

Community Impact Grants Make a Difference

This year, Dallas Community Foundation continued vital grant support for organizations serving those in need, giving back over \$45,000. We're proud to share a few highlights from the year:

The Benefit of Flexible Funds

With DCF grant funds, SABLE House was able to provide prescription and over the counter medications, first aid supplies and restricted diet foods, serving 30 adults and 37 children sheltering from domestic violence. As there is no consistent source of funding to meet this specific need, Sable House looked to the flexibility and availability of DCF funds.

New and Unique Opportunities for Youth

With support from a DCF grant, students at LaCreole experienced a new way of learning computer coding, incorporating lighted SmartVests and dance, weaving their creative superhero characters into a performance.

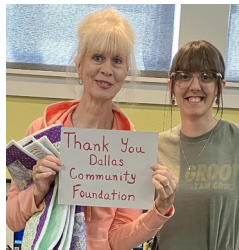


LaCreole students at the Code Can Dance STEM+Arts Workshop.

"If they taught coding like this in school, with dance and all, I bet more girls would be into coding."

Supporting a Culture of Giving

The Pedee Women's Club used DCF grant funds to purchase materials for making quilts and pillowcases for community members in need. They provided 35 Quilts and lap blankets and 58 adult bibs for local health care facilities; 23 quilts to CASA for children in the foster care system; 20 pillowcases for domestic violence victims transitioning through the SABLE House shelter; and 5 quilts to veterans in the Gale's Lodge program.



"We would like to thank the Dallas Community Foundation for its support. Many of the

sewing projects that our members have completed this year have been because of the materials we purchased with this grant money. Every child who receives a quilt or pillowcase from the Pedee Women's Club has you to thank as well."

Meeting Urgent Needs

DCF funds are responsive to address emerging needs and changing circumstances. This fall, DCF stepped in to address an urgent need for a meal delivery program facing a funding gap. The Polk County Family & Community Outreach Program had been assisting people with significant medical vulnerabilities, living primarily outside city limits where it was difficult if not impossible to



DCF Board members toured the Dallas Kindness Club and learned more about the services they provide for youth in need. They also visited Dallas High School to see grant projects funded in partnership with Dallas Education Foundation. They saw the culinary class in action using new equipment, and saw the new advanced placement history books that replaced the outdated, 16 year-old books.

access other food resources. As the existing grant was running short, community partners ensured sufficient food donations, but without gap funds to support delivery, the program faced an imminent closure. Jumping into action, DCF provided gap funding to continue the program as the county staff secures long-term sustainable funding.

Giving A Hand Up

The Polk County Resource Center assisted 23 families with DCF grant funds, helping them to get back on their feet with rental applications, deposit assistance identification cards, and birth certificates, and employment related needs. Faced

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A Word from the President

Fellow Friends of Dallas:

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year! On behalf of the Dallas Community Foundation board, may your holiday dreams come true.

This holiday season as we gather with friends, family and community, we should reflect on the blessings of our past and future. The many gifts we have received, however small, were given with affection and love. One of the gifts I have received is association with the Dallas Community Foundation. The Foundation has a focus on such a broad swath of our community, serving seniors, kids, families, educators, young men and women entering adult life, those experiencing abuse and hunger, to name a few of those areas. In this way, your gifts to the Foundation serve all these recipients, enriching and changing their lives forever.

During this holiday season be thankful for all your blessings and remember those who have less with a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation with the knowledge it will bring hope and cheer to those in need. Consider a one-time gift, recurring gift, or a legacy gift.

Merry Christmas and may your heart be filled with joy!

Sincerely,

Bob Brannigan
President
Dallas Community
Foundation



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with an enormity of needs, DCF grant funds were depleted in June.

“These funds make it possible for us to help fill in the gaps left by other funding streams and we are so appreciative of the Dallas Community Foundation for your continued support!”

Fostering Lifelong Memories

This summer, 12 families, a total of 15 adults and 28 children were able to enjoy time together and build community with their fellow neighbors through the Creation Vacation Program. For many of these low-income families, this was the only vacation they’d had for a long time, if ever. Families spent 3 days at Camp Magruder on the Oregon Coast. The many activities – swimming, boating, archery,

wave jumping, campfires and crafts – packed the perfect coastal days and brought people closer together as a community.



