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Notre Dame School was the recipient of the 1,000th grant of The Rees-Jones Foundation. This school for children with intellectual disabilities has been a regular grantee of the Foundation. Grant support has typically been designated for scholarships for students to attend the school. The 1,000 grant was made in support of their capital campaign which will fund physical improvements to help the school carry out its mission.

This is a photo of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas' St. Peter the Apostle Church steeple. This church shares a campus with Notre Dame School.





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### **About the Foundation**

Pounded 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.

### 2014 Highlights

How does the Foundation view the world? The 2014 President's Letter provides insight. A background of faith and belief in the supremacy of God empower the work of the Foundation to make a difference for the glory of God. Read more on page 9

### In 2014 the Foundation made its 1,000th grant.

These grants have supported local and international nonprofits in their efforts to make a tangible difference in the lives of people. The Foundation is fortunate to have such capable partners. *Read more on page 13* 

### Vision and 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, enhance the lives of children, youth, and families dealing with disabilities, 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.





# **Areas of Giving**

#### 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.

# HUMAN SERVICES 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.

#### Feature Stories

The Foundation first supported CURE International in 2008. Since that time the stories of children being physically healed and the kingdom of God being proclaimed has been a source of inspiration and a hope for Ethiopia. Read more on page 26

The Safe City Commission is a first time grantee of the Foundation in 2014. But concern for the issue of domestic violence has motivated a long-standing funding focus. The model of a consolidated center for services holds promise for restoring hope. Read more on page 34

#### 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.

#### 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.

For 80 years Lena Pope Home has served Tarrant County. The Foundation was pleased to support the construction of a state-of-the-art facility for the organization, and in 2014 recommit to funding the mental health services provided inside. *Read more on page 42* 

**Summer Camping is a yearly favorite funding opportunity of the Foundation.** Learn why the Foundation is eager to offer opportunities for youth to have an outdoor experience that shapes them as individuals.

Read more on page 50



# President's Message

# How do we view the world?

In general, The Rees-Jones Foundation has focused geographically on the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. We have developed close relationships here in our own region through which important work is being done in the areas of child welfare, youth development, mental health, human services and animal welfare. The agencies working here on these projects are committed partners and we look forward to long and continuing relationships with them.

Over the years we have also developed an interest in serving in international settings, and we have identified several very significant partners working around the world. With these partners we have fostered relationships with their leadership and have developed confidence in the effectiveness of the work they do. Grantmaking in international settings will continue to grow as part of the Foundation's portfolio.

In 2014, we approved our largest single international grant; a \$6,750,000 multi-year grant to CURE International. CURE is a US based Christian health care organization operating

internationally. Our grant is focused on capacity building for CURE's operations in Ethiopia and specifically directed at increasing capacity to provide orthopedic services to children in that country suffering from club foot and other severe disabilities. We also continued to develop our relationships with the Christian justice ministry of International Justice Mission and the Christian fresh water ministry of Living Water International. In past years we have contributed significantly to the capital needs of the Christian healthcare work of Mercy Ships. There is a common theme here worth noting on how we view the world, and it is a theme we pursue here locally as well.

We see a world with too many problems to address; certainly way too many around the world to even count. Naively, we may have had some notion that some of these problems could be remedied and we could then move on to others. But we have learned. In fact, our observations are that the world is a truly broken place and that all of us have baggage that we carry into relationships that hinder our abilities to work together to make any real progress. We like to tell other people what to do. We are quick to judge and

quick to cast blame. We engage in endless debates that lead to increasing polarization. Our political leaders propose solutions that have little chance of success and there seems to be an absence of effective leadership. Corruption and selfishness abound. The world is increasingly dangerous at the same time as it has grown smaller. Sound depressing? Perhaps, if we look at it strictly from a human point of view. We want to withdraw and seek our own self-preservation. But that is not our worldview. Yes, we are weak. We are as broken as the next person, but we see a world in which God is actively pursuing his purpose. We have experienced his love, we have been saved by his grace and we have been called to follow his son in service to those in need. Jesus gave us everything. He paid the price of our salvation. Knowing that brings us peace and joy even in the face of difficult insoluble problems.

Realizing that there is more at work than we can see, that nothing escapes God's vision and purpose...

ealizing that there is more at work than we can see, That nothing escapes God's vision and purpose, it has become easier for us to wade into some of the problems we see that involve everything from extreme poverty, family violence, mental illness, physical and mental disabilities, cruelty to children and animals, human trafficking and oppression, hunger, lack of education and hopelessness. We want to share what we have been given and we want to celebrate those occasions when we can see that needs of others have been met, the weak have been defended. opportunities for growth and enrichment have been provided and lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the commitment of service that we see in our partners. We are privileged to serve alongside those who do not share our faith. That is OK. We want only that they be committed to serve and derive joy from lifting up those around us.

No, we cannot solve all of the world's problems. We simply seek to confront the ones we can and support those who are engaged in the hard work of serving people whose lives are affected by these problems. We want to encourage them,

comfort them, protect them and share with them what we have been given financially, intellectually, and spiritually. We celebrate each victory and find joy in the journey. Thanks to all who walk along the way with us.

Thornton Hardie, President

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:8-10



# **Celebrating 1,000 Grants**

In 2014, The Rees-Jones Foundation approved 163 grants totaling \$27.2 million. The Foundation paid out \$34.6 million which included investments in our community through grants in previous years as well as 2014.

The 163 grants approved was a milestone in two ways. First, the Foundation approved more grants in 2014 than it has approved in any previous year. Second, in December the Foundation celebrated making 1,000 grants in total.

The 1,000th grant was to Notre Dame School. A regular grantee since 2007, Notre Dame School serves children with intellectual disabilities. This is a constituency close to the heart of the Foundation, so it is fitting that a momentous occasion in the life of The Rees-Jones Foundation was a capital gift to the future of Notre Dame School.

