Dear West Texas,

The Guinness Book of World Records is filled with page after page of people doing something for the first time. I’m happy to report that the Community Foundation of West Texas achieved many new firsts in the year 2016. We surpassed the $2 million giving mark for a calendar year having given $2,143,914 in grants and scholarships. We also teamed up with donors like you and started 20 new funds. Today we have 262 funds serving our region forever more.

The 2016 investing highway was littered with potholes. At CFWT, we ended up with a 4.4% gain for each fund. Our giving policy is based on a 12-quarter rolling average which allows for grants of 4% from each fund and slight growth in the corpus for 2016. Our goal is 4% forever which requires us to manage volatility of investments to be strategically low. This policy equates to sound income which pays in good times and bad.

As we embark on our 37th year, our goal is expanding our commitment to West Texas. We are in the people business, the community business, and the future of West Texas business. We will continue to serve you, your endowment and our region with the utmost integrity and honor.

Thank you for investing in tomorrow, for telling a friend, and for helping your Community Foundation grow.

Stephen Warren
President

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.”
- Robert Louis Stevenson
Dear CFWT Family,

Clearly 2016 has been another outstanding year at the Community Foundation of West Texas. We have set our sights on continuing to be West Texas’s premier institution for philanthropic development, giving, and education for the remarkable individuals that live, give and grow in this region. Some significant achievements for 2016 include the following:

- The naming of a new President in Stephen Warren who is poised to take the Foundation to new heights in 2017 and beyond.
- The creation of 20 new funds bringing the total number of funds to 262 held within the foundation for education, arts, social services, animal welfare and economic development.
- Assets totaling north of $38,000,000 which has allowed us in 2016 to generously grant over 505 grants and scholarships, totaling $2.1 million dollars in support to various organizations, agencies, colleges and students.
- Affiliates that continue to grow and thrive in helping the Community Foundation extend its reach to Levelland, Slaton, Post, Plainview and several other West Texas regions.
- Upon the completion of 2016, the CFWT has presented 6,892 grants and scholarships totaling over $18,300,000 to aid in continuing to make West Texas a fantastic place to live.
- The adoption of ACORN funds which allows individuals to start off with a contribution of $1,000 and then grow an endowment until it reaches $5,000, where it can become a fund.

Through all of our growth, the Community Foundation of West Texas still remains the same fundamental foundation that opened its doors in 1981. The belief that every person has the ability to make our community a better place to live, work, play and grow through philanthropic efforts and giving. This is what we believed in 1981 and still believe in 2016.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your 2016 Board Chairman for the Community Foundation of West Texas. The past twelve months has reaffirmed that some of the greatest individuals on earth still live right here in West Texas. May you all be blessed in the wonderful years to come.

Chad Grant  
Chair, Board of Directors
The Power of Endowment

JUST AS ALBERT EINSTEIN ONCE CALLED COMPOUND INTEREST the most powerful force in the universe, endowments carry an inherent power to provide for community needs in perpetuity through continued growth. Over time, the amount granted exceeds the original contributions to the fund, while the original gift remains intact. In fact, thanks to responsible investing, the fund balance continues to increase over time.

There is no better way to serve your community both now and long after your grandchildren’s grandchildren are grown.

Types of Funds

UNRESTRICTED FUND > Think broadly.
Allow the Community Foundation of West Texas to identify needs and opportunities in the community and target your dollars where they can be most effective through competitive grants.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUND > Address issues.
You decide the general purpose of the fund, such as education, arts, aging, children and youth, animal welfare or health, and the Foundation identifies projects that are effectively accomplishing that goal through competitive grants.

DESIGNATED FUND > Provide ongoing support.
Specify particular charitable projects or organizations to receive the income from your endowed fund.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND > Provide educational support.
Work with the Foundation to create the guidelines for students who can receive assistance from the fund. For example, these may be based on high school or college attended, merit, need, or field of study.

DONOR ADVISED FUND > Stay involved.
Recommend organizations or causes you wish to support or our staff can work with you to identify charitable organizations addressing issues of importance to you. You recommend grants to charities you wish to support. The Foundation ensures the charitable status of beneficiaries and provides additional grantmaking and administrative support.

