

Celebrating a Year of Giving by a Generous Community

This year, funds administered by the Dallas Community Foundation gave back over \$122,000. Several newly established funds laid groundwork for the future. Here are a few highlights of a year of giving.

Support for Education and Literacy

Norris Trust

Earlier this year, DCF received a generous gift from the Jeannine and Ralph Wendel Norris Family Trust. The funds have been designated for the use and benefit of elementary school programs and services in the Dallas School District.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

A DCF grant was awarded earlier this year for a project that would bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the Dallas 97338 zip code. With a goal of fostering and promoting early childhood literacy, this nationwide program mails one book a month, free of charge, to children age 0-5.

When DCF learned that the program was near but just short of their fundraising goal, a generous gift from the Rochambeau Fund, a DCF donor designated fund, enabled the program to launch. In less than 2 months, the program reached 20% of the children under age 5 living in the Dallas zip code.

The first book sent out in October was *The Little Engine That Could*. This book certainly serves as a metaphor for the effort to expand this great program to families in Dallas

– “We think we can, we think we can, we think we can. We know we can!”

Dallas Education Foundation



With support from DCF, grants were awarded to teachers to enhance learning experiences and improve educational outcomes for students. One grant benefited Mrs. Schrock’s 1st grade students who now have some much-needed reading materials which will be impactful for years to come.

Support for Public Spaces

Over the years, the Dallas Japanese Garden had fallen into severe disrepair. As part of a complete restoration, DCF funds were used toward the purchase and installation of the pedestrian bridge. At the recent ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees took in the revitalized space and admired the beautiful transformation. Inspiration struck. Within a short time, two new funds were established in support of the new garden.



The Dallas Japanese Garden Maintenance and Improvement Fund was initiated by Dale and Lois Derouin. They wanted to create an opportunity for people to support the garden for maintenance, landscaping and construction that is outside of the regular city maintenance budget, as well as future expansion and development. It is their hope that community members will join them in contributing to this fund.

How can you support the Dallas Japanese Garden? Send a check with the form on the back of this newsletter or donate online through our website at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/donate



Another recently established fund will support the Japanese Garden as well as community projects in partnership with Dallas Rotary Club. Established by a longtime Dallas resident, the fund is a lasting memorial to his care and concern for the community.

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A Word from the President

Fellow Friends of Dallas:

Happy Holidays! The variety of beliefs and faiths that infuse this time of year are diverse, but they share an important element. That element is thankfulness. Thankful for the year that has passed, thankful for the hope of a year to come. Thankful for our family, friends here and far away. Thankful for a warm and secure home with food on the table. Thankful that we live in a place where we can believe differently and still love and respect one another.

This season highlights a sense of connectedness that ties us together despite our differences. I grew up in a small town in Nebraska. I joined the navy thinking I would travel the world and ended up working in hospitals as a corpsman. That led me into a career in healthcare, my wife Lori who shared my passion for caregiving and some sense of accomplishment. Each of us has our own story I hope you can share with your loved ones this year to celebrate challenges and successes.

I hope you have more successes than challenges and can be thankful for what you have achieved.

For more than 20 years the Dallas Community Foundation has provided scholarships and grants to share with others that they also be thankful for this season. Please join me and the entire DCF board with a donation to the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan
President
Dallas Community
Foundation



Celebrating a Year...

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Would you like to carry out your charitable giving with a fund through the Dallas Community Foundation? Please reach out to us, we're here to help.

Support for Community

Seeing the benefits of charitable giving:

"My husband and I both needed glasses, but we were unable to pay the high cost for an appointment and then glasses on top of it. We were able to get an appointment through the free clinic and when we put on our new glasses, we both broke out in a smile because we realized it was the first time we'd seen each other in years. Thank you for the generous service you provide people without insurance."

A DCF grant to the Polk County Free Clinics uplifted those in need.

Polk Community Resource Center

A DCF grant to the Polk Community Resource Center assisted 21 households in Dallas. Grant dollars were leveraged with other funds, turning the \$5,000 grant into \$24,747.71.

Beyond the numbers, stepping into the shoes of the people who received assistance gives a better understanding of the need for stable housing and a sustainable path to move forward. One client had a significant medical emergency and faced the possibility of homelessness. Another was a single mother who had undergone an unplanned surgery and was unable to pay rent. Another was a family with three young children, with one

parent enrolled in school full-time and the other caring for the children, struggling to get out from behind a past due bill. And another 17 families with similar stories...all 21 households assisted are thankfully now stable, living safe and warm in our community.

"The Dallas Community Foundation funds are incredibly helpful in providing equitable and reliable service to Dallas individuals and families."

Dallas Downtown Association

A DCF grant improved accessibility to locally raised food for low-income individuals, enabling the Dallas Farmers Market to process and provide more than \$800 in food access assistance.

Dallas Youth Garden



A DCF grant helped Dallas Youth Garden provide paid work study internships to 10 high school students. Their gardens provided a weekly supply of produce, including lettuce, onions, cabbage and beans to the Polk County Resource Center and the Dallas Food Bank. 🌱



Dallas Community Foundation

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

December, 2024

Dear Friend,

As 2024 draws to a close, we celebrate a year of giving from a caring and generous community. We are grateful for your gifts. Through your support, we can give back in a meaningful way. What difference did your gift make this year?