A milestone moment is not only an opportunity for celebration, but it is also a time for reflection. The first grant ever made was in December of 2006 to Mercy Ships to support the work of meeting the health care needs of underserved populations in West Africa. This grant was followed up by the launch of giving in North Texas, and over the course of 1,000 grants the Foundation has had a determined hope that every grant is a catalyst for impact in the life of the community and in the life of the people served.

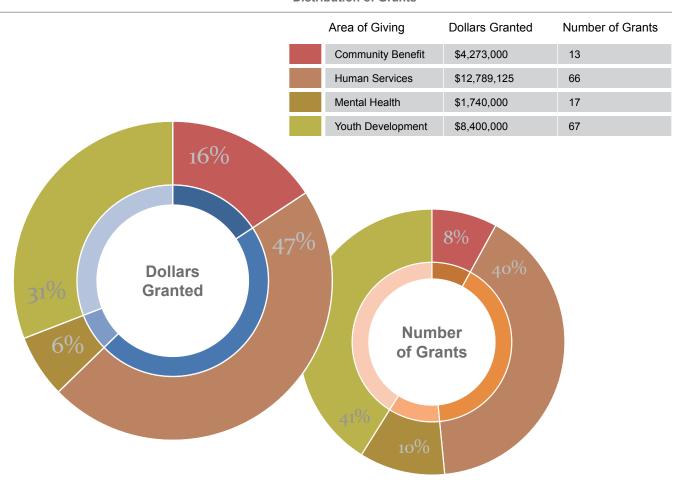
One of the smallest grants made by the Foundation was \$5,000 to help renovate the kitchen facilities at St. Paul United Methodist Church. This kitchen is used on a weekly basis to serve meals to the homeless population. While the grant was small, it continues to leverage volunteers from churches who minister to a population that needs a hot meal and the assurance that somebody cares.

One of the largest grants was to the Boy Scouts. This grant was rooted in the belief that one of our highest callings is to form youth of character and confidence. Through the benefit of scholarships, thousands of youth, many from broken homes, are able to be mentored and challenged through the Scouting experience, forming building blocks of integrity and proficiency for their future.

With an outlook and practical focus on sharing the love of Christ, the Foundation has invested 1,000 large and small grants into the children and youth of North Texas and sought to be a champion of the vulnerable, abused, and neglected among us. As we look ahead to the next 1,000 grants our view of the world is even more focused (Page 9), and our commitment to serving God by serving others is deeper. We look forward to the next 1,000 grants of impact.

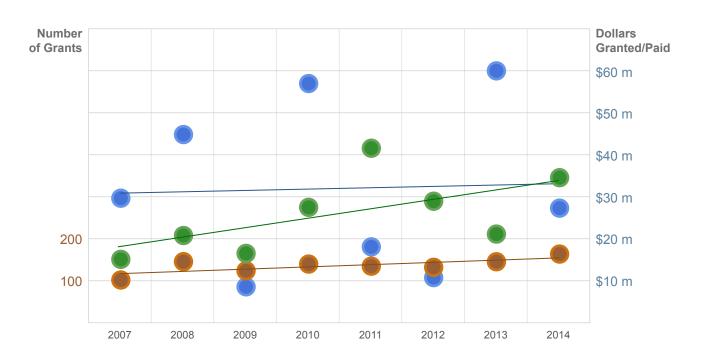
# **Grantmaking Review**

### **Distribution of Grants**



## **Yearly Grantmaking Metrics**

Metric	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Dollars Granted	\$1.0 m	\$29.6 m	\$44.7 m	\$8.5 m	\$56.9 m	\$18.0 m	\$10.7 m	\$59.9 m	\$27.2 m	\$256.5 m
Dollars Paid	\$1.0 m	\$15.5 m	\$21.5 m	\$17.1 m	\$27.5 m	\$42.6 m	\$29.5 m	\$21.8 m	\$34.6 m	\$211.0 m
Number of Grants	1	101	145	123	140	134	131	145	163	1083







# **Community Benefit**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	Approved 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Advocates for Community Transformation	Dallas, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for programming that empowers and disciples inner-city residents through legal advocacy to seek resolution to crime-ridden and hazardous properties in their neighborhoods.				
Bridge Steps	Dallas, Texas	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Funding for the Recovery and Safety Net Programs which address the needs of the homeless through triage, shelter, and ongoing human services.				
Builders of Hope	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for operations for the West Dallas Neighborhood Investment Program which will facilitate construction of affordable housing in West Dallas.				
Central Dallas Community Development Corporation	Dallas, Texas	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$0
Funding for housing and supportive services for formerly homeless and low-income residents.				
Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding to support the 2014 North Texas Giving Day.				
Community Foundation of North Texas	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for the construction of a state of the art medical treatment ward for animals in Fort Worth.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	Approved 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Companion Animal Funders Coalition	Dallas, Texas	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Funding for the Spay Neuter Network which provides free spay or neuter surgeries for pet owners in underserved Dallas neighborhoods.				
Dallas Animal Services	Dallas, Texas	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Funding for the general operations of Dallas Animal Services.				
Living Water International	Stafford, Texas	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0
Funding for the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiative, which provides clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services to communities in Southern Uganda, and serves as a sustainable community-based model for Living Water world-wide.				
Mercy Street, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
Funding to support the Mercy Street Field of Dreams project, which will be a premier recreational sports space serving youth and families in West Dallas.				
Perot Museum of Nature and Science	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0
Funding toward the new Perot Museum of Nature & Science, which will fulfill the museum's mission to "inspire minds through nature and science" with dynamic exhibits that bring the natural world to life.				
Spay Neuter Network	Kaufman, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for the 'Takin' It to the Streets' Program, which focuses on spay/neuter, animal wellness and animal care education services in Tarrant County.				

