## The Rees-Jones Foundation 2012 Summary of Grants

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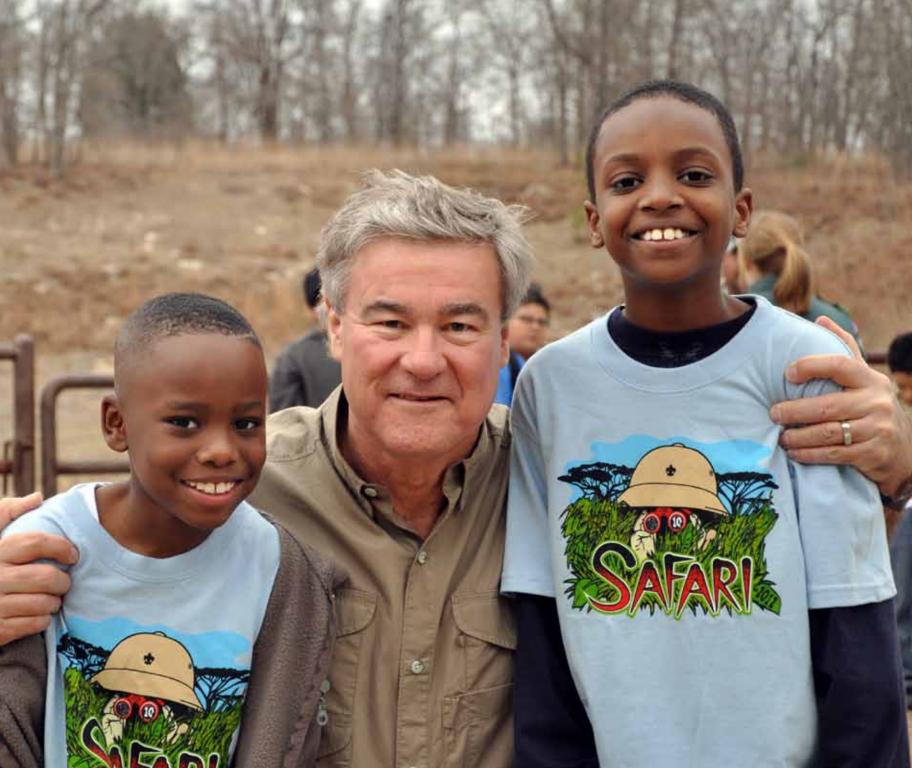
This photo is of a drilling rig operated by Chief Oil & Gas in the Barnett Shale. Trevor Rees-Jones founded Chief Oil & Gas in 1994, and after significant success drilling for natural gas in the Barnett Shale, he and his wife Jan founded The Rees-Jones Foundation. The Foundation is dedicated to serving the North Texas community which is largely overlapped by the Barnett Shale. The aspiration for the Foundation is to serve God by serving others.





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## President's Message

## What does it mean to be interested in Youth Development?

In 2012, after a number of strategic planning sessions, evaluations of prior grants and discussions with our two founders, we refined the priority areas of interest for the Foundation to include Youth Development, Mental Health, Community Benefit and Human Services for Children, Youth and Families. One thing we have learned in six years is that these areas of interest cannot be evaluated in isolation. We often struggle to categorize our grants. Many, if not most, have elements that could be classified in all of our priority areas. In reviewing applications, we often ask ourselves, "What outcome are we seeking?", because the outcome sought by a supported agency may only be part of a larger goal.

So, what is "youth development?" As we look to the future, we see the need to develop our children, our greatest resource, into adults who have the preparation and character to take on and resolve problems that loom on the horizon and beyond. Many of these problems cannot even be imagined today. How do we prepare them for these challenges? Many say that the solution lies in education. We see it as a much broader issue involving many factors that affect the growth and development of our youth.

#### President's Message

There have been and continue to be extraordinary efforts and resources directed at education in our city and state in an effort to reform our school systems and better prepare children for college and career. We applaud these efforts. But in our view, success will not be measured only by the college-readiness of the child. Children need much more than academics. They need to learn how to live in a changing world. Competency in math and science is important but more so is the development of moral character, the components of which include honesty, hard work, perseverance, respect for others, personal responsibility, a determination to achieve, a sense of right and wrong, teamwork and hope and optimism for the future. We look for programs that teach these things.

Many children live in substandard conditions. They face challenges such as inadequate housing, inadequate nutrition, fragile or fractured families where the income of the family unit is insufficient to pay for basic needs, abuse or neglect by parents and caregivers who have lost hope or have chosen to escape through drugs and alcohol, and environments where children are not spared from witnessing violence and crime. Many are homeless and others who have homes do not have their own beds. Sometimes biological factors or the substandard conditions noted above lead to mental illnesses or other mental health deficiencies that impede the development of children and accelerate the decline of the family.

We support many programs that address these problems, but a program that remedies only one of these problems in isolation does not necessarily lead to a positive outcome. Children are under stress from many sources. We want to be in partnership with agencies that see this, that understand the dynamics of youth development, and that want to be in partnership with others who have complementary strengths. We see this in the after-school programs that emphasize character development as well as academics. We see it in programs that provide access to physical and mental health professionals or to therapists and other professionals who understand family dynamics and can help parents know and understand how to care for and nurture their children. We see it in programs that offer a safety-net of food, shelter and financial guidance to those who encounter unforeseen catastrophes. All of these are important and essential to the development of our youth. It is a tremendous task, but we are pleased to be a part of the task force seeking to bring more hope and promise to the next generations.

Finally, one post-script about community benefit, and yes, celebration. Youth development also involves recreation and celebration and joy. Our community, working together, can foster this. What better example could there be than the new Perot Museum of Nature and Science. We have been so pleased to be a part of this new community asset. It sparkles, it inspires, it's fun. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen. We will enjoy it for decades.

#### T. Hardie, President





## About The Rees-Jones Foundation

Founded in 2006 by Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones, The Rees-Jones Foundation is a private foundation that works with non-profit organizations, primarily in North Texas, to serve others and improve their quality of life and life circumstances in tangible ways.

#### Founders

Trevor Rees-Jones entered the oil and gas business in 1984 as an independent involved in exploration and production. In 1994 he founded Chief Oil & Gas which was an early operator in the development of the Barnett Shale field in North Texas. Chief continues to be a leading private independent oil and gas company.

#### Philanthropy

Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones founded The Rees-Jones Foundation out of a conviction that they have been blessed by God and as stewards of resources are called to share with those less advantaged. In deploying the Foundation's philanthropic resources throughout the North Texas community, the desire is for people to experience God's love and develop a hope of the future.



