

## Community Impact Grants Support Dallas

This year, Dallas Community Foundation has given back \$45,000 to the community, awarding grants to 19 non-profit organizations.

### **Bambinos, OR**

Bambinos provides essential supplies, safety equipment and emotional support to families in need. The all-volunteer program has grown significantly over the last two years. A \$1,800 DCF grant will be used to hire an onsite IT support specialist.

### **City of Dallas**

A first step in the Dallas Japanese Garden restoration is the replacement of the original pedestrian bridge. A \$1,000 DCF grant will help fill a funding gap, enabling the City to proceed with the purchase and installation of a new bridge.

### **Community Mediation Services for Polk County**

This vital program helps people resolve differences and find solutions to conflicted relationships. They also work with crime victims and those who have offended against them to help find appropriate resolution. A \$1,500 DCF grant will be used for office expenses.

### **Dallas Education Foundation**

In partnership with Dallas Education Foundation, a \$4,000 DCF grant will support a small grants program for teachers in the Dallas School District. These grants provide resources to keep up with changing educational needs, enhance student learning experiences, and improve educational outcomes.

### **Dallas Food Bank**

The Food Bank provides emergency food boxes to qualifying low-income families and seniors who are food insecure. A \$5,000 DCF grant will supplement food boxes with protein enriched foods and personal hygiene items.

### **Dallas United Methodist Church**

The Dallas Creation Vacation program offers low-income families a 3-day stay at Camp Magruder where they can spend quality time together, participate in outdoor recreation activities, and build vacation memories. A \$750 DCF grant will help offset program costs.



### **Dallas Youth Garden**

This program provides work opportunities and educational experiences for youth and fresh produce for local food programs. A \$1,100 DCF grant will purchase supplies and equipment for the garden.

### **Family Building Blocks**

This organization works to prevent child abuse and neglect through

home visitation services, therapeutic classrooms, and respite care, serving families with young children who face multiple risk factors. A \$2,500 DCF grant will be used toward program operations.

### **Friends of the Dallas Public Library**

A \$2,000 DCF grant will purchase large print and audiobooks, used primarily by seniors and the visually impaired, enabling them to remain intellectually active.

### **James 2 Community Kitchen**

Every week, the volunteers at James 2 Community Kitchen prepare healthy home-cooked meals, free of charge. A \$1,500 DCF grant will purchase eco-friendly, compostable take-out containers, ensuring a meal for all who are in need.

### **Kids Inc. of Dallas**

Kids Inc. offers organized sports programs for pre-k through 8th grade youth. A \$2,250 DCF grant will purchase safety equipment and provide scholarships to ensure there are no financial barriers to participation.

### **The Kindness Club of Dallas**

The Kindness Club provides food, clothing, and hygiene products for students in need. Every Friday, they distribute bags with food for the weekend, to bridge the gap until Monday, when school-provided breakfast and lunch meals resume. A \$3,000 DCF grant will purchase fruits and vegetables.

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## A Word from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors in the Dallas Community:

The Dallas Community Foundation was formed more than 20 years ago to support not-for-profit organizations serving our community and our high school students pursuing college and technical school education. Today, the Foundation's purpose remains the same - to improve the livability of our community and support our citizens. The DCF board continues our commitment to these goals and we invite you to join in that effort. Your donations to the DCF will be used to provide important services and support our youth.

Please join with the DCF board to continue that mission and give generously today.

It is with sadness I would mention the passing of LaVonne Wilson, a long-serving board member and founder of the Dallas Community Foundation. LaVonne was dedicated and always gave selflessly of her time and talents to the Dallas community in many ways. She will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan  
President  
Dallas Community  
Foundation



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### Liberty House

Liberty House provides services for children and families facing concerns of child abuse. A \$2,500 DCF grant will support a Forensic Interviewer to objectively corroborate or refute allegations of abuse and neglect, assess the safety of living arrangements, the need for medical treatment and psychological care, and obtain information for criminal investigation.



### Pedee Women's Club

Through the donation of hand-sewn quilts and pillowcases, Pedee Women's Club provides support and a sense of comfort to community members whose lives and housing situations are in transition. A \$1,000 DCF grant will purchase materials and supplies for making quilts and pillowcases for local veterans in community housing, children served by CASA, domestic violence victims served by Sable House and memory care residents at Dallas Retirement Village.

### Polk County Family and Community Outreach

Polk County Resource Center assists community members with rent, utilities, employment, and transportation, addressing immediate needs to support long term sustainability. A \$5,000 DCF grant

will provide urgent needs assistance, leveraging other funds to support safe and stable housing.