# Community Benefit Continued

Organization & Grant Description	Location	Approved 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
SPCA of Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$1,840,000	\$740,000	\$1,100,000
Funding to support the Puppy Mill Project, which includes continued support for the Puppy Mill Investigator, the Cruelty Investigator, and the Cruelty Educator, and funding to hire a Humane Investigator Supervisor, an additional Cruelty Educator, an additional Humane Investigator, as well as funding to purchase a vehicle for a new R&I Veterinarian and an investigative software system.				
Taking Care Of Texas	Austin, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for one year of comprehensive consulting services to create a vision for the organization and to raise awareness about their causes.				
West Dallas Community Church	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Funding to document the history of West Dallas.				
2014 COMMUNITY BENEFIT TOTALS (13 GRANTS	)	\$4,273,000	\$7,273,000	\$2,100,000

# **Human Services**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Arthritis Foundation, Texas Chapter	Dallas, Texas	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Funding for the Kids Get Arthritis Too Program which strives to improve the health outcomes of children living with juvenile arthritis.				
Association for Independent Living	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the residential program, a supported housing and life skills training program for young adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities.				
AVANCE- Dallas, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Funding for the Parent-Child Education Program which engages Hispanic families in their children's development and education process.				
Bair Foundation Of Texas	New Wilmington,	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Funding for Kinship Therapeutic Foster Care which will provide services to facilitate the transition of youth from therapeutic residential care to kinship care.	Pennsylvania			
BraveLove, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Funding to educate women facing an unplanned pregnancy about the option of adoption and to create social change around the benefits of adoption.				
Bryan's House	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for the early childhood education program for children with special health needs and support services for their parents and siblings.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Captain Hope's Kids	Dallas, Texas	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children.				
Captain Hope's Kids	Dallas, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for Captain Hope's Closet and Cowboy Camp.				
CASA of Collin County	McKinney, Texas	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
Funding for the Child Advocacy Program which provides community volunteers to advocate for foster children under the jurisdiction of the Collin County District Courts.				
Catholic Charities Fort Worth, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Funding for the Children's Assessment Center which provides initial services to children and youth who have just entered into protective care.				
Child Care Group	Dallas, Texas	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0
Funding for the Born Learning home visitation program and for general operating support.				
Child Study Center	Fort Worth, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for a Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician to serve children with developmental-behavioral needs.				
Children At Risk, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Funding to bring evidence-based parenting programs to North Texas in order to prevent child abuse.				

# **Human Services Continued**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Children's Medical Foundation of Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$3,300,000	\$14,500,000
Funding for the Center for the Advancement of Health for Children in Foster Care, which will provide expanded clinical capacity as well as improve the education of healthcare professionals and enhance community coordination among foster care professionals.				
Christian Community Storehouse	Keller, Texas	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Funding for the Weekend Snack Packs and Summer Lunch Boxes programming to serve children facing food insecurity.				
CitySquare	Dallas, Texas	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Funding toward a capital campaign to build the Op- portunity Center, which will provide a comprehensive array of programs and services to the low-income community.				
Clayton Dabney Foundation for Kids with Cancer	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the Medicine of the Heart program, which provides families of children in the last stages of terminal cancer financial assistance to create lasting memories.				
Community Partners of Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for the Rainbow Room which provides emergency items for children who have just been removed from their home because of abuse or neglect.				



### **CURE International**

The Foundation first became acquainted with CURE International on a visit to the site of their hospital in Ethiopia while it was still under construction in 2008. Over the course of many mission trips to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia the staff of the Foundation was already very familiar with a typical street scene – hobbling and lame adults and children with tattered clothes and beleaguered faces coming up to cars begging for money. Maybe even more heartbreaking, children sent out by their parents to help scrape together a living that they themselves were too infirm to earn. In the rural areas, children with birth defects and deformities face a different but no less devastating fate. These children are often locked away in the dark corners of homes, never to see the light of day because they are seen as a curse to their families.

CURE has a heart for these children that are considered outcasts. With a mission to heal the sick and proclaim the kingdom of God, CURE works in countries like Ethiopia to provide pediatric surgery for children with conditions such as clubfoot, bowed legs, cleft lips, and untreated burns. In many contexts these children are saved from physical death, but CURE does more. It is equally committed to healing spiritual brokenness. With a conscientious witness and a winsome message CURE proclaims the Gospel to those in its care, sharing the love that Jesus has for children and families. The impact is life-transforming. Children who were outcasts

can now attend school and play with other kids. Families that were broken up by the perceived curse of their child are often reunited. And in communities unfamiliar with the Gospel, there is a witness to God's healing power and his love for children.

The mission and work of CURE resonate with the Christian heart of the Foundation to serve youth, particularly those who are suffering due to no fault of their own. The first grant was made to CURE in 2009, and they have continued to be a regular grantee. After a site visit in 2013 by the board of the Foundation there was a commitment to supporting CURE in its efforts to increase the patient volume at the hospital to capacity. Achieving a capacity of approximately 2,000 surgeries per year has required building extended-stay space to accommodate patients who come from all over the country, recruiting world-class surgeons, and ramping up the staff of the hospital. The Foundation made a multi-year grant in 2014 to help make this happen.

What continues to be the source of motivation and gratification for the Foundation in supporting CURE are the smiling faces and hope for the future that children have after surgery. These smiles and hope come after grueling years of disability and being an outcast. The Foundation looks forward to continuing to support CURE as it serves these children.