LIMITED TERM DONOR ADVISED FUND > Support annual giving.
Use the Foundation to assist you with your charitable giving. Take a tax deduction in the year of your gift and then take several months or years to decide on grants to organizations that are important to you.
2016 New Funds

Agency Endowments
Remember Our Heroes Fund
Smallest Gifts Endowment
Youth Orchestras of Lubbock Endowment

Designated Funds
Giving Tuesday Fund
This fund receives pass-through contributions from donors who choose to support local nonprofit organizations through the region-wide Giving Tuesday initiative.

Vaughan-Muenchau 3D EDGE Fund
A legacy fund created by Daylia Vaughan to support the McNay Art Museum, the Plainview High School Class of ’65 Scholarship and the Mini-Grants for Teachers Fund of the Community Foundation of West Texas.

Donor-Advised Endowments
Kingsbery Family Endowment
Created through the 2016 Hero’s Luncheon honoring Mary Louise and Bill Kingsbery. The Kingsbery’s are outstanding contributors to the Lubbock community.

Penny Polk Endowment
Penny Polk learned about CFWT through her financial advisor and decided to create this donor-advised fund as a way to support community needs that are important to her.

Scholarship Funds
Winfred and Ellen Tucker Scholarship
Created by the Tucker’s daughters to honor their parents’ memory, scholarships will go to Meadow High School graduating seniors pursuing an education in agriculture with a preference for viticulture.

American Dream Scholarship
Created to help working adults obtain the education and training they need to ultimately improve their lives.

Don Taylor Endowed Scholarship
Don Taylor, former Roosevelt ISD Superintendent started this fund in honor/memory of his family members who attended school in Roosevelt. Scholarships will go to the top graduating seniors of Roosevelt High School.

Field-of-Interest Funds
CFWT Arts and Culture Fund
CFWT Education and Youth Fund
CFWT Basic Needs and Self Sufficiency Fund
CFWT Civic, Social and Economic Development Fund
CFWT Animal Welfare Fund

Limited Term Donor-Advised Funds
AquaSmart Fund
AquaSmart is a technology company that has created patented processes using super absorbent polymers and other materials to coat a variety of substrates such as silica sand, hydraulic fracturing sand, cement and mortar sand, grass seed, agricultural seed, fertilizers, and certain other agricultural and turf products. AquaSmart has created this fund to support their corporate giving activities.

Regional Affiliate Funds
Plainview Area Endowment
NAIFA Plainview Endowment
When the Plainview Chapter of the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers disbanded, the membership chose to start a fund to support Plainview Area Endowment grant efforts.

Plainview High School Class of 65 Scholarship
Started as a challenge from one classmate to the rest of her class, this fund will provide scholarships for outstanding Plainview High School graduates. Within only one month, 65% of the challenge goal was met!

Post-Garza County Endowment
Post High School Antelope Scholarship
True community leaders, Judge Lee Norman and his wife Marsha, created this fund as a way for the people of Post, Texas to give for the benefit of Post High School graduates.

Slaton Endowment
Ehler Family Fund
The Ehler Family have been gracious supporters in the Slaton, Texas community and started this fund as a permanent testament to their legacy of giving.

“Happiness held is the seed; Happiness shared is the flower.”
- John Harrigan
## Funds Established
1981 - 2016

### Tomorrows Needs Fund (Unrestricted)
- Mrs. Fern Cone Fund
- Roy and Lela Furr Endowment
- Hassell Family Unrestricted Charitable Fund
- Horizon Fund
- C.R. and Virginia Hutcheson Charitable Fund
- Kay Bailey Hutchison Endowment
- Gladys Leftwich Charitable Endowment
- Robert M. Lively Endowment

