of people facing greater needs. They also expressed gratitude for the grants.

"We appreciate the flexibility of these funds; it gives us one more tool in the toolbox we are grateful for. DCF funds are invaluable to do what we do," noted Ben Smith, Lead Community Resource Connector for Polk County Family and Community Outreach. Dallas Youth Garden Coordinator Dean Anderson added, "We don't exist without this kind of help."

In addition to these grants, the Rochambeau fund, a donor advised fund of the Foundation, earlier gave \$1,000 in support of the Dallas Food Bank.

Bambinos, Oregon

\$2,000 for a refrigerator and storage shelving.

Community Mediation Services of Polk County

\$1500 for office expenses and case management software.

Dallas Education Foundation *\$2,800 for small grants program.*

Dallas Emergency Food Corporation \$5,000 for protein-enriched foods and personal care products.

Dallas Retirement Foundation \$3,000 for cardio fitness equipment.

Dallas Youth Garden \$1,100 for two high school youth internship positions.



Family Building Blocks \$4,000 for the Respite Care program.

Friends of the Dallas Public Library \$3,000 for large print and audio books.

James 2 Community Kitchen \$5,000 for a free-standing convection oven and supplies.

Kindness Club of Dallas, OR \$3,600 for perishable foods.

Liberty House \$1,000 for marketing materials.

Polk County Family and Community Outreach \$5000 for the Resource Center Emergency Assistance Fund.

Sable House \$3,000 for trauma support and educational services.

Salem Free Clinics \$4,000 for Polk Community Free Clinics' general operating expenses.

SMART Reading \$1,000 for reading books.

DCF | Making a Difference in the Community

Congratulations 2021 Scholarship Recipients

This year, 24 students received scholarship awards from 16 funds managed by the Dallas Community Foundation, totaling \$42,000. Many of these students have volunteered in the community and participated in extra-curricular activities, all while maintaining a high grade point average.

Two scholarship funds, Rochambeau and Karen Barnard Nursing, have generously renewed scholarships to further assist students beyond their first year.

Thank you to those who have contributed to these local scholarship funds. You continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of these outstanding young men and women.

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

American Legion Wyatt Button

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Karen Barnard Nursing Emma Classen, Ana Garus, EmmaMae Johnson

Jeremy Buller Memorial Joseph Sutton

Charlie Bair Memorial Kadin Thorsted

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Ruby Earhart, Havalah Gaither-Lyell, AnneMarie Johnson, Faith Martin-Bail, Benjamin Nelson, Emma Smith, Victoria Woolner

Dallas Rotary/Morrison Academic Jayden Darrington, AnneMarie Johnson, Olivia Molina, Hadley Nelson

Dallas Rotary/Morrison Vocational Kadin Thorsted

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Department of Forestry Aaron Schomus, Victoria Woolner

Beatrice Gallaspy Hadley Nelson, Bianca Parsons, Ellison Schilling, Aaron Schomus

Chester B. and Jeanne R. Healv Bianca Parsons, Aaron Schomus

Hank and Wanona Kliever Memorial Aaron Schomus

Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Morgan Dippel

Piering Family Hayley Johnson

Paul Olliff Memorial Math **Toby Ruston**

Rochambeau Nahla Hamilton, Toby Ruston

Helen M. Smith Christopher Hankland, Ellison Schilling



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Music Composition

University

Ruby Earhart

Nutrition

Linfield University



Emma Classen George Fox University Nursing





Nahla Hamilton

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Middle Eastern Studies

University

Nursing





EmmaMae Johnson Nursing



Hadlev Nelson

Linfield University

Theater/Psychology

Havley Johnson

Community College

Chemeketa

Undecided

Benjamin Nelson Oregon Institute of Technology Electrical Engineering



Toby Ruston Oregon Institute of Technology Mechanical Engineering



Joseph Sutton Chemeketa Community College Civil Engineering







Kadin Thorsted Chemeketa Community College Plumbing

Victoria Woolner Dixie State University Biology

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Supporting Safe Digital Connections for Youth

Thanks in part to Dallas Community Foundation support, Liberty House, the child abuse assessment center serving Marion and Polk counties, is promoting a website.

www.irespectandprotect.com will address cyberbullying, foster positive self-worth, promote healthy online choices, and encourage safe relationships in the digital age. This support is critical in a time when suicide rates have gone up significantly among young people since the introduction of widely used smart phones.

Through the website, there are many tools for parents

and youth to help begin conversations on challenging and serious issues like sexting, online interactions, healthy relationships and digital device use. There are safe spaces to affirm worth, assist with online choices and an opportunity to access immediate help if needed. There are also resources for crisis intervention, prevention, and ongoing support for online cruelty, sextortion, anxiety and depression and suicidal ideation.

Dallas Community Foundation is pleased to support youth and teens and families in the community with this valuable resource.



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