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Cook Children's Medical Center	Fort Worth, Texas	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Funding for the Period of PURPLE Crying program, which is an infant abuse prevention program.				
CURE International, Inc.	Lemoyne,	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Funding for CURE Clubfoot Ethiopia which will provide treatment for infants and toddlers with clubfoot throughout Ethiopia.	Pennsylvania			
CURE International, Inc.	Lemoyne,	\$6,750,000	\$2,100,000	\$4,650,000
Funding for expansion of operations at CURE Ethiopia Children's Hospital in Addis Ababa, including capital funds for the construction of an on-site hostel and operations funds to increase the number of youth served to the capacity of the hospital.	Pennsylvania			
Dallas CASA	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$1,725,000	\$5,175,000
Funding for the hiring of additional staff and the capacity to recruit more volunteers in order to serve the child victims of abuse and neglect in Dallas County.				
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center	Dallas, Texas	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Funding for general operations to support the Rees- Jones Center for Child Protection.				
Dallas Furniture Bank	Dallas, Texas	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Funding for the Study-Sleep-Succeed program which provides a twin bed, desk, and lamp for children of families that can not afford home furnishings.				

# **Human Services Continued**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Dallas Leadership Foundation	Dallas, Texas	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children, including bicycles & helmets.				
Equest	Wylie, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for therapeutic riding sessions for children who are disabled or chronically ill.				
Exodus Ministries, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for the Children's Program which provides counseling and enrichment activities for children who are about to be reunited with their formerly incarcerated mothers.				
Family Compass	Dallas, Texas	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Funding to provide prevention programs such as parenting education and therapy for families at high risk of child abuse.				
Family Gateway, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children.				
Family Outreach of East Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for the 'Mentoring Our Mothers' program, which provides in-home parenting guidance to teen mothers.				
Family Place, The	Dallas, Texas	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Friends of the Family	Denton, Texas	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Funding for winter clothing and Christmas gifts for children.				
Friends of Wednesday's Child	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for programs that provide extracurricular, summer camp, and learning enrichment for foster care youth in North Texas.				
Heartgift Foundation, Dallas Chapter	Austin, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding to cover the cost of heart surgery for children from developing countries.				
Helping Restore Ability	Arlington, Texas	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
Funding for low-income, disabled children to receive in-home care so they are able to stay in their homes with their families.				
Heroes for Children	Richardson,	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for families who have children with serious or life threatening illnesses who have an emergency need to cover housing payments or other recurring bills.	Texas			
Hope Cottage	Dallas, Texas	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$0
Funding for the Foster to Adopt program designed to provide "forever homes" for foster children who are less likely to be adopted because of age or size of sibling group.				

# **Human Services Continued**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the Child Immigrant Project which pro- vides legal representation to unaccompanied children entering the United States who are confirmed victims of extreme violence in their home countries.				
Interfaith Housing Coalition	Dallas, Texas	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Funding for a challenge grant for the capital campaign for land acquisition and building construction for the Family Empowerment Center.				
Interfaith Ministries Of Denton, Inc.	Denton, Texas	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Funding for the Apple Tree Project, which serves youth from economically disadvantaged families with back to school packages.				
International Justice Mission	Washington, District of Columbia	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Funding for the 'Increasing the Capacity and Will of Indian Public Justice Systems to Address Bonded Labor' initiative.				
International Justice Mission	Washington, District of Columbia	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$0
Funding to train officials in Mumbai on the best practices as they respond to sex trafficking cases.				
Jonathan's Place	Garland, Texas	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$0
Funding for winter clothing and Christmas gifts for children.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Lone Star CASA, Inc.	Rockwall, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Funding for program expansion in order to serve the child victims of abuse and neglect in Rockwall and Kaufman Counties.				
Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas	Irving, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for wishes for terminally ill children and their families.				
Mental Health America of Greater Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the 'We Help Ourselves' program, which teaches teenagers and children strategies on how to prevent violence and abuse.				
Mercy Ships	Lindale, Texas	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Funding for the construction of the ship Atlantic Mercy, which will serve as a specialized surgical care unit hospital for the Western African nations.				
Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for operating expenses to provide homeless children and families with permanent supportive housing and other supportive services.				
Metrocrest Services	Farmers Branch, Texas	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Funding for the Summer Sack Hunger program, which serves children from low-income families.				
Mosaic Family Services, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children.				

#### **Human Services Continued**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Mosaic Family Services, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
Funding for the Services for Victims of Human Trafficking Program which provides comprehensive services for victims, including shelter, legal services, counseling, and other services.				
National Center For Missing And Exploited Children	Austin, Texas	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Funding to establish a North Texas office for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.				
New Beginning Center	Garland, Texas	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Funding to take teens to get hot chocolate, ice skating, and to see reindeer at the Arboretum.				
New Beginning Center	Garland, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the 'Victims' Services Program,' which provides crisis intervention, counseling, shelter and education to families affected by domestic violence.				
NewDay Services for Children & Families	Fort Worth, Texas	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for a Tarrant County CPS Fatherhood Coordinator to engage and mentor fathers of children in foster care.				
North Dallas Shared Ministries, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Funding to provide low-income families with school supplies and uniforms for school children.				
Operation Care Dallas, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Funding for the Dallas Convention Center Christmas program on December 20th.				



#### One Safe Place

The Safe City Commission is a crime prevention organization for Tarrant County and a first time grantee of The Rees-Jones Foundation. Within the past few years the organization created a new program called One Safe Place to be operated in a facility located near downtown Fort Worth within reach of a multitude of partner service agencies. What stands out about One Safe Place in comparison with other domestic violence shelters is that it is based on the family justice center model, designated a best practice for domestic violence intervention by the United States Department of Justice. The model used in Fort Worth is facilitated by the Family Justice Center Alliance.

One Safe Place serves as a hub of area service agencies where comprehensive services are provided that help victims and their families heal, gain sense of security and receive specialized care. Area agencies cover the spectrum of services for victims of domestic violence including counseling, victim advocacy, spiritual guidance, law enforcement, legal consultation, healthcare, job skills training and emergency financial assistance in a centralized location which expedites the process for victims of violence. The family justice model has proven to decrease the number of domestic violence-related homicides and recidivism and improve criminal prosecution and civil legal solutions. While it is important to help each individual who

is suffering, we are hopeful that through the establishment of such a comprehensive program model as One Safe Place, more families will receive the help they need and change the trajectory of abuse for future generations.