### Designated Funds and Agency Endowments
- AAUW Endowment
- All Saints Episcopal School Endowments
- ARCS Endowments
- American Wind Power Endowments
- BBB Consumer Education Fund
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Share Your Heart Fund
- Bill Bigham Endowment
- Breedlove Board and Staff Endowment
- Breedlove Foods Endowment
- Laney and Travis Bridwell Endowment
- Brownfield Meals on Wheels Endowment
- Crossroads Counseling Center Endowment
- East Lubbock Gateway Endowment
- The Grady Evans and Doris Evans Endowment Foundation
- W. Grady and Doris Evans Endowment
- Flache Seminary/Church Fund
- Floyd County Friends Endowment
- Mary Gerlach Endowment
- Chester and Ada Ruth Green Family Endowment
- Chester and Ada Ruth Green Testamentary Endowment
- Nancy and Rufus Grisham Endowment
- Tim and Tommie Hatch Endowment
- June Heck Charitable Endowment
- Hospice of Lubbock Endowments
- Humane Society of West Texas Endowment
- Jr League Fund for Children’s Advocacy Center
- Jr League Fund for Ronald McDonald House
- Lubbock Animal Services Endowments
- Lubbock County CPS Board Fund for Children Advocacy Center
- Lubbock Hispanic Association of Women Endowment
- Lubbock Regional MHMR Endowments
- Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra Endowment
- Lynn County Hospital District Endowments
- Bob and Debbie Macy Endowment for Women’s Protective Services
- Louise Fagg Maedgen Endowment
- James Minton Internship
- My Father’s House Endowments
- Mini-Grants for Teachers Fund
- Odyssey Fund
- Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Endowment
- Phi Beta Kappa Association Endowment for Literary Lubbock
- Phi Beta Kappa Association Endowment for GO Theater Outreach
- Phil Beta Kappa Association Endowment for LSO Youth Outreach
- Phi Beta Kappa High School Academic Excellence Award
- Phillips Hale Fund
- Remember Our Heroes Fund
- Science Spectrum Endowments
- Sheffield Young City Park Fund
- SPC and TTU Honors College Endowment for the Institute for the Study of Western Civilization
- South Plains Food Bank Endowments
- Dr. E. Paul Stewart Endowment Fund
- Margaret and J.T. Talkington Endowment for Underwood Center for the Arts
- Texas Tech University Fund for Excellence in the School of Music
- Louise H. Underwood Endowment for the Arts
- University Therapeutic Riding Center Endowment
- UMC Medical Missions Fund
- United Way Agency Challenge Funds
- United Way of Lubbock Endowment
- United Way Donors Fund
- Visiting Teachers Clothing Fund
- Joe Love Nelson Endowments for Women’s Protective Services
- Youth Orchestras of Lubbock Endowment
- YWCA Endowment

### Donor-Advised Funds
- Blue Star Endowment
- Cartwright Family Endowment
- J.C. Chambers Endowment
- Larry Combest Endowment
- Evelyn Davies Fund for Children
- Dean Family Fund
- Robert Duncan Endowment
- Sharon and Spike Dykes Family Endowment
- Charles E. and Dolores M. Fisher Memorial Endowment
- Larry and Mary Franklin Endowment
- Glenna Goodacre Endowment
- Chester & Ada Ruth Green Endowment
- Gary and Laurie Gregory Family Fund
- Travis and Barrett Hattaway Endowment
- Sandy and Alan Henry Endowment
- Ernst and Nita Kiesling Family Fund
- Kingsbery Family Endowment
- Klotzman Family Fund
- Karin McCoy and Abner Euresti Endowment
- Kvasnicka Atcheson Charitable Endowment
- Carolyn Lanier Endowment
- Gary Lawrence Endowment
- Delbert and Carolyn McDougal Endowment
- Marciano and Martha Morales Endowment
- Alex K. and Patti Munson Charitable Fund
- G and W Norman Fund
- Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Building Community Fund
- Penny Polk Endowment
- Sammy C. Prather Endowment
- W.B. and Mozelle Rushing Family Fund