### Vision & Mission Statement

The vision of The Rees-Jones Foundation is that the love of Christ is experienced in tangible ways by those in our community who are disadvantaged or who are suffering spiritually, physically, or emotionally.

To this end, the mission of the Foundation is to serve God by serving others, sharing His resources in ways that provide opportunities for the disadvantaged, relief for the suffering, and encouragement in the growth and well-being of children and families in our community.

#### Work of the Foundation

The Foundation works to defend the welfare of children suffering from abuse or neglect, afford relief to those facing mental health challenges, provide youth with opportunities for enrichment and character development, encourage healthy families and communities, and promote the humane treatment of companion animals.

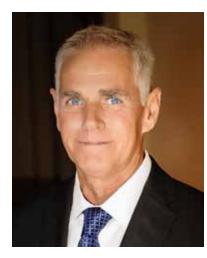
The Foundation accomplishes its purpose primarily by partnering with the North Texas community of non-profit organizations through focused and relational philanthropy in the following areas of giving:

- Human Services for Children, Youth, and Families
- Youth Development
- Mental Health
- Community Benefit

By invitation, the Foundation considers requests from Christian non-profit organizations working internationally in the Foundation's areas of giving.



James Bias The SPCA of Texas



Paul Gray RISE Adaptive Sports



Gary Haugen International Justice Mission

## People Who Impact the Foundation's Philanthropy

The Rees-Jones Foundation is indebted to many thought leaders in and out of the non-profit world who have helped to shape the knowledge base and outlook for the Foundation. Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones embarked on the work of philanthropy motivated by faith and a desire to help others in need. Developing a working knowledge of the communities and constituencies of interest quickly revealed that the concerns and challenges facing people are entrenched and multifaceted. This realization has sharpened the philanthropic focus of the Foundation into areas of concern where it is particularly positioned to make a difference.

This process has also opened up opportunities to learn from

partners that the Foundation has gained over the years. Men and women of good will and thoughtful discernment have shared their perspective on what it takes to shape the outlook of a community, build up the character of youth, or empower individuals to take advantage of opportunity. Three people are highlighted in this report: James Bias of the SPCA, Paul Gray of RISE Adaptive Sports, and Gary Haugen of International Justice Mission. These individuals are leaders in their respective areas of non-profit work. They are also thought leaders in bringing dignity to the life experience of people. Through their work, leadership, and willingness to be a partner they have enriched the philanthropy of the Foundation. James Bias President of the SPCA of Texas

"Animal welfare is all I've known," says James Bias, president of SPCA of Texas for over 9 years. After being recruited by an animal cruelty unit in Houston while still in college, he has been in animal welfare for 34 years. "I get to wake up every morning and do what I love and I've been doing that for over three decades," says James. Father to eleven children, seven of which are adopted, and a variety of adopted pets including goats, dogs, cats, a horse and a fish tank, James means what he says when he says he is extremely passionate about animals and people. He wants others to know that the people he works with every day are extremely passionate about animals and people too. "People first, animals second," says James. "People have to adopt the animals and people are who drive what we do as an organization every day."

The SPCA of Texas is over 70 years old and was the first humane society in the state of Texas. It serves as a model for SPCA's around the country with their state-of-the-art facility and shelter/adoption programs. The capital campaign to raise funds for a new facility provided the Foundation an opportunity to build a relationship with the SPCA and James Bias. This relationship resulted in a legacy gift and the construction of the Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center, which has served over 20,000 people and pets since opening in 2012. Even more rewarding than a capital gift has been the opportunity for an ongoing collaboration



around animal welfare.

James Bias values the intersection between animals and people. Participating in the work of the SPCA of Texas has affirmed the Foundation's belief that upholding the ethical and humane treatment of animals contributes to a broader commitment to justice and opportunity. James Bias has been a steady partner and guide as the Foundation has deepened its commitment to the welfare of companion animals. Fostering community change around animal welfare is a process of holding individuals accountable for their treatment of animals and nurturing a value for how companion animals enrich the lives of humans.

As he looks into the future, Mr. Bias sees a great need for prevention services within the animal welfare community: "It is our desire that animals are able to stay in their homes." A visitor to the SPCA will see lots of friendly furry faces waiting for a home, but they may not realize the personal stories behind the furry faces... stories of heartbroken owners who cannot care for their pets anymore or people who are unprepared to accommodate the needs of companion animals. These are the stories with which Mr. Bias is all too familiar.

The daily work of James Bias is to enrich and inform the relationship between animals and people, so that there are fewer tragic stories, fewer stories of animal cruelty, and more stories of companion animals bringing joy to individuals and families. This is the hope of the Foundation as well. So the Foundation looks forward to continuing to draw on James Bias' experience, and the Foundation looks forward to continuing to collaborate to make our community a place where the relationship between animals and people is mutually enriching.



"People have to adopt the animals and people are who drive what we do as an organization every day." Paul Gray Chairman of the Board of RISE Adaptive Sports

Building a path to independence for children born with physical disabilities is a passion for Paul Gray, and out of this passion RISE Adaptive Sports was born. RISE stands for Recover, Inspire, Succeed and Empower, and it is the mission of this organization to build these qualities into the children they serve. "The early support of The Rees-Jones Foundation gave us not only the funding we needed to have a strong start as an organization, but it gave us credibility with other donors as we continued to build our donor base," says Paul Gray who started RISE in 2007. The mission of RISE Adaptive Sports closely aligns with the Foundation's passion for serving children with disabilities and equipping them with the tools they need to become independent and confident adults.

Paul Gray's transition out of the corporate world and into the non-profit world stemmed from a deep desire to provide children born with physical disabilities the opportunity to build independence and cultivate full lives of productivity and purpose. Being the founder, CEO and now Chairman of the Board of RISE Adaptive Sports over the past six years has presented its challenges, but the success stories Paul Gray sees everyday motivates him to continue in this work he loves. The transition from fundraising to a hands-on role interacting with the youth and families on a daily basis has been a rewarding role switch for Mr. Gray



as he settles into his board chairman role. "Seeing firsthand the thousands of lives we have changed and continue to change every day, the success our constituents go on to enjoy and the impact this organization has on the families of the children we serve is the most rewarding part of the work I do," says Gray.