The prevention of the suffering of children who have been mistreated and programs that promote their wellbeing, safety and quality of life have been of growing interest to the Foundation throughout the years. Most of the adult victims of domestic violence served by One Safe Place have young children, most of whom have witnessed the violence or abuse in the home. Research shows that issues affecting children in abusive homes are often overlooked and can lead to health issues, depression or anxiety and even heighten the chance that they will exhibit signs of aggression and violence in future relationships. Luckily, these effects can be mitigated through comprehensive care for each child's complex needs. Not only is One Safe Place the largest family justice center in the nation, but it is the only one to include full-service childcare facilities. During the time when the adult victim receives comprehensive care, the child is able to participate in play therapy, counseling, and receive education and healthcare. The goal of our efforts in funding projects like One Safe Place is to rescue and provide relief to suffering children and families who have experienced trauma or neglect, creating strong and secure families.

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services	Austin, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding to support the campuses of both Itasca and Waxahachie Group Homes, which serve at-risk children.				
Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
Funding for the Lowdon-Schutts Program, serving homeless women and children.				
Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County	Fort Worth, Texas	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children, including basketballs and basketball goals.				
projectHandUp	Westlake, Texas	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Funding toward the capital campaign for The Gate- house, a supportive living community where women in crisis and their children can discover new paths for permanent change.				
Promise House	Dallas, Texas	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Funding for winter clothing and Christmas gifts for children.				
Promise House	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the Continuum of Care for homeless youth, including shelter, medical and psychiatric care, food, education and job training.				
Rainbow Days	Dallas, Texas	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Funding for transportation for the Saturday with Santa event to and from 20 shelters.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Ranch Hand Rescue	Argyle, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding to provide mental health counseling and equine therapy to low-income children with disabilities.				
Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Funding for the Share-A-Night program to provide families with children receiving medical treatment at local hospitals a place to stay.				
Safe City Commission, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Funding toward facility renovations for One Safe Place which will provide comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence through co-located services.				
SafeHaven of Tarrant County	Hurst, Texas	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Funding for winter clothing and Christmas gifts for children.				
SafeHaven of Tarrant County	Hurst, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the SafePlay program, which provides children at two domestic violence emergency shelter sites with comprehensive programming.				
Shared Housing Center, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Funding toward the construction of a new housing campus providing 24 units for vulnerable mothers with children and women with disabilities.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
SoupMobile  Funding for the Celebrate Jesus Christmas Gala at	Dallas, Texas	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
the Omni Hotel.				
Tarrant Area Food Bank	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for the capital campaign to expand and improve the warehouse and increase the amount of food the Tarrant Area Food Bank is able to distribute.				
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$12,000,000
Funding for capital expenses to support the completion of the "Intellectual Commons" to house the Institute of Child Development and endowment.				
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Funding for the Institute's operations, and support for the Child Institute TBRI Evaluation Study which seeks to demonstrate the efficacy of Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) as a therapeutic model for abused/neglected children.				
Texas Health Resources Foundation	Arlington, Texas	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$0
Funding for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program which facilitates healing and hope for victims of sexual assault and facilitates justice for the perpetrators.				
Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County	Fort Worth, Texas	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$0
Funding for Christmas gifts for children.				

#### **Human Services Continued**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
University of Texas Foundation	Austin, Texas	\$27,300	\$27,300	\$0
Funding for the development of curriculum and instruction methods for adaptive sports at the secondary level.				
Wisdom's Hope	Allen, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the 'Welcome Home' program to provide housing, case management and counseling to families with special needs children.				
2014 HUMAN SERVICES TOTALS (66 GRANTS)		\$12,789,125	\$19,279,125	\$38,595,000

## **Mental Health**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Center For Survivors Of Torture	Dallas, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Funding to provide mental health treatment and case management services to refugee children in North Texas.				
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
Funding for scholarships for students entering the Masters of Arts in Biblical Counseling program with a Children's Advocacy focus.				
Family Gateway, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the Family Services Program to add a new on-site counselor to serve homeless families and children.				
First3Years	Coppell, Texas	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
Funding to support programs which will impact the level of expertise offered in services to very young children at risk for abuse and neglect by our local human service and educational providers, and North Texas health care professionals.				
Grief And Loss Center Of North Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Funding for the Same as Me (SAM's) Place Group which provides grief support to elementary-age children.				
Hugworks	Hurst, Texas	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Funding for the Hugworks Children's Network which will provide music therapy through an online platform.				



#### **Lena Pope Home**

For over 80 years Lena Pope Home has provided counseling services to at-risk children and families across North Texas. This organization is Tarrant County's largest provider of mental health therapy. Since 2009 the Foundation has supported Lena Pope's counseling program and in 2013 participated in the capital campaign to expand their impact with a new counseling center. The Rees-Jones Counseling Center opened in September 2014 and has provided quality counseling to an additional 1,400 children over the capacity that they served in their original building. This year the Foundation supported the operations that occur inside this new building. We feel privileged to help Lena Pope expand their services that enrich lives and strengthen families.

Every family has the right to experience happiness, health and success. However, poverty, substance abuse, mental illness and referrals to the child welfare system are common stress factors that can lead to child abuse. Lena Pope recognizes prevention and early intervention as the

best practice approach to prevent violence and improve family functioning. Children and parents receive intensive counseling with the goal of creating stable families and healthy and safe environments for the children to achieve physical, emotional and social development.

Mental health is a priority of the Foundation, as is helping those who are disadvantaged or unable to access critical services. Lena Pope's counseling services reach a vulnerable population who would not otherwise have access to such programs. Lena Pope's mission to "help create hope, happiness, and success for children and families" is brought to life through programs and counseling services which eliminate the obstacles that previously prevented families and children from the opportunity to live healthy and productive lives free from violence and abuse. We see the success stories and recognize the acts of love and service that are the catalyst for improving the lives of families within our community and beyond.

