



Douglas  
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# Newsletter

Winter 2019

## The Winter family: Making a meaningful difference

Mary and Wint Winter have always made charitable giving central to their family, faith and financial decisions. They raised three daughters (Katie, Molly and Elizabeth) to understand the importance of generosity and giving back to their communities, and now their six grandchildren are also learning about the importance of charitable action. Through their donor-advised fund, the Winter family has worked with DCCF over the last year to develop a new grant program for nonprofits engaged in making a meaningful difference in the lives of at-risk and vulnerable children and families in Douglas, Franklin and Johnson counties in Kansas, as well as in Taos County in New Mexico.

“We want to focus on giving back to the communities that have given so much to us,” Molly says. “Dad grew up in Ottawa, my mom in Johnson County. My sisters and I were raised in Lawrence and this town will always be ‘home’ to us. For five generations, our family has been visiting Taos, New Mexico, so that land and people also have a strong place in our hearts. The idea is to focus our financial giving to these regions to show our gratitude.”

“The DCCF Team made an otherwise challenging process easy to understand and navigate,” Wint says.

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“All generations of our family are reminded of the teamwork and candid communication needed to make important decisions. Just the process of deciding how we can prioritize our resources among so many outstanding charitable organizations helps our family strengthen the values we share, appreciate the resources we have, and share with those who can use some help.”  
—Wint Winter, Jr.

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# Meaningful difference

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Wint explains, “As we drafted and agreed on our mission statement and the focus of our resources, Chip, Heather and Lori magically provided the templates for our application, grant decision process and the other mechanics, so that we could focus on which of the many worthy charities and worthy causes we support.”

The first round of Mary and Wint Winter, Jr. Family Fund grants will be awarded in December 2019. For grant application guidelines and information about other grant programs at DCCF, please visit our website at [www.dccfoundation.org](http://www.dccfoundation.org).



“A strong family is the core of a vibrant society as it provides the support, love, caring and confidence needed for successful growth. Charitable giving promotes those principles for donors and, more importantly, spreads them to those in our community less fortunate than we.” —Wint Winter, Jr.

## Generosity in action: Landen Lucas Foundation—Sports for Life Fund



Landen Lucas (the tallest one) with two scholarship recipients and helpful fundraising friends

The Landen Lucas Foundation—Sports for Life Fund was established at DCCF this year. The foundation’s mission is to create access and opportunity for all youth. The fund gives financially disadvantaged youth the opportunity to experience the social and academic benefits that come from playing sports.

“Approximately 2,000 youth in Douglas County live at or below the poverty line. Many of our local youth miss out on the benefits of sports because of money,” says Landen Lucas. “Playing sports helps with self-esteem, grades and behavior. We’ve given scholarships for everything from baseball to archery, and school counselors have seen the positive changes in these students. Our goal is to create access and opportunity for all youth to participate in sports. We appreciate the support of our donors, and we welcome you all to help us with our mission.”

## Organization funds

Did you know DCCF stewards more than 80 nonprofit organization funds? Eighteen of the funds were launched in 2019. You may donate to DCCF organization funds on our website. See details, including options for one-time or recurring donations, at [www.dccfoundation.org/donate/](http://www.dccfoundation.org/donate/) or contact Heather Hoy. Thank you for your generosity!

# DCCF partners with community and nonprofit leaders in Douglas County on Disaster Response Fund

In response to two local events in 2019 (the May 28 tornado and the August 1 flooding), DCCF established the Douglas County Disaster Response Fund. The fund is intended for immediate and long-term community needs within the county following community disasters.

“We realized the importance of having a vehicle for charitable giving during times of crisis or disaster,” says Chip Blaser, DCCF executive director. “We were so fortunate to have county, city and nonprofit leaders come together to deploy needed resources to those impacted by the tornado and flooding.”

## Fall 2019 Community Grants awarded

This fall, the DCCF Board of Directors awarded more than \$132,000 to 24 community organizations. Community Grants support a wide range of local projects in the areas of arts and culture, children and youth, community development, education, health, housing and human services.

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Community Mental Health Center  
Children’s Learning Center, Inc.  
City of Baldwin City  
Communities in Schools  
ERC Resource & Referral, Inc.,  
d.b.a. Child Care Aware of  
Eastern Kansas  
Father and Daughter Alliance,  
d.b.a. Youth Trust Project  
Girls on the Run  
Serving Greater Kansas City  
Harvesters—  
The Community Food Network  
Headquarters, Inc.  
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Lawrence Children’s Choir  
Lawrence Community Orchestra, Inc.  
Lecompton Community Pride  
O’Connell Youth Ranch, Inc.  
Second Century Fund  
Senior Resource Center  
for Douglas County, Inc.  
Success By 6 Coalition of Douglas County  
The Arc of Douglas County  
The Children’s Shelter, Inc.  
The Sunrise Project/LCFA  
The Willow Domestic Violence Center  
Trinity In-Home Care  
Van Go, Inc.  
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## End of Year Giving

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# County-wide disaster response fund established

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