Mr. Gray was personally impacted by the reality of disability when a close friend became paralyzed in high school and Gray witnessed firsthand the shortage of services and opportunities available to his friend. Unfortunately, he still sees the need for adaptive services in the Dallas\Fort Worth community, and he has the vision for a National Disability Center in the area. "A centralized adaptive sports center will allow us to serve more people and will provide a place where we can offer more opportunities to our population with physical disabilities," says Mr. Gray. "This center could be a model for the country." Paul Gray's greatest hope is that people with disabilities will see themselves differently, and that others will see them differently as well. Families of disabled people and volunteers from all across North Texas are engaged in building up disabled youth and acknowledging them as capable, productive, and independent people who desire to contribute to our world in a positive way. "This work is all about building character, self-worth, self-confidence, and motivation into the youth we serve. Normalizing physical disabilities for the individuals and families we serve while focusing on what they are capable of doing, not on their physical limitations, is what helps us achieve these goals. We hope to change the way people see disabilities, and through our volunteer base and the youth we serve this change has already started to happen." This positive outlook for youth with disabilities is why Paul Gray is a valued partner of the Foundation.

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Ms. Alex Barkheimer

Alex's first hunting trip was with RISE Adventures when she was 12 years old. Alex was born with Caudle Regression Syndrome and will always be in a wheelchair. However, she loves to hunt and uses a 243 rifle.

Alex is a Senior at Little Elm High School where she is a member of the Little Elm High School marching band, member of DECA, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society. Alex plans on attending either Arizona State University or Oklahoma State University and majoring in business. *Gary Haugen President and CEO of International Justice Mission* 

Gary Haugen, President and CEO of International Justice Mission, oversees a one of a kind nongovernmental organization, a Christian NGO that is seeking justice for violently oppressed people across the world. While the issue of violent oppression would seem like the type of concern that would capture the attention of the community involved in international development work, it is not. The United Nations Millennium Development Goals have dominated the development conversation and efforts, while the fact that millions of people are violently oppressed goes unaddressed. For Gary Haugen, one of the best parts of his job is witnessing his colleagues around the world as they show up for the most vulnerable in their communities and bring them rescue and hope. "My colleagues persevere against great odds and do so at a great personal cost. They use their power, education, and skills to glorify God by seeking justice for the poorest around the world," says Haugen.

Gary Haugen headed up the investigation of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. This was a formative experience in seeing firsthand how the most vulnerable people are exploited. "Justice needed to be secured for the poorest around the world suffering from horrific crimes being done against them, and often there was just no one to enforce the law," says Haugen. IJM partners with local and government officials in the



countries in which they work to train, educate, and partner together to ensure justice is done for the constituents with which they serve. "We need people of good will around the world to understand that good policing, fair courts and enforced laws are just as critical to a full life for those in poverty as food, medicine or education," says Haugen.

Mr. Haugen and his staff have seen and experienced hundreds of stories of individuals IJM has worked with who have been given hope and have had opportunity restored to their lives. When asked what he would like others to know about the people they serve, Gary Haugen responded with the character of the human condition that is both intensely feeling and intensely responsive: "They hurt like we do. When their child is missing, when they are raped, when they are abused, when they are beaten, it feels the same. Their poverty does not make them expect less, hope less or fear less for themselves or their children than you or I would. But, when relieved of their abuse, they are amazingly resilient when given hope."

Gary Haugen has a vision for the future. "We want more entrepreneurial investors like The Rees-Jones Foundation who understand the importance of a functioning justice system for the poor around the world. If we give microloans to widows but someone can steal her land without penalty, what has been accomplished? If we build schools for girls but they cannot attend because of fear for their personal safety, what has been accomplished? In five years, I hope we can change the conversation about global poverty, so that we address the problem of chronic violence against the poor and the way it undermines other efforts to assist them."



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# Perot Museum of Nature and Science Grand Opening

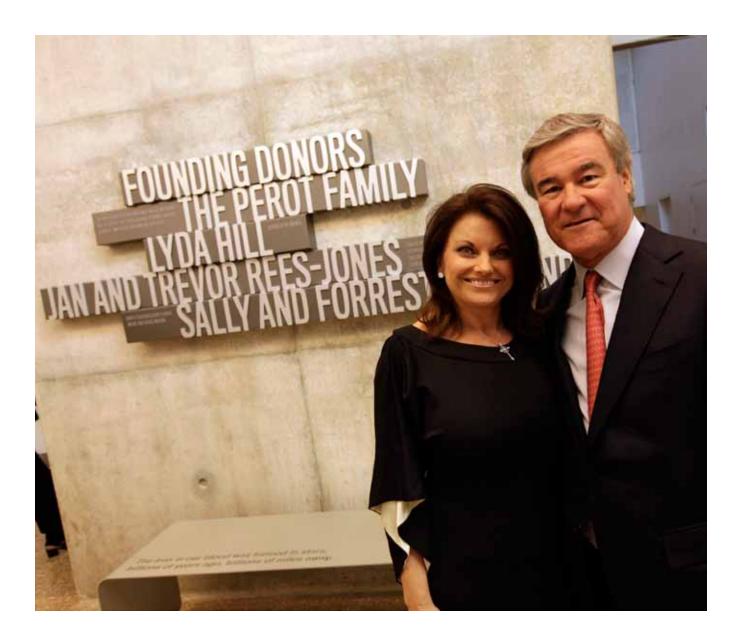
## It sparkles, it inspires, it's fun...

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science opened to visitors on December 1, 2012 to great fanfare and acclaim. The grand opening was the culmination of over two and one-half years of construction, exhibit installation, and preparation to open up the Museum to inquisitive minds. The opening was a monumental step in bringing to reality the vision of a world-class exhibit of the wonders of the natural world to Dallas... an exhibit that is interactive, engaging, and inspiring.