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Jewish Family Service of Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$0
Funding for the Mental Health Program which provides therapeutic services for children and families.				
Lena Pope Home, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding to supplement the Family Matters Counseling program which serves at-risk families.				
Lifenet Services, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for a facility expansion to deliver more mental health services to underserved individuals and families.				
Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
Funding for Year One of the Children's Demonstration Projects, which will focus on identifying, facilitating and then evaluating program models that deliver integrated primary care and behavioral healthcare in pediatric clinics and school settings, with the purpose of identifying what is most effective in providing mental health treatment for Texas children.				
Mental Health America Of Greater Tarrant County, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the Peer Support Program which provides education, support, and opportunities for				
growth to individuals with mental health conditions.				

#### Mental Health Continued

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Mental Health Connection Of Tarrant County  Funding to evaluate the implementation of Reaching Teens, a compendium of strength-based strategies for the community to support the healthy development of adolescents in Tarrant County.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Metrocare Services  Funding for the Center of Excellence at Metrocare to support the advancement of professional participation in public mental health care through clinical training, research opportunities, and educational fellowships, as well as funding to develop the New Onset Program, which provides interventions for young people newly diagnosed with psychosis.	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
NAMI Dallas, Inc.  Funding to hire a new staff person to coordinate services around educating the public on mental health, as well as funding to continue providing education and training to community service providers and others impacted by and working with individuals suffering with mental illness.	Dallas, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Nexus Recovery Center  Funding for the Pregnant/Parenting Women with Children Residential Program which allows women with children to enter residential treatment for substance abuse.	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Parenting Center, The	Fort Worth, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Funding for the Clinical Counseling Program, which provides therapeutic mental health services for children and their families impacted by abuse.				
Recovery Resource Council	Fort Worth, Texas	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
Funding for the 'Project Toward No Drug Abuse' and 'Enduring Families/Enduring Women' programs, which provide prevention, intervention, and counsel- ing services for high need/high risk youth.				
WARM Place, The	Fort Worth, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the Grief Support Program.				
Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for a licensed therapist to provide counseling to child victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and other violence.				
2014 MENTAL HEALTH TOTALS (17 GRANTS)		\$1,740,000	\$1,775,000	\$185,000

# **Youth Development**

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Aberg Center For Literacy	Dallas, Texas	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Funding for the Early Childhood Education Program which teaches English language literacy to children.				
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	Irving, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the Big Hope mentoring program which provides youth with faith based mentoring.				
Booker T. Washington High School	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the Rees-Jones Scholarships which help economically disadvantaged students pursue education enrichment opportunities and cover non-tuition related college expenses and costs.				
Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington	Arlington, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for 'Project Learn,' an afterschool and summer program serving low-income youth.				
Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County	McKinney, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for Project Elevate which prepares youth for postsecondary education.				
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the character and citizenship components of afterschool and summer programming for youth.				
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth	Fort Worth, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for out-of-school time programming that sup- ports academic success, healthy lifestyles, character, and citizenship among participating students.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
C5 Youth Foundation of Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the ACT Now Summit and the C5 Texas Leadership Program, which provides college-bound middle and high school youth with fundamental leadership skills.				
Camp Fire USA- First Texas Council	Fort Worth, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for professional development in understanding social-emotional development in children and youth.				
Camp Summit	Dallas, Texas	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Funding for the capital campaign to purchase a new camp site to serve children and adults with disabilities.				
Catch Up & Read, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for in-school programming that helps children who are behind in reading catch up to gradelevel reading by the end of the third grade.				
Challenge Air for Kids and Friends	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for a program director who will connect more children with special needs to the organization's Fly Days.				
Champions of Hope Mentorship Program	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for a relationship coordinator who will facilitate mentorships for at-risk children.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Chase's Place  Funding for full and partial scholarships for students unable to afford the cost of attending Chase's Place.	Richardson, Texas	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
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Circle of Support, Inc.  Funding for the S.M.A.R.T. Summer Learning Program which provides academic and enrichment programming to prevent summer learning loss.	Dallas, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America  Funding for ongoing operating, capital, and maintenance needs at the Clements Scout Ranch/Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp.	Dallas, Texas	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Communities in Schools Dallas Region, Inc.  Funding for the 'Student Transformation Project,' which provides struggling youth in DISD schools with supportive services during the school year and summer months.	Dallas, Texas	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County, Inc.  Funding for intensive, case managed services for at-risk students at 40 school campuses in Tarrant County.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$50,000	\$0



#### **Summer Camping**

For many people, looking back to cherished and formative memories of their youth frequently leads to stories about summer camp. There is something uniquely exciting and powerful about leaving home to join a large mass of one's peers in a new place. Whether it lasts for a weekend, a week, a month, or perhaps even longer, camps give young people life-long memories and lessons through outdoor bonding activities, new friendships, and late night revelry. Camps themselves are as varied as the activities they provide whether the camp is far-away or close by, independent or part of a larger network, camps exist to remove the distractions of everyday life. In doing this they are able to teach us something more profound about life. Many faithbased camps seek to teach kids about the deeper meaning of life and about the person of Jesus. Sports-based camps instill in kids the values of teamwork, discipline, and the grit required to achieve a goal. Some camps are uniquely tailored to a disability or medical condition, where youth can get away and just feel normal. And then there are the camps of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, respectively. These camps link kids to year-round scouting programs, where character and moral development are built.

Despite their diversity, The Rees-Jones Foundation has long believed in the power of summer camps in youth development. The Foundation supports many different camps, and made grants to seven organizations with summer camp programs that serve kids from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. These camps included Pine Cove, Sky Ranch, Camp Summit, Kids Across America, Camp Sweeney, Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp, and C5 Youth Foundation of Texas. A few of these are highlighted on the next page. These camps represent the diversity of programs offered, the different population of kids served, and the varying approaches to the camping experience, including camps for kids with certain disabilities, camps focused on urban or at-risk youth, and camps with a Christian character development focus.