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Southwest Digest Fund
Tim and Mary Jane Sampson Charitable Endowment
Sanford Family Endowment
Marcus and Catherine Stocco Memorial Fund
Talking Choral Foundation Fund
H. D. Snell Endowment
Minnie and Arch Underwood Family Endowment
Vaughn-Muenchau 3D Edge Fund
West Texas Home Builders Endowment
Alice Virginia White Endowment for Dogs and Cats
Field of Interest Funds
Community Endowment Challenge Fund
CFWT Fund for Animal Welfare
CFWT Fund for Arts and Culture
CFWT Fund for Basic Needs
CFWT Fund for Civic, Social and Economic Development
CFWT Fund for Education and Youth Community Response Impact Fund
PlainsCapital East Lubbock Economic Development Fund
Fallen Heroes Fund
Fern Cone Children’s Fund
Giving Tuesday Fund
Sybil Harrington Endowment for the Arts
E. J. Matsler Endowment
Jimmie Nelson Endowment
South Plains Disaster Recovery Fund
George and Vivian Wilson Endowment
Ruth Wright Endowment for Animals
Young Leaders Endowment
Scholarship Funds
LHS Class of 1955 Westerner Spirit Scholarship
All Saints Scholarship
American Dream Fund
Association of Texas Leaders of Education Endowment
Autumn Day Scholarship
Advantage Medical Staffing Nursing Scholarship
Maude A. Brown Scholarship
Noyce Burleson Memorial Scholarship
Johnny Clayton Memorial Scholarship
Diekemper Endowment for the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology
Frenship High School Academic Award
Weldon and Ruth Gibbs Family Scholarship
Charles A. & Grace Guy Tuition Scholarship
Don and Sybil Harrington Scholarship
Madeline Hegi Scholarship Fund
Phillip Johnson Tuition Scholarship
Polly Kiker Memorial Scholarship
Lion Heart Scholarship Endowment
Lubbock Art Association Scholarship
Lubbock High School Alumni Scholarship
Lubbock Manufacturers Scholarship
Lubbock Women’s Study Club
Christine DeVitt Scholarship
Judge E.H. and Hortense Boedeker Scholarship
Minnie Lee Garrett Scholarship
Christine DeVitt Medical Scholarship
Helen DeVitt Jones Scholarship
College of Engineering Scholarship
Lubbock Optimist Club Phoenix Endowment
Lubbock Optimist Club Phoenix Award
J. B. Mason Memorial Scholarship
Owen W. McWhorter Sr. Tuition Scholarship
Joan Bailey Merritt Scholarship
John Montford Scholarship
Mr. and Miss Coronado High School Scholarship
Mr. and Miss Cooper High School Scholarship
Mr. and Miss Monterey High School Scholarship
New Directions Scholarship Fund
Theodore R. Phea, Sr. Scholarship Fund
Heather Robinson Memorial Scholarship
George Scott, Jr. Scholarship
L. Edwin Smith Scholarship
Don Taylor Endowed Scholarship
Texas Boys Ranch Scholarship
Cheryl Scott Thompson Tuition Scholarship
Tomorrow Youth Endowment Scholarship
Winifred and Ellen Tucker Scholarship
Dunco “Peck” Williams Tuition Scholarship
Woman to Woman Fund
West Texas Paralegal Scholarship
REGIONAL AFFILIATES
Hockley County Endowment
First United Methodist Church Endowments
Hockley County Museum Endowment
Hockley County Senior Citizens Endowment
James and Sycily Lattimore Fund for South Plains Food Bank
Levelland Academic Beginning Center Endowments
Levelland Area Endowment Fund
Levelland Meals on Wheels Endowment
Levelland Cactus Elementary Endowment
Levelland Children’s Hope Endowment
Levelland Carver Learning Center Endowment
Levelland Christian School Endowment
Levelland High School Endowment
Levelland Intermediate School Endowment
Levelland Middle School Endowment
Levelland Schools Central Office Endowment
Levelland South Elementary Endowment
SPC Commercial Music Endowment
Sundown ISD Donor Fund
Smyer Elementary School Donor Fund
Whitharral ISD Fund
Plainview Area Endowment
Roy H. and Barbara E. Kiser Endowment
NAIFA Plainview Endowment
Plainview High School Class of 65 Endowment
Larry and Carissa Rossi Endowment
John and Vyrella Tye Endowment
Clay Warren Memorial Scholarship
Post-Garza County Endowment
Caprock Cultural Center Endowments
Bob Collier Memorial Endowments
Danny Gunn Memorial Scholarship
Bob and Debbie Macy Fund for Post-Garza County
Post Animal Refuge Center Endowments
Presbyterian Church of Post Endowments
Post High School Antelope Scholarship
Post United Methodist Church Endowments
Post Volunteer Fire Department Endowments
Donald and Billie Windham Endowment
Slaton Area Endowment
Ehler Family Fund
Gifts of Vision for Excellence Endowment
Harvey House Endowment
Darris and Jeanette Linder Endowment for Mercy Manna
Robert Melcher Fund
Wayne and Mary Schilling Endowment
St. Joseph Catholic Church Endowment
St. Joseph Catholic School Endowment
Slaton Senior Citizens Center Endowment
noun: the love of humankind
**Faces of Philanthropy**