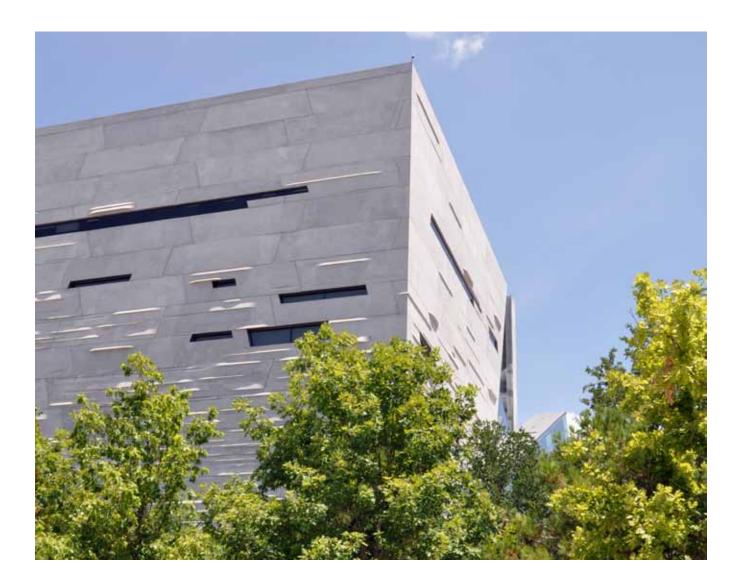
The promise of a grand new museum to inspire generations of young visitors is what motivated Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones to generously support the Museum and lend their name to one of the exhibit halls, *The Rees-Jones Foundation Dynamic Earth Hall*. This exhibit hall invites visitors to experience the active forces shaping the earth's landscape and climate.

Invitation to discovery is the theme of the Museum, and Jan and Trevor look forward to the Perot Museum of Nature and Science shaping minds and inspiring youth to be the next generation of scientists, engineers, teachers, and informed citizens.



















# Traveling India *A Site Visit with International Justice Mission*

# How to seek justice?

International Justice Mission is rescuing people from violent oppression...

In the fall of 2012 Gary Haugen, President and CEO of International Justice Mission, invited Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones and Foundation staff to travel to India with him to experience firsthand how IJM is responding to the call to seek justice for the oppressed. The site visit was to field offices in Chennai and Kolkata where IJM is tackling the crimes of forced labor and sex trafficking.

First impressions of India are overpowering. Visitors to the country are greeted with an intensity of life and humanity that is matched by the overwhelming scale of poverty and human need. Out of sight to those who are not observing, but even more distressing, is the oppression of fellow human beings. IJM works on this basic level of justice. In Chennai, Gary invited Jan and Trevor to see how people are being rescued from slavery in places like brick kilns and rice mills and then are being set on a path toward empowerment. In Kolkata, the focus was IJM's work in the red light districts where girls and young women are being offered up for sex against their will, and where IJM is leveraging its efforts to rescue these victims of sex trafficking.



## Structural Transformation

The work of rescuing people from violent oppression is deliberate. Visiting the IJM field offices provided a look into how IJM is leveraging investigations into cases of individual victims of violent oppression into the rescue of dozens if not hundreds of people at a time. These cases provide the framework for understanding how justice systems need to be transformed to provide the protections and recourse to which even the most vulnerable people are entitled.

IJM is finding significant success in training law enforcement and the judiciary, and this training is leading to cultural change. Jan and Trevor heard stories of law enforcement officials taking up cases on their own initiative and advocating for the rights of individuals... unheard of several years ago. The site visit also included a personal connection with the aftercare that IJM is providing for those who have been rescued. These are programs that attempt to heal the deep personal wounds of oppression and equip newly freed individuals to live empowered lives in their communities.

The trip to India was a firsthand look at violent oppression, but it was also a firsthand look at hope.... hope that comes from responding to the call to seek justice for the most hopeless of individuals.

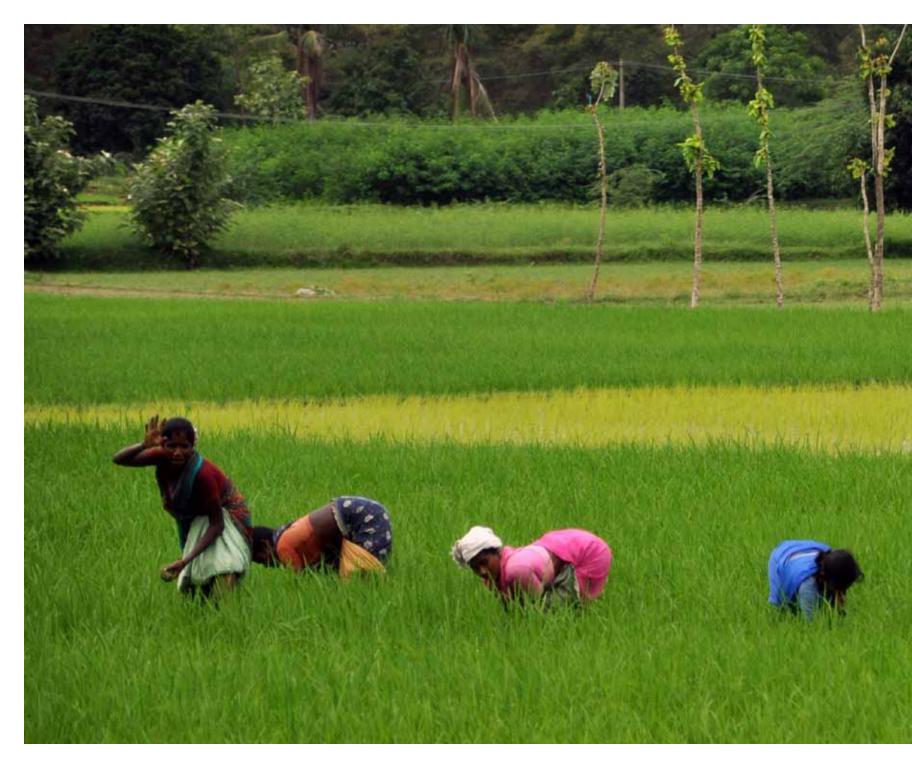
















## Grantmaking Breakout: 2012 Synopsis

In 2012, The Rees-Jones Foundation approved 131 grants totaling \$10.7 million.

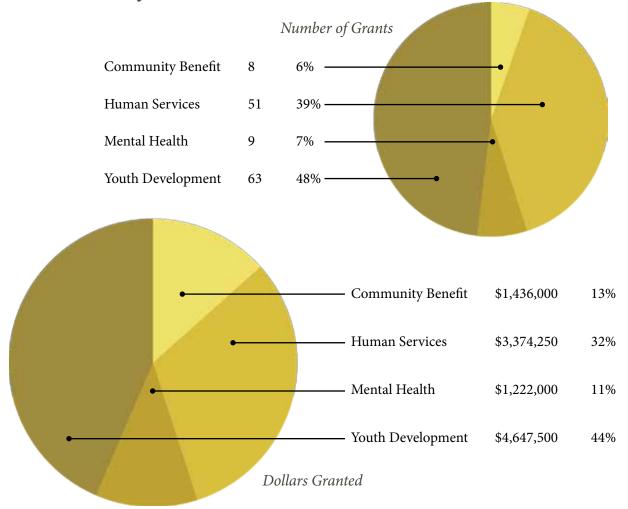
2012 marked a significant transition for the Foundation. Since starting operations in 2006, the Foundation operated with six focus areas. After five years of grantmaking, certain priorities in giving emerged, and a decision was made to revisit the categories of giving and focus them where the Foundation is interested in going deeper and making a significant impact in the community.