All told, in 2014 The Rees-Jones Foundation committed \$2.31 million to summer camps. Approximately \$235,000 was dedicated towards camper scholarships so that kids without means could attend camp. Slightly over \$2 million was allocated to general operations or capital projects, some of which are multi-year grants.

Camp Sweeney – One of the only camps in the country that exclusively serves kids with diabetes, Camp Sweeney provides kids with fun outdoor adventures to help inspire selfworth and to relieve them of the stigma of feeling different from others. Strong bonds between campers, counselors, and the camp's leadership are clearly evident at Camp Sweeney. Practical diabetic control is also a feature. Kids learn how to better manage their condition through diet, exercise, insulin, and daily self-monitoring.

Kids Across America – As a camp under the umbrella of the larger Kanakuk Camps organization, Kids Across America (KAA) is a weeklong Christian camp with a sportsbased theme. It specifically targets underprivileged urban youth, and served over 7,000 kids in the summer of 2014. Kids and their mentors are engaged in fun programs that build their physical, emotional, and social lives with an emphasis on a relationship with Jesus Christ undergirding them. Kids are taught the ethics of leadership and service while also getting opportunities to play the sports they love, away from any negative influence in their lives at home.

C5 Youth Foundation of Texas – C5 walks year-round with at-risk youth to help them reach their highest potential. This is an intensive, 5-year leadership program that enrolls 290 kids throughout Texas, including 190 from North Texas. The program takes kids while they are in seventh grade and walks with them until they graduate from high school. Aside from the school-year commitments they make (goal setting, public service hours, leadership activities, and others), each student attends summer camp at the Parrie Haynes Ranch outside of Killeen, Texas. While it is more than a summer camp, C5 kids spend considerable time away at camp while in the program, including 21 days the first summer and 28 days the second summer. The organization has an excellent track record of developing youth into young leaders.







Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Communities In Schools of North Texas	Lewisville, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for drop out prevention programs in several North Texas public schools.				
Community Foundation of North Texas	Fort Worth, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the "Toolbox Grants" project, which is focused on improving services offered for early child-hood programs in Tarrant County.				
Cornerstone Crossroads Academy, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for Project Reading Warriors, which promotes literacy among its at-risk student population.				
Crossfire Kids	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for the Safe haven afterschool and summer programming, which provides at-risk middle and high school youth with spiritual mentoring, leadership development, and academic supports.				
Dallas Academy	Dallas, Texas	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
Funding for tuition scholarships for students with learning differences and special needs.				
Dallas Education Foundation	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for Project:Amplify, a mentoring and tutoring program designed to provide DISD students with academic, social and emotional development programming.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
DFW Fellowship Of Christian Athletes	Plano, Texas	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Funding to support Christian outreach to students in North Texas schools through the One Way 2 Play Drug Free program.				
Eastland Independent School District	Eastland, Texas	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for college scholarships for Eastland ISD graduates.				
Educational Enterprises, Inc.	Waukesha,	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000
Funding to launch the Dallas-Fort Worth region of EAGLE Schools and Compass Christian Programs.	Wisconsin			
Family Place, The	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for Children's Educational Services which provides childcare and early learning in an after-school or summer program setting for children from traumatic backgrounds of family violence.				
First Tee of Greater Dallas, The	Dallas, Texas	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Funding toward the construction of a program facility at the Trinity Forest Golf Course, and funding for youth programs that provide golf instruction and character development.				
Fort Worth Country Day School, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for Breakthrough Fort Worth which equips underserved youth with academic and leadership skills so that they are ready for college by high school graduation.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Fort Worth Junior Golf Foundation, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for programming that promotes the character and life skills of youth.				
Friends of Sky Ranch, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
Funding for camperships for TRU Camp which serves at-risk, under served children and children with incarcerated parents.				
Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
Funding toward the Capital Campaign for Leadership Centers of Excellence which will transform the current campsites and expand capacity.				
Girls Incorporated Of Tarrant County	Arlington, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for after-school programming at the Young Women's Leadership Academy in Fort Worth.				
Girls on the Run	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
Funding for scholarships for girls to participate in the after-school program.				
H.O.P.E. Farm, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Funding toward the capital campaign to build a new facility in a west Fort Worth neighborhood.				
Heart House Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for after-school programming for middle school students in the Vickery Meadow neighborhood.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Interfaith Housing Coalition	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the Hope & Horizons Afterschool and Summer Program, which is a daily program for the children of families living in one of IHC's apartment units.				
Jubilee Park and Community Center	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the Children's Education Initiative Out of School Time programs, serving children and youth in K-12.				
Kids Across America	Branson, Missouri	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for camperships to serve at-risk youth with a positive and uplifting experience.				
Kids Hope USA	Zeeland,	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding to provide low-income, at-risk elementary age children in North Texas with a Christian mentor.	Michigan			
Love Never Fails International	Fort Worth, Texas	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Funding for after-school programming that will serve at-risk children in two Fort Worth ISD schools.				
Lumin Education	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the B4Six Program, which serves children ages 0-5 with daily classroom programming and contains an intensive parent education program as well.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Mercy Street, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for consulting services to benefit the capital campaign for a sports complex in West Dallas.				
Mi Escuelita Preschool, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Funding for the Math and Science Initiative, which promotes early language development for children for whom English is their second language.				
Notre Dame School	Dallas, Texas	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Funding for the Financial Aid Program which enables children with mental disabilities to enroll in a school which facilitates their education and integration into society.				
Notre Dame School	Dallas, Texas	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
Funding toward the renovation of the school campus so that students with intellectual disabilities can continue to be effectively served into the future.				
Pine Cove Christian Camps	Tyler, Texas	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
Funding for camperships to serve at-risk youth.				
Project Transformation	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the afterschool program and summer camp which serves at-risk kids throughout Dallas.				
Rainbow Days	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the Family Connection Program, which provides year-round supportive services for homeless children in Dallas.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Ranger Independent School District	Ranger, Texas	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
Funding for college scholarships for Ranger ISD graduates.				
Readers 2 Leaders	Dallas, Texas	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Funding for TeamREAD, which provides children with individualized and small group tutoring weekly.				
Rise School of Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Funding for tuition assistance for children with developmental delays to attend a preschool with quality academic and therapeutic services.				
ScholarShot, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
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	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
Funding for SOAR, a community-wide initiative bringing together several agencies to address priority needs in the West Dallas community such as engaging parents, the social and emotional well-being of children, and increasing academic competency of youth.				
Serving and Educating our Exceptional and Deaf Students: Lovers Lane Academy for the Deaf	Dallas, Texas	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Funding for scholarships to serve deaf students in the 2014-2015 school year.				



