



Douglas
County
Community
Foundation

Newsletter

Fall 2017

Fall grants roundup

Here are some highlights of our Fall grantmaking season.

Community Grants

We granted more than \$117,000 in Community Grants to 23 local organizations. Among them:

Douglas County Dental Clinic received funding for new equipment for one of its dental operatory rooms.

The **Eudora Schools Foundation** received a grant to provide mobile internet access to students who do not have internet at home or need access while traveling to school-sponsored events.

Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center will use its grant to upgrade furnishings in its transitional housing units.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County's grant will support the Bigs in Blue program, which matches children with mentors who are law enforcement officers.

O'Connell Youth Ranch received funding for new washers and dryers for its youth homes.

Mighty Families by Adoption

The new **Mighty Families by Adoption Fund**, established by Luke and Keely Waller, awarded a \$20,000 grant to a couple to assist with adoption expenses.

The fund will make grants twice a year.

Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Fund

This fund, which supports local efforts to preserve and understand nature, made seven awards totaling \$22,000.

Grantees included the **Baker Wetlands Visitors Center**, which will use funding for a trail map and interpretive signage, the **Kansas Land Trust**, the **KU Natural History Museum** and the **Prairie Park Nature Center**.



From top: At a **Just Food** family cooking class; a nurse from **Visiting Nurses** with a client; discovering the **Baker Wetlands Visitors Center**



You can give to any of these funds, as well as many others, online at dccfoundation.org or call us at 785-843-8727. You may also make gifts of stock, mutual fund shares, RMD rollovers, real estate and other assets to support the work of these crucial organizations.

New funds support local efforts

- **Cottonwood Foundation, Inc.**, has opened an organizational fund with DCCF, to support the work of Cottonwood to provide jobs in our community.
- **Kansas Land Trust's** fund will support its land and prairie conservation work, here and across the state.
- **Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK)** has opened a fund that supports its high quality meal program for those who may otherwise be hungry.

DCCF funds have granted more than \$3.5 million so far this year

Are you ready to support our Douglas County communities? Here's how:

- **Establish a donor-advised fund.** Take the tax deduction this year for the full amount that you contribute to your fund, then you and your family decide what causes to support and when you want to support them.
- **Make a gift to an organization fund**, whether by credit card at dccfoundation.org, or by check, stock transfer, mutual fund transfer, or other asset transfer.
- **Volunteer your time and energy** to one of our local nonprofit organizations making a difference in our communities.



Above: Each day, **Meals on Wheels** delivers between 115 and 125 meals to Lawrence residents who are homebound.

Opposite page: **Family Promise of Lawrence** trains community volunteers to provide services to help transform the lives of homeless children and their families, including day center programs.

Donor-advised fund grants



Families and individuals with donor-advised funds at DCCF continue to make a huge impact in our community. Recent grants have supported the **Boys and Girls Club** capital campaign for the new teen center and the **Lawrence Humane Society's** capital campaign for a new pet shelter.

Other grants have supported the **Lawrence Arts Center** preschool program, the **Lawrence Schools Foundation** pre-K program at Kennedy Elementary School, day center programs at **Family Promise**, and scholarship programs for **Lawrence Parks and Recreation** programming.

The Pay It Forward Fund, which is just one example of a donor-advised fund at DCCF, made grants to support those with immediate needs in our community by supporting the **Lawrence Community Shelter**, **Willow Domestic Violence Center**, and the **Douglas County Dental Clinic**.



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If you are age 70.5 or older and must take required minimum distributions from your IRA, you can support your favorite charities by directing your IRA administrator to send part or all of your distribution directly to DCCF. You will avoid paying tax on the donated amount. Tell us which charities you would like to support, and we will forward the funds to them. Recent donors have used IRA rollovers to support organizations such as **Peaslee Tech**, **Ballard Community Services**, the **Blackjack Battlefield Trust**, **Douglas County CASA**, and several **local churches**.

*Connecting the diverse
citizens and communities
of Douglas County through
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