The four areas of giving for the Foundation are now Community Benefit, Human Services, Mental Health, and Youth Development. These categories continue to represent a broad base of giving. However, they also represent a continuing and deepening commitment to the welfare of children and youth, and a concern for their development as individuals of principle.

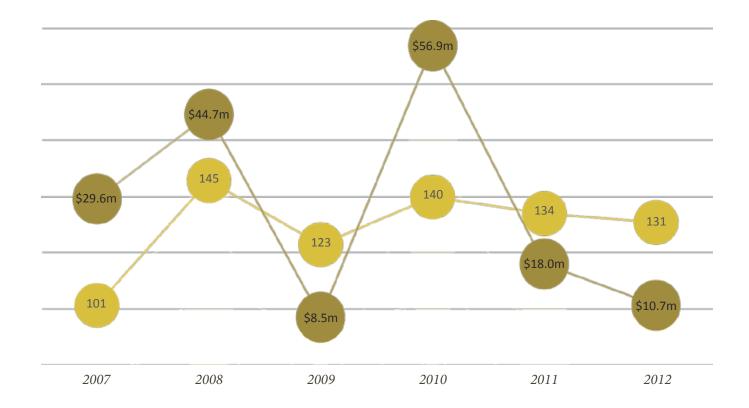
While the Foundation's giving was organically shifting to the areas that have emerged as priorities, there were some conscious shifts in 2012. Our concern for the academic development of youth transitioned away from large-scale education funding to more emphasis on afterschool and out-of-school programming. The Foundation also continued to significantly fund in the area of child protective services.

The Foundation continues to be blessed by the non-profit partnerships that we have. As we continue to confront the question, "What does it mean to be interested in Youth Development?", local partners continue to help us answer the question.

# Distribution of Grants in 2012



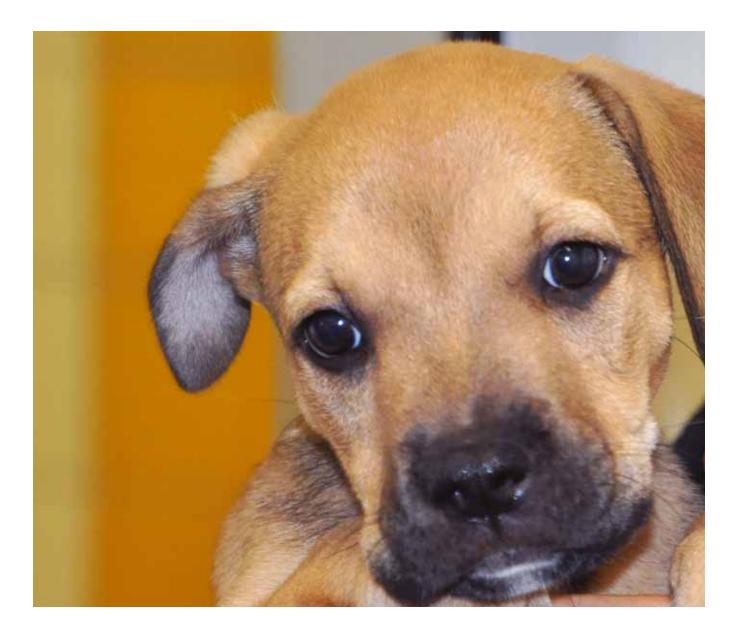
# Year by Year Comparison of Dollars Granted and Number of Grants



# Community Benefit

The Foundation selectively supports efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents of North Texas, especially supporting initiatives that are inclusive of economically or educationally underserved communities.

The Foundation is also invested in the welfare of companion animals, funding leading animal welfare organizations that are a resource for the community and promote the ethical and humane treatment of companion animals.



# Community Benefit



#### Albany's Cause for "Paws"

Albany, Texas \$1,000.00 Funding for the voucher program for spay and neuter operations for low-income pet owners.

#### **Communities Foundation of Texas**

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding to match donations made through DonorBridgeto local charities on North Texas Giving Day 2012.

#### **Companion Animal Funders' Coalition**

Dallas, Texas\$250,000.00Funding for The Bix Fix for Big D spay/neuter initiativeaimed at reducing animal suffering and assisting low-income pet owners.

#### Living Water International

Stafford, Texas\$500,000.00Funding for the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program<br/>which provides clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services<br/>to communities in Southern Uganda, and will serve as a<br/>sustainable, community-based model for Living Water<br/>world-wide.

#### Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance

Dallas, Texas\$100,000.00Funding for operations to coordinate projects that will<br/>enable Dallas area non-profits to continue to make progress<br/>in fighting homelessness.

## **SPCA of Texas**

Dallas, Texas\$500,000.00Funding for training to provide exceptional customerservice as well as expand capacity for public engagementand support.

#### Texas Appleseed

Austin, Texas\$30,000.00Funding for the Improving the Lives of Children in Long-Term Foster Care project which will disseminate bestpractices to achieve permanency for children in foster care.

# Human Serivces for Children, Youth, and Families

With the goal of breaking the harmful cycle of poverty and abuse and developing stability and wholeness in the lives of people, the Foundation works to alleviate those conditions that are harmful to families or place children at risk of maltreatment. A priority of the Foundation is protecting children and youth who have been abused or neglected and are in need of substitute care or adoption. The Foundation also supports programs that improve conditions for children and youth who deal with physical disabilities.



## Human Services for Children, Youth, and Families



#### ARKGroup, Inc., The

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for training and programming to instruct low-<br/>income families on nurturing, abuse-free patterns of<br/>parenting.

#### Arthritis Foundation, Texas Chapter

Dallas, Texas \$5,000.00 Funding for the South Central Region Juvenile Arthritis Conference which educates participants on disease management, while connecting families with similar struggles.

#### AVANCE - Dallas, Inc.

Dallas, Texas\$30,000.00Funding for the Parent-Child Education Program at GabeP. Elementary School which will provide child and parenteducation services to at-risk families in West Dallas.