Every day, people from all walks of life are volunteering their time, lending their expertise, sharing an idea and giving their resources for the betterment of someone else. This is philanthropy. It has many faces, many forms, many voices. Every person who gives to the Community Foundation has a unique story, unique personal interests and a shared desire to give right here at home. Below, you’ll meet just a few people who are creating change by helping to bring people, organizations, funding and energy together for the common good.

**Mark and Freada Warren**

Mark and Freada Warren began awarding scholarships to Plainview High School students after the devastating loss of their only son, Clay, in 2002. To assure that scholarships would continue to be awarded long after they are gone, Mark and Freada made the decision to establish the *Clay R. Warren Memorial Scholarship* through the Plainview Area Endowment, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of West Texas. As a result, Plainview High School students who participate in Choral Music Department performance groups will know of Clay’s legacy and will benefit from Mark and Freada’s generosity from now on.

In addition to helping deserving students to pursue their education, Mark and Freada are also committed to making others aware of the potential risks college students face. Their goal is to assure that students are making better choices and are taking care of one another. Most importantly, they want to do all they can to assure that other parents don’t have to endure the pain that they have experienced. The Warren family and the Center for Campus Life at Texas Tech University have created the nationally recognized Clay R. Warren Risk Management Retreat in an effort to educate campus organizations and students about the results of poor decision making and risk management practices. Since it’s creation, thousands of students from fraternities, sororities, sports clubs and other student organizations have gathered to cultivate campus-wide risk awareness and management practices.

Mark and Freada have also been instrumental in building the *Plainview Area Endowment*, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of West Texas. The *Plainview Area Endowment* is a community endowment that gives the people of Plainview and Hale County a way to build permanent resources exclusively for the benefit of their community.
Parkhill, Smith and Cooper

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper’s mission statement of Building Community reaches far beyond the vast amount of architecture and engineering projects in West Texas. Their more than 300 employees use the company’s ventures and inspired contributions to transform the communities they work in and serve each and every day.

At Parkhill, Smith and Cooper (PSC), community investment is grounded in a commitment to return 1% of its revenue to the communities it serves. But it’s not just about the money donated or pro-bono services. PSC employees volunteer at soup kitchens, canned food drives and fundraisers to directly build community with the people in the organizations they help.

In 2015, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper created the Building Community Fund, a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation of West Texas, through which they award grants and match employee donations. To date, over half a million dollars has been awarded to fund 47 projects for community organizations. PSC and its inspiring team of employees truly know what it means to build community!

Dr. Ruth Wright

Dr. Ruth Cowart Wright was born January 26, 1929, in Lubbock. She graduated from Lubbock High School and went on to complete her education at Texas Tech University and American University. She began her career in academics as a teacher in the public schools of Slaton and Lubbock before going on to join the political science department faculty at Texas Tech in 1957, where she taught until her retirement.

Ruth was known by her friends for her keen observations on life, her wit, good humor, and most especially, for her love of animals. Her four legged friends, McGregor of Cabbage Patch (Mac) and Margaret Thatcher, P.M. (Maggie), brought enormous joy and constant companionship to Ruth’s life. Most would agree that the unconditional love and affection of our pets improves the quality of our lives. No one felt more strongly about this than Ruth.

As a result of her love of animals, Ruth included a provision