“Creation Vacation was an amazing experience for my family. We are a group who have finally found a point in life where we are safe and finally moving forward. This vacation helped us connect with one another and fellow families. The kids were thrilled to paddleboard and kayak for the first time EVER! Watching my kids be brave and explore new activities gave me hope for the future. May the confidence continue. I am thankful for this entire experience. Thank you, again!” 🌈

Stuart Olson Memorial Scholarship Recipient Announced

Congratulations to Hope Mikkelsen, the 2023 recipient of the Stuart Olson Memorial Culinary and Wine Studies scholarship. She is attending the Christian Culinary Academy in Cannon Beach. “I’ve always

enjoyed cooking and baking from a young age, and when I heard of the opportunity to come here, I thought it sounded like the perfect fit. I love living right on Cannon Beach and catching the gorgeous sunsets. After I complete my training at culinary school, I plan to work in the restaurant industry and hope to one day have my own restaurant. Receiving the scholarship to help me with this process and goals I have is a huge blessing to me and I am so grateful for it and the people who made it possible.” 🌈



A duck confit dish recently prepared by Hope and her class.



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Dear Friend,

It's been a year of giving! Thanks to the generous gifts from people like you, we have continued to invest resources to address urgent needs, support and uplift the Dallas community. This year, we awarded 20 grants and 27 scholarships. **When you give, we can give back.**

As you read through this newsletter, you'll learn how the Fairchild family has chosen to give back to the community that has given them so much. How the Foundation has made strategic investments in the community, stepping in and making a difference when no other funds were available. How a simple grant has helped to create forever memories, family and community building opportunities. How we are supporting unique solutions to support education. How we are enabling others to make a difference – building a culture of giving in Dallas.

Together we are making a positive difference in the Dallas community. **In this season of giving, please consider a gift to the Dallas Community Foundation. Your gift will touch the lives of those in your community.**

You can give in several ways. You can make a contribution 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. Your gift *will* truly keep on giving for good, for now, forever.

Best Wishes for a blessed holiday season,

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“This donation is in memory of my dear friend Carol Byrnes: army veteran, believer in community support, and passionate student of life.”

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Thank you for your kind generosity and support!

Giving Back to the Community – The Fairchild Family

Jim and Anne Fairchild moved to Dallas with their young daughter, Pam, in 1966. A year later Gwen was born. They settled into the community that would become their home of more than 50 years. Jim taught at Dallas High School for 28 years, while Anne worked as a medical technologist.



Education and community involvement were very important to the Fairchilds. They were very active in Dallas and were blessed in many ways by the community – many

friends, good times, fond memories, a great school system, and a close-knit community where people look out for one another. Anne recalls the freedom her daughters had to learn to be independent, growing up in a small town. “That’s the kind of community Dallas is.” As an educator and coach, Jim touched the lives of many. He also served on the city council and as Mayor.

When Jim passed, the family considered ways to honor his legacy as well as how the community had supported their entire family. A core family value was the importance of education and the opportunity it could provide for a promising future. “Pam and Gwen both received a good education that enabled them to be successful into their own retirement. I could choose to establish a fund that would give back to the community that gave them such a good start,” explains Anne.

Continuing that strong sense of community where people care for one another, Anne established two funds with the Dallas Community Foundation – the Fairchild Family Fund and the Fairchild Family Scholarship fund. The fund will provide general benefit to the Dallas community; the scholarship fund will support a graduating senior who has been involved in community and extracurricular activities and demonstrated good citizenship. The scholarship can be used towards technical, trade, vocational school, college, or university. 🌈

Board Member News



Thank you and Farewell

Lane Shetterly has stepped down after 28 years of service to the Dallas Community Foundation. As a charter member, Lane was instrumental in establishing the Foundation. He provided visionary guidance, exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to

the Dallas Community Foundation and the people of Dallas. During his tenure on the board, the Foundation gave back more than \$1.25 million in grants and scholarships to the Dallas community. The board is grateful for his service.



Welcome New Member

Welcome Doug Marshall to the Foundation board of directors. Doug is a retired attorney. He worked in private practice and then 31 years for the Oregon Department of Justice. Prior to his legal career, Doug was an RN on the Renal Transplant Ward

at Oregon Health and Science University. An avid runner and cyclist, Doug lives in Dallas with his wife, Karen Moynahan, and his Golden Retriever, Zoey.



In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness, we note the passing earlier this year of LaVonne Wilson, a long-serving and dedicated board member of Dallas Community Foundation. LaVonne selflessly contributed her time and talents, and shared her commitment and love for the Dallas community. 🌈

DCF Announces 2024 Grant Distribution

The DCF is pleased to announce a grant distribution of \$42,000 for 2024. Applications will be accepted online at www.dallascommunityfoundation.com/grants now through January 31st, 2024. 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 2023, 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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