You supported scholarships, brought scout troops back to Dallas, and helped neighbors in conflict resolve their differences. You provided employment opportunities for youth, supported the Farmer's Market, purchased hygiene supplies, food and provided respite for families in need. You promoted literacy, improved the quality of life for seniors and helped community members improve knowledge and understanding of abuse prevention. You kept someone from becoming homeless, helped someone access medical care and enriched youth with new opportunities for learning. You gave a child in need nourishing food when they had none.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and commitment to serve others.

Together we are making a positive difference in the Dallas community. **As we continue to build a culture of giving, please consider a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation. Your gift will uplift and touch the lives of those in your community.**

You can give in several ways. You can contribute to the Community Impact Fund which addresses the most urgent needs as they arise. You can give to one of the designated scholarship funds to support a Dallas graduate with their post-secondary education. With a larger contribution, you can create your own designated fund, perhaps in your name or the name of a loved one, 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. We can help you leave a legacy for future generations.

To make your contribution today, you can send your check along with the form on the back page of this newsletter, or go online to www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/donate.asp to pay by credit card. If you would like to learn about other ways you can give, such as establishing a designated fund or a planned gift, please contact our office.

Thanks for joining us in supporting the Dallas community.

Best Wishes for a blessed holiday season,

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Thank You Donors – We Appreciate Your Generosity and Support!

— Gifts as of December 15, 2024 —

Community Impact Fund (unrestricted gifts/designated gifts)

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In Memory of Dennis Newton

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American Legion Scholarship

Dave and Dana Roth

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Dallas Japanese Garden Maintenance and Improvement Fund

Dale and Lois Derouin

Dallas Rotary Club/Carl E. Morrison Scholarship

Dallas Rotary Club
Judy Kindwall
In Memory of James Brinn McKone:
Mia Mohr

Department of Forestry Scholarship

Roger Rogers
Gail Slotten

Fairchild Family Fund

Anne Fairchild

Fairchild Family Scholarship

Anne Fairchild
Anonymous

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Dave and Dana Roth

Hank and Wanona Kliever Memorial Scholarship

Robert Kliever

Paul Olliff Memorial Scholarship

David and Mary Jo Hampton
Judy Luther

Piering Family Scholarship

Jerry and LeAnn Piering
Toby Piering

Rochambeau Scholarship

Dave and Dana Roth

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Thank you for your kind generosity and support!

Thank You Donors...

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Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship

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 Karl and Marguerite Hansen
 Dennis and Macel Posey
In Memory of Ray Olson:
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Dallas Library Capital Needs Fund

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Scholarships Help Students Gain Valuable Experiences and Reach New Heights



A senior at Oregon Tech, Toby Ruston is a multi-year recipient of the Rochambeau scholarship. Toby will graduate this year with a major in mechanical engineering and hopes to work as a research and development engineer.

“Thank you for providing me with your scholarship through my time here at Oregon Tech. As I reflect on all the amazing experiences I have had these last three years, I have gained a vast amount of knowledge. I took part in “Catalyze Klamath”, an engineering/business proposal competition where our team developed a wildland firefighting solution, placing third at the state level. Through this project, I learned to apply the skills and knowledge from the classroom to assist our team with real-life engineering.”



A recent DHS graduate, Kaitlyn Ragan received support from the Dallas Rotary/Carl E. Morrison and Helen Smith Scholarships. Pursuing her dream to fly, she began classes this summer, shortly after graduation. In August, she was the first in her class to fly solo.

“Flight school has been going very well for me. I am so close to my private pilot’s license, and the only thing that has been holding me back recently is the weather. Here in Eugene, we’ve been covered in fog nearly everyday and with the low visibility, I just cannot fly. Other than that, I passed my FAA written exam with an 89% and I’ve ended my fall term with all A’s. I’m ending this semester with a 4.025 gpa and I’m very excited for winter term because I will be taking a meteorology course and that seems like a lot of fun to me. Thank you for the support!”

A big thank you to the generous donors of our local scholarship funds. You are helping Dallas students gain valuable experiences and reach new heights in pursuing their post-secondary education.

Did you know, you can direct a donation to any of our established scholarship funds? Consider making a gift that will directly support Dallas students. 🌈



“I would not have had the possibility to receive this scholarship without a wonderful community, giving this opportunity to students like me.”
 – Nikki Vanaken, 2024 recipient, Charlie Bair Memorial Scholarship

DCF Announces 2025 Grant Distribution

The DCF is pleased to announce a grant distribution of \$45,000 for 2025. Applications will be accepted online at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/grants now through January 31st, 2025. Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations or other qualified tax-exempt entities that serve the Dallas area are eligible to apply. For more information, contact Mia Mohr at 503-798-7847, or email mia@dallascommunityfoundation.com.

Leverage Your Contributions with a Matching Gift

If you donated to the Dallas Community Foundation in 2024, you are eligible to participate in the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit by making a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust by December 31st. Donations to the Cultural Trust have generated millions in grants to arts, heritage, and humanities programs across the state, including programs right here in Polk County. For more information, visit www.culturaltrust.org or consult your tax preparer.



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