



Fundraisers' University Class of 2018: positive change for Douglas County nonprofits

An important part of our mission is to coordinate resources to make positive change for nonprofits in our community, and with the help of the team from Generous Change, we launched Fundraisers' University in January. Jenna Goodman and Nancy Jackson, founders of Generous Change, are leading monthly workshops about all things fundraising for 24 eager nonprofit leaders.

"We have two goals in mind," Nancy said. "First, nonprofit fundraising requires prioritizing time to actually do it! We want everyone to leave



Jenna Goodman and Nancy Jackson

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with a calendar that is filled with ideas and action items for getting connected with your donors.

"We also want to help overcome fear of asking for money, which virtually everyone

feels. Each of our nonprofit leaders already has all they need — abundant knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm for their cause; we help with tools and practice that carry all of that into confident fundraising."

Jenna and Nancy have a combined 25 years in fundraising and nonprofit leadership and met while working at KU Endowment. They founded Generous Change to provide affordable, practical help to fundraisers and to support diverse nonprofits.



"We truly believe that successful fundraising starts with authentic human connection," Jenna said. "Genuine curiosity and a desire to make a difference can connect people from profoundly different backgrounds. Together, we can change the world!"

The lessons are already having an impact.

"Fundraisers' U is investing in people and systems that make nonprofit development plans stronger — which in turn bring funds and expertise to strengthen nonprofits with success so those organizations could do even more to improve the lives and opportunities of adults and children," said Mia Gonzalez, director of development for **Lawrence Community Shelter**.

Sam Porritt, founder of the **Falling Forward Foundation**, has found new confidence since attending the classes. "Fundraising isn't natural or comfortable for me. I'm receiving the tools I need to become more effective in fundraising. Nancy and Jenna are inspiring all of us with their experience and passion for fundraising," he said. "It's also great spending time with some of our community's best nonprofit leaders."

Visit dccfoundation.org for upcoming nonprofit educational events.

Spring Community Grants announced

More than \$136,000 was awarded to 23 nonprofit organizations in our 2018 spring grants cycle.

Organizations may apply for funding once per calendar year. Fall Community Grants applications are due on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Visit dccfoundation.org for guidelines and application instructions.

Baldwin Education Foundation
Ballard Community Services
Children's Learning Center, Inc
Community Mercantile Education Foundation
Cottonwood, Inc.
Douglas County CASA
Douglas County Housing, Inc
Eudora Schools Foundation
Family Promise of Lawrence
Just Food of Douglas County, KS, Inc.
Kansas Legal Services
Lawrence Anti-Trafficking Taskforce and Education Association

Lawrence Arts Center
Lawrence Community Nursery School
Lawrence Community Shelter
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity
Lawrence Meals on Wheels, Inc.
Lawrence Public Library Foundation
Lawrence Sertoma Club & Schiefelbusch Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Tenants to Homeowners
The Light Center
USD 497
Van Go, Inc.

Inspiring couple establishes donor-advised fund



Simon and Codi Bates

Top: Simon and a colleague at work at Van Go's 2017 Dinner on the Curve

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Working in the service industry means a lot to Codi and Simon Bates. In addition to being committed to providing outstanding service and hospitality to patrons of their restaurants (BonBon and The Burger Stand), they are focused on being of service to the Douglas County community in a deeper and more meaningful way. They are volunteering for nonprofits, they are donating their time and culinary talent to nonprofit events, and they have created the Simon and Codi Bates Foundation Fund.

“We have always been active in giving to causes we support, but we wanted to create something sustainable,”

Codi said. “Once we found out about the Douglas County Community Foundation, it made so much sense. We can keep our charitable dollars local, and grow them at the same time.”

Simon feels strongly that their charitable contributions are an important part of the success of their businesses and their ability to make a difference for others. “Giving makes everyone around you stronger — the benefit is circular for us,” he said. “We are committed to being generous to our employees, our suppliers, and to those in need. And in return, we see our businesses thrive, and we see our community getting stronger.”

Codi adds, “We use DCCF as a resource to give back in unexpected and new ways — and they make it so easy to give! We have our favorite nonprofits, but we are very interested in learning more about ways we can give back to Douglas County and all the many wonderful organizations that are here. I want Douglas County to continue to grow and inspire the rest of the state in new and innovative ways.”

Momentum Grant Fund motivates recipients to pay it forward

When an audience at Trinity Episcopal Church asked a simple question, “How can we help?” Lydia Diebolt, executive director of Centro Hispano, had the answer. “These kids need resources. They live in the shadows; they have no access to financial aid. And tuition is a tough expense for these families.” Lydia was talking about a future pharmacist, a dental hygienist, an engineer, and a business student — all University of Kansas students and all Dreamers (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status). All graduates of Lawrence high schools, and all in need of help.



DACA scholarship recipient Michelle Martinez Buenrostro

The answer led to action. Centro Hispano, with Trinity and a host of motivated volunteers began fundraising to make sure funds would be available for scholarships. Other partners were brought in including Kathleen McClusky-Fawcett, Chuck Olcese, and Marta Carminaro-Santagelo from the University of Kansas; St. John’s Catholic Church; and the Momentum Grant Fund founded by the Chestnut family and administered by DCCF.

With the financial stewardship of Trinity and the kitchen at St. John’s, a tamale fundraiser came together and raised more than \$2,000, a private donor came forward with \$5,000, and a \$3,500 grant was awarded by the Momentum Grant Fund. The success of the fundraising resulted in seven DACA students being awarded scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year.

“Two of the recipients came and brought school supplies for the children we serve at Centro Hispano,” Lydia said. “It was so inspiring to see them paying forward the help they had received.”

The Momentum Grant Fund’s mission is to fund projects and programs that help people who are facing poverty build momentum as they take steps to reach their potential and positively impact our community. The grants have two goals — to provide important educational opportunities and experiences to those who might not otherwise receive them, and to give people the tools and support they need to move from crisis to stability.

Eudora Public Library capital campaign update

The Eudora Public Library is bursting at the seams, and according to Carol Wolford, executive director of the library, the campaign for a new building is going very well. “We have raised almost \$260,000 toward our goal of \$1 million in private funds. This is a community hub; so many people are coming in every day to use our services, everything from the internet to the lunches we serve in the summertime. A new library will fill so many gaps in our community and make a huge impact on the resources we can provide.” Overall, the library project is planned to cost \$3 million, with a future bond issue as part of the funding sources. Events including a fashion show, a 5K race and a trivia party are some of the ways people are being encouraged to contribute to the campaign. Interested donors can make a contribution online at dccfoundation.org/donate/ or by mail to DCCF.

May 1 is the Momentum Grant Fund application deadline for 2018. Visit dccfoundation.org/momentum-grant-guidelines/ to learn more.

Donations to the Momentum Grant Fund may be made at dccfoundation.org/donate/ or by mail to DCCF.



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