## **Bridge Steps**

Dallas, Texas\$200,000.00Funding for general operations to provide assistance for the<br/>homeless residents at The Bridge.

#### Bright Star Youth Academy

Dallas, Texas\$1,500.00Funding for holiday assistance.

#### Bryan's House

Dallas, Texas\$100,000.00Funding for the Medically Managed Child Care Programwhich provides child care for medically fragile children andchildren with special needs.

## **Captain Hope's Kids**

Dallas, Texas \$50,000.00 Funding for items to meet the basic needs of homeless children.

## **CASA of Collin County**

McKinney, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for the Child Advocacy Program which will<br/>train Volunteer Advocates to represent foster children and<br/>families in court.

Human Services for Children, Youth, and Families

## CASA of Denton County, Inc.

Denton, Texas\$35,000.00Funding toward office renovations that will increase the<br/>capacity of CASA volunteers to serve more foster children<br/>in the court system.

#### **CURE International, Inc.**

Lemoyne, Pennsylvania \$300,000.00 Funding for continued operations for CURE Ethiopia Children's Hospital in Addis Ababa.

#### Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, Inc.

Plano, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for therapists who will provide services for child<br/>victims of physical and sexual abuse.

## **Dallas Leadership Foundation**

Dallas, Texas\$8,000.00Funding for holiday assistance.

## Christ's Haven for Children

Keller, Texas\$50,000.00Funding to provide residential care for children whose<br/>parents are unable to care for them.

#### Cook Children's Medical Center

Fort Worth, Texas\$135,000.00Funding for "trauma informed" care on-site mental healthcounseling for children, and an evidence-based child abuseprevention initiative.

#### **Disability Rights Texas**

Austin, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for The Legal Advocacy for Dually ManagedChildren Project which provides legal representation tofoster youth in the state juvenile justice or mental healthsystems.

#### Equest

Wylie, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for therapeutic riding sessions for children who<br/>are disabled or chronically ill.

#### **Family Compass**

Dallas, Texas\$80,000.00Funding for the child abuse prevention programs which<br/>help at-risk families develop constructive parenting skills.

#### **Family Outreach**

Plano, Texas\$15,000.00Funding for the In-Home Mentoring program which pairsclients referred by Child Protective Services with a trainedvolunteer who provides parenting education and otherresources to improve the safety of their children.

## Family Outreach of East Dallas

Dallas, Texas\$20,000.00Funding for the Mentoring Our Mothers program which<br/>provides in-home parenting guidance to teen mothers.

Family Place, TheDallas, Texas\$1,500.00Funding for holiday assistance.

## Grayson County Children's Advocacy Center

Sherman, Texas\$60,000.00Funding toward the Building Project which will increasecapacity to serve child abuse victims and their families.

#### Heroes for Children

Richardson, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for families who have children with serious or life<br/>threatening illnesses who have an emergency need to cover<br/>housing payments or other recurring bills.

## Hope Cottage

Dallas, Texas\$30,000.00Funding for the Foster to Adopt program designed to<br/>provide "forever homes" for foster children who are less<br/>likely to be adopted because of age or size of sibling group.

#### Hope's Door

Plano, Texas\$30,000.00Funding for a case manager in the Emergency ShelterProgram.

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#### Housing Crisis Center, Inc.

Dallas, Texas\$35,000.00Funding for the permanent supportive housing programfor formerly homeless families with children.

#### Hugworks

Hurst, Texas\$35,000.00Funding for the Therapeutic Music Entertainment and<br/>Music Therapy program which provides music therapy for<br/>children with special medical and emotional needs.

#### **Interfaith Housing Coalition**

Dallas, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for the True Transformation Project GAP programwhich serves youth.

#### Jonathan's Place

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for the Foster & Adoptive Family Program which<br/>identifies and trains families to care for children who have<br/>been abused or neglected.

#### Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas

*Irving, Texas* \$60,000.00 Funding for Walt Disney World wishes which provide chronically ill children and their families with a trip to Walt Disney World.

#### ManeGait

McKinney, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for the purchase of four new therapy horses to<br/>serve disabled children and adults through equine therapy.

## Mental Health America of Greater Dallas

Dallas, Texas\$35,000.00Funding for counselor training in the We Help OurselvesProgram curriculum which teaches teenagers and childrenstrategies on how to prevent violence and abuse.

#### Methodist Children's Home

Waco, Texas\$100,000.00Funding to expand Trust-Based Relational Interventiontraining for staff and foster parents to improve the qualityof childcare placements and outcomes.

#### Mission Granbury, Inc.

*Granbury, Texas* \$30,000.00 Funding to expand the CASA volunteer program.

## Promise House

Dallas, Texas\$500.00Funding for holiday assistance.

## North Dallas Shared Ministries

Dallas, Texas\$15,000.00Funding to provide low-income families with schoolsupplies and uniforms for school children.

## Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County

Fort Worth, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for the Lowdon-Schutts Program serving homelesswomen and children.

#### **Promise House**

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for expansion of the Emergency Youth Shelterprogram which will provide shelter and life skillsdevelopment for former foster youth.

## Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth, Inc.

Fort Worth, Texas\$125,000.00Funding toward the capital campaign to expand capacity ofRonald McDonald House of Fort Worth to provide familyservices and lodging for up to 58 families per night.

## S. M. Wright Foundation

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for the Beds for Needy Kids Program which willprovide beds for youth from low-income families.

## SafeHaven of Tarrant County

Hurst, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for the SafePlay program which provideschildren at two domestic violence emergency shelters withcomprehensive programming.

Human Services for Children, Youth, and Families

## SafeHaven of Tarrant County

Hurst, Texas \$2,500.00 Funding for holiday assistance.

## SIM USA

*Charlotte, North Carolina* \$700,000.00 Funding for an aircraft to support ministry work in Sudan and other parts of East Africa.

## SoupMobile

Dallas, Texas\$5,000.00Funding for holiday assistance.

## Spaulding for Children

Houston, Texas \$50,000.00

Funding for the Post Adoption Program which provides therapeutic services and case management services for families in DFW area who have adopted a special needs child.

#### **Tarrant Area Food Bank**

Fort Worth, Texas\$100,000.00Funding for the capital campaign to expand and improve<br/>the warehouse and increase the amount of food the Tarrant<br/>Area Food Bank is able to distribute.

#### Texas Lawyers for Children

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for Texas Lawyer's for Children Online Centerwhich will provide Texas judges and attorneys withresources to protect abused children from further harm.

## Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

*Weslaco, Texas* \$25,000.00

Funding for the Texas Foster Youth Justice Project which provides foster youth with legal advice and representation to enforce their rights, while building awareness about the legal needs of foster youth.

#### TexProtects

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for general operating support to enable TexProtectsto expand their research and advocacy abilities.

#### **Union Gospel Mission**

Dallas, Texas\$1,750.00Funding for holiday assistance.

## World Vision, Inc.

*Federal Way, Washington* \$30,000.00 Funding for the Teacher Resource Center which helps teachers from low-income schools stock their classrooms.

## Wisdom's Hope

Allen, Texas\$93,500.00Funding for first year operating expenses to providecomprehensive human services and pastoral counseling tofamilies with special needs children.

# Mental Health

The Foundation works to promote the mental health of the community, funding services for a wide range of mental illnesses and developmental disorders. The focus of the funding is to increase access to mental health care through counseling, therapy, and treatment, particularly for children and youth. Additionally, the Foundation supports efforts to enrich the lives of people living with illnesses and disorders through education, community services, and efforts to more effectively deliver mental health services.



## Mental Health

#### **Alliance For Children**

Fort Worth, Texas \$82,000.00

Funding for the Trauma Intervention and Relief for Victimized Children and Non-Offending Parents program which provides child victims of sexual and physical abuse with intensive therapy as well as family support.

#### **Galaxy Counseling Center**

Garland, Texas \$35,000.00 Funding for Youth Mental Wellness Programs which provide at-risk youth with counseling and intervention services.

#### **Genesis Women's Shelter**

Dallas, Texas\$500,000.00Funding toward the Genesis Outreach and ExpansionInitiative which will expand counseling capacity andreduce the wait list for services.

#### LaunchAbility

Dallas, Texas\$150,000.00Funding for Early Childhood Intervention which provideschildren who have developmental delays with programmingto ensure they are school-ready.

#### Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic, Inc.

*Dallas, Texas* \$75,000.00 Funding for the Integrated Behavioral Healthcare program which will screen children from low-income families for developmental delays or behavioral health concerns and provide treatment for those families.

## **Nexus Recovery Center**

Dallas, Texas\$85,000.00Funding toward construction of a dormitory for adolescentgirls who are receiving substance abuse treatment.

## **Parenting Center, The**

Fort Worth, Texas\$30,000.00Funding for the Clinical Counseling Program which<br/>provides mental health therapeutic interventions for<br/>children and families impacted by abuse.

## Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers

Dallas, Texas\$250,000.00Funding to provide low-income families with community<br/>mental health services.

## Suicide & Crisis Center of North Texas

Dallas, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for the Crisis Line Paid Staff Initative.

## **Vogel Alcove Childcare Center for the Homeless**

*Dallas, Texas* \$50,000.00 Funding for free, on-site professional mental health services for homeless children who are living in Dallas shelters.

# Youth Development

The Foundation funds organizations that are engaged in cultivating the character and personal responsibility of youth as well as providing intellectually and socially enriching experiences. With a focus on underserved youth, the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting organizations that expand the scope of opportunity and experience through education, mentoring, camping opportunities, and formative experiences.



# Youth Development



#### Amon Carter Museum of American Art

Fort Worth, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for the Excellence in Education Campaign which<br/>will support the Museum's art education programming for<br/>students and families.

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County**

*McKinney, Texas* \$50,000.00 Funding toward facility renovations that will increase the capacity of the organization to impact underprivileged and at-risk youth.

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star**

*Irving, Texas* \$100,000.00 Funding for the Big Hope mentoring program which provides youth with faith-based mentoring.

#### Booker T. Washington High School

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for the Rees-Jones Scholarships which help<br/>economically disadvantaged students pursue education<br/>enrichment opportunities and cover non-tuition related<br/>college expenses and costs.

#### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington**

Arlington, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for Project Learn which emphasizes academicassistance, learning activities, parental involvement andschool collaboration.

#### Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for the Academic Success Initiative which preparesyouth to graduate from high school ready to pursue college,military careers, employment, or trade school.

#### C5 Youth Foundation of Texas

Dallas, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for the C5 Texas Leadership Program which<br/>provides college-bound middle and high school youth with<br/>fundamental leadership skills.

#### **Camp Fire USA - First Texas Council**

Fort Worth, Texas\$10,000.00Funding for camperships to El Tesoro de la Vida grief campwhich provides healing and support to youth who haveexperienced the loss of a loved one.

#### **Camp Summit**

Dallas, Texas \$53,000.00 Funding for staff housing.

## **Cassata High School**

Fort Worth, Texas\$20,000.00Funding for the High School Dropout Prevention programwhich provides a flexible learning environment and one-<br/>on-one instruction to students who are trying to complete<br/>high school.

## Challenge Air for Kids and Friends

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for Fly Day programming which offers disabledchildren and youth a recreational day that builds confidenceand educates them about aviation.

#### **Chase's Place**

Richardson, Texas \$60,000.00

Funding for four students to receive financial aid to attend this school specifically designed for students with developmental disabilities.

#### **Child Care Group**

Dallas, Texas\$100,000.00Funding for the early child care and education programming<br/>for young children from working-poor families.

#### Christian Union, Inc.

Princeton, New Jersey\$100,000.00Funding for the ministry programming at Dartmouth<br/>College which works to develop Christian leaders within<br/>business, media, government, medicine and law.

## Circle of Support, Inc.

*Dallas, Texas* \$30,000.00 Funding for the S.M.A.R.T. Summer Learning Program which provides youth from South Dallas with educational and recreational activities to enhance their academic and social abilities.

#### Communities In Schools Dallas Region, Inc.

Dallas, Texas\$100,000.00Funding for One Child at a Time student assistanceprogramming at 62 school campuses in Dallas County.

# Communities In Schools of Greater Tarrant County, Inc.

Fort Worth, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for intensive, case managed services for at-riskstudents at 38 school campuses in Tarrant County.

#### **Deaf Action Center**

Dallas, Texas\$40,000.00Funding for general operating support for programming<br/>for children and youth through the Deaf and Hard of<br/>Hearing Services for Children.

#### **Communities In Schools of North Texas**

*Lewisville, Texas* \$40,000.00 Funding for drop out prevention programs in several North Texas public schools.

#### **Eastland Independent School District**

*Eastland, Texas* \$20,000.00 Funding for college scholarships for Eastland ISD graduates.