### **West Dallas Community School**

s one of The Rees-Jones Foundation's longest standing grantees, West Dallas Community School has proven to be an organization that is well worth the investment. The school opened in 1995 in the historically under-resourced area of West Dallas, where educational attainment is low and crime and poverty has traditionally been high. This area, once the home of the world famous bank robbing duo Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, was long neglected by the city in social services and investment.

West Dallas Community School was a venture begun by visionaries from around Dallas to start a private, classical Christian school and enroll neighborhood kids who could not afford such an education on their own. The school has shown over the past twenty years that with the right mix of neighborhood commitment, high standards, unquestioned love for its students, and private funding, any child that walks through its doors can succeed. The school prioritizes students in visible ways, making the school community feel more like a family than an institution. It has a strong family inclusion component as well. The school emphasizes a deep commitment to the Christian faith and instills a culture of discipline, resilience, hard work, and character. Students are taught that they truly are unique individuals created in the image of a loving God. While students are only enrolled until the eighth grade, they are instructed in

fields such as Latin, humanities, the arts, the Bible, and other foundational subjects. Following their graduation from the school, students matriculate to high schools across Dallas. Many are accepted on scholarship to the best private schools in the city; others are accepted into selective public and private charter schools. No matter where they attend high school, West Dallas Community School students are set up to succeed because they were taught intangible values and character traits.

The Rees-Jones Foundation made an operating grant of \$100,000 to the school in December of 2014. This was one of seven total grants the Foundation has made to the school since 2007, one year after the Foundation incorporated. These seven grants total just over \$1.24 million and include grants for capital expenditures (such as a school bus, a playground, and other fixtures), as well as general operating support. Since the students at West Dallas pay a steeply discounted tuition rate private funding must make up for other needed revenues. The school is funded by many generous individuals, families, and foundations; The Rees-Jones Foundation is happy to be included among the supporters of such an excellent organization. It serves as a model to others as proof that the potential of underprivileged children is waiting to be tapped.

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Southwestern Diabetic Foundation  Funding for camperships that provide youth with juvenile diabetes an enjoyable and educational experience.	Gainesville, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Southwestern Diabetic Foundation	Gainesville,	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Funding to replace the Activities Complex at Camp Sweeney.	Texas	<del>1</del>	<b>,</b>	•
St. Anthony Foundation	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the "Explore Summer" out-of-school time program designed to help youth retain academic gains over the summer months and emphasize exploration and discovery during the development time.				
Teach For America	Dallas, Texas	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Funding to support the whole-child development program benefitting low-income students in the Dallas/ Fort Worth metroplex.				
Teaching Trust	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding for the Aspiring Leaders Program, which is a highly selective and practice-based training program for teachers who plan to become principals.				
Texas State Historical Association	Austin, Texas	\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500
Funding for Old Stories, New Voices Youth Camp sessions.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Trinity River Audubon Center	Dallas, Texas	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Funding to support the Eco-Investigations program which provides access to nature experiences for low-income school students, as well as funding for the Trinity River Investigations program, a guided river program designed to connect middle school and high school students to the Trinity River.				
Trinity River Mission	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for after-school programming for West Dallas youth that will provide the academic support needed for success in school and beyond.				
United Community Centers, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Funding toward the capital campaign to build a new facility for the Wesley Community Center, which will provide expanded children and youth after-school programming.				
Uplift Education	Dallas, Texas	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Funding for the opening of Uplift Grand in Grand Prairie, which will serve grades K-2, 6 and 7, and will eventually expand to serve grades K-12.				
Voice of Hope Ministries	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Funding for general operations to serve at-risk youth in West Dallas with afterschool and summer programming focused on spiritual growth, social-emotional learning, and academic enrichment.				

Organization & Grant Description	Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Wesley-Rankin Community Center	Dallas, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the B3X program which offers math, science, and music/arts curriculum while enriching the students socially, educationally, and spiritually.				
West Dallas Community School	Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Funding to support the education programs of the school in the 2013-2014 school year.				
West Dallas Community School	Dallas, Texas	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Funding to support the education programs of the school in the 2014-2015 school year.				
YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas	Dallas, Texas	\$350,000	\$100,000	\$250,000
Funding toward capital improvements at the Park Cities YMCA to accommodate the Rise School, and funding for programming at the Park South YMCA.				
Young Life, North Central Texas Region	Dallas, Texas	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0
Funding to start Young Life programming at a new inner-city Dallas school.				
Young Women's Christian Association of Fort Worth & Tarrant County	Fort Worth, Texas	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Funding for the Early Childhood Development				

Program, which serves children of homeless and low-income mothers ages 0-5 in Tarrant County.

Location	New 2014	Paid 2014	Balance
Dallas, Texas	\$0	\$4,385	\$2,120
Dallas, Texas	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0
Dallas, Texas	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$0
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