### Sable House

This organization provides support for victims of domestic and sexual violence. A \$3,500 DCF grant will provide over-the-counter medications and first aid supplies, essential prescription medications and special dietary foods to accommodate family needs and allergies while they reside at the shelter facility.

### Salem Free Clinics

Polk Community Free Clinic offers monthly clinics, providing free medical care and mental health services to the uninsured, underinsured, and undocumented. A \$3,500 DCF grant will support general operating expenses.

### SMART Reading

SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) promotes literacy skills for pre-K through third grade students, engaging volunteers to read with children who need support. An \$850 DCF grant will supply take-home books for SMART Reading students at Lyle and Oakdale Heights Elementary Schools.

### Western Oregon University/ Rainbow Dance Theater

Code Can Dance is a STEM+ arts workshop for youth that integrates coding, mathematics, and movement. Students learn how to code, design, prototype, test and refine LED wearables - electronic dance costumes - that respond to sound. A \$2,250 DCF grant will support Code Can Dance workshops for Dallas students. 🌈

# Dallas Students Awarded Scholarships for 2023

This year, 15 students received scholarship awards from funds managed by the Dallas Community Foundation, totaling \$33,500. 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**

Evie Olliff

**Arvidson**

Olivia Hale

**Karen Barnard Memorial Nursing**

Morgan Shuck

**Jeremy Buller Memorial**

Meagan Dickey

**Charlie Bair Memorial**

William Peffley

**Dallas Community Foundation**

Meagan Dickey, Katherine Dufner, Morgan Helfrich, Kaitlyn Land, Garrett Munkers, William Peffley, Kevin Rubio

**Dallas Rotary/Morrison Academic**

Morgan Helfrich

**Dallas Rotary/Morrison Vocational**

William Peffley

**Department of Forestry**

Meagan Dickey, Isaac Jones

**Chester B. and**

**Jeanne R. Healy**

Sydney Edmiston,  
Julia Nelson

**Hank and Wanona Kliever Memorial**

Kevin Rubio

**Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary**

To be announced

**Piering Family**

Kaitlyn Land

**Paul Olliff Memorial Math**

Isaac Jones

**Paul Olliff Memorial Wrestling**

Isaac Jones

**Rochambeau**

Daria Harris, Toby Ruston

**Helen M. Smith**

Isaac Jones, Evie Olliff



**Meagan Dickey**  
Western Oregon University  
American Sign Language



**Katherine Dufner**  
Western Oregon University  
Neuroscience



**Sydney Edmiston**  
Oregon State University  
Kinesiology



**Olivia Hale**  
George Fox University  
Undecided



**Daria Harris**  
Western Oregon University  
Undecided



**Morgan Helfrich**  
Western Oregon University  
Business



**Isaac Jones**  
Brigham Young University  
Statistics



**Kaitlyn Land**  
Linn Benton Community College  
Diagnostic Imaging



**Garrett Munkers**  
Chemeketa Community College  
General Studies



**Julia Nelson**  
Linn Benton Community College  
Occupational Therapy



**Evie Olliff**  
Linn Benton Community College  
Diagnostic Imaging



**William Peffley**  
Independent Electrical Contractors of Oregon  
Electrician



**Kevin Rubio**  
Oregon State University  
Computer Science



**Toby Ruston**  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Mechanical Engineering



**Morgan Shuck**  
George Fox University  
Nursing


“I will be attending Western Oregon University in the American Sign Language Interpreter Studies program. Receiving the Jeremy Buller Memorial Scholarship that honors overcoming adversity is especially humbling and personal for me due to my own challenges with a rare neurologic speech disorder. This scholarship will help fund my education so I can work hard to help the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities in the future and be a bridge for people to understand one another.”  
—Meagan Dickey

## Welcome New Board Member, Greg Locke



Greg Locke joined the DCF board in April. He has been a long-time community member, attending all levels of Dallas schools and graduating from Dallas High School. Greg has continued his connection to Dallas through service on School District related boards, involvement in the DHS Booster Club and participation in important community organizations like Christmas Cheer.

his career as an engineer with Youngman Engineering in Salem, Oregon. He acquired the business in 2004, and moved it to Dallas in 2021, continuing to provide civil and structural engineering services as Locke Engineers, Inc.

Greg has a heart toward volunteering and community involvement. He enjoys serving on school and community boards, helping with community fun runs and volunteering on projects to improve sports facilities for the youth of Dallas. He notes, "Serving on the Dallas Community Foundation board is a way to continue serving the community by helping non-profit organizations achieve their goals." 

After attending Chemeketa Community College and graduating from Oregon State University in 1988, Greg began



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**Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in the Dallas community by building a culture of giving.**

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