## **Dallas Academy**

Dallas, Texas\$35,000.00Funding for tuition scholarships for students with learning<br/>differences and special needs.

#### Dallas AfterSchool Network

Dallas, Texas\$150,000.00Funding for Quality Advisors and a Director of ProgramQuality to allow DASN to expand the number of after-<br/>school programs they are able to serve with quality and<br/>safety coaching.

#### **Educational Opportunities, Inc.**

emergency shelter with their mothers.

Dallas, Texas\$15,000.00Funding for scholarship opportunities for underserved<br/>youth who are striving for higher education.

#### Family Place, The

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for the Safe Campus Learning Center which<br/>provides children quality education while staying at the

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#### First Tee of Fort Worth, The

Fort Worth, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for year-round programming and summer campswhich are focused on teaching a core set of characterqualities to youth through golf instruction.

#### First Tee of Greater Dallas, The

Dallas, Texas\$35,000.00Funding for the Life Skills Experience After-SchoolProgram which is focused on teaching a core set of characterqualities to youth through golf instruction.

### Foundation for the Education of Young Women

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for a summer program designed to provideeducational and social enrichment activities for at-risk girls.

## Friends of Sky Ranch, Inc.

Dallas, Texas\$60,000.00Funding for camperships that provide at-risk youth with<br/>a positive and uplifting summer camping experience that<br/>promotes character development.

### **Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas**

Dallas, Texas\$1,000,000.00Funding toward the Capital Campaign for LeadershipCenters of Excellence which will transform the currentcampsites and expand capacity.

#### Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas

Dallas, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for curriculum enhancements for middle and high<br/>school girls which will provide instruction in interpersonal<br/>skills, workforce competencies, as well as academic<br/>competencies.

## **Kids Across America**

*Branson, Missouri* \$75,000.00 Funding for camperships that provide at-risk youth with a positive and uplifting summer camping experience that promotes character development.

## **Mercy Street**

Dallas, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for mentoring and leadership programming for<br/>West Dallas students in seven DISD schools.

#### Mi Escuelita Preschool, Inc.

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for the Math and Science Initiative which promotesearly language development for children for whom Englishis their second language.

## Our Father's Children, Inc.

North Richland Hills, Texas \$30,000.00 Funding for camperships that provide foster children with a summer camping experience.

## Pine Cove Christian Camps

Tyler, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for camperships that provide youth from MercyStreet with a summer camping experience.

#### **Project Transformation**

Dallas, Texas \$50,000.00 Funding for an eight-week summer day camp for underserved children.

#### **Rainbow Days**

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for the Faith Connection behavioral health andlife skills programs which help children and youth in areahomeless shelters enhance their life skills and build theirself-worth.

#### **Ranger Independent School District**

Ranger, Texas\$20,000.00Funding for college scholarships for Ranger ISD graduates.

## **Readers 2 Leaders**

Dallas, Texas\$25,000.00Funding for Booktown's one-on-one reading instruction<br/>and tutoring program.

#### **Reasoning Mind**

Houston, Texas\$100,000.00Funding for the North Texas Math Initiative delivering<br/>web-based math curriculum.

#### **RISE Adventures**

*Irving, Texas* \$35,000.00 Funding for RISE Water Sports which provides children with disabilities an opportunity to have fun while experiencing water recreation.

#### **Rise School of Dallas**

Dallas, Texas

\$40,000.00

Funding for tuition assistance for children with developmental delays to attend a preschool with quality academic and therapeutic services.

## ScholarShot, Inc.

Dallas, Texas \$30,000.00

Funding for operations to provide at-risk high school seniors in West Dallas with mentoring and guidance to help them succeed in college.

#### Serve West Dallas

Dallas, Texas \$25,000.00

Funding for general operations supporting collaborative West Dallas projects.

## Sherwood & Myrtie Foster's Home for Children

Stephenville, Texas\$12,000.00Funding for the Achievers Program which will provide<br/>foster children with education assistance.

### Southwestern Diabetic Foundation

Gainesville, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for camperships that provide youth with juvenilediabetes an enjoyable and educational experience.

#### St. Anthony Foundation

Dallas, Texas\$75,000.00Funding for summer program support to provide academicas well as character development for low-income youth inSouth Dallas.

#### Teach For America

Dallas, Texas\$500,000.00Multi-year funding for the 2015 Growth Plan which will<br/>greatly increase the number of Teach For America teachers<br/>serving at-risk students in Dallas-Fort Worth area schools.

#### **Trinity River Mission**

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding to provide low-income, at-risk West Dallas studentswith high quality after-school and summer programs.

#### Variety - The Children's Charity of Texas

*Killeen, Texas* \$10,000.00 Funding for camperships that provide youth with disabilities a summer camping experience.

## **Tyler Street Christian Academy**

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for tuition assistance for low-income studentsgrades K-12 to attend a college preparatory school foundedon Christian values.

#### United Community Centers, Inc.

Fort Worth, Texas\$100,000.00Funding toward the capital campaign to build a new facility<br/>for the Wesley Community Center, which will provide<br/>expanded children and youth after-school programming.

#### **Uplift Education**

*Irving, Texas* \$250,000.00 Funding toward the opening of Laureate Preparatory Secondary School which will provide quality education to Dallas inner-city students.

### Wesley-Rankin Community Center

Dallas, Texas\$37,500.00Funding for the B3X program which offers math, science,and music/arts curriculum while enriching the studentssocially, educationally, and spiritually.

#### West Dallas Community Centers

Dallas, Texas\$30,000.00Funding for youth programming operations for at-riskchildren in West Dallas.

#### West Dallas Community School

Dallas, Texas\$100,000.00Funding to support the education programs of the schoolin the 2012-2013 school year.

## Young Life, North Central Texas Region

Dallas, Texas\$15,000.00Funding for the Bethesda ministry serving special needs<br/>youth.

## Young Life, North Central Texas Region

Dallas, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for the Dallas inner-city outreach ministry.

## Young Women's Christian Association of Fort Worth & Tarrant County

Fort Worth, Texas\$50,000.00Funding for general operating support for YWCA's threechildcare centers.

## Youth Believing in Change

Dallas, Texas\$65,000.00Funding for the Afterschool Program which providestutoring, mentoring, and nurturing for children from low-income families.

## Zero to Five Funders' Collaborative

Dallas, Texas \$115,000.00

Funding for Year 4 of the Bachman Early Childhood Education and School Readiness Initiative which prepares children with the reading skills they need to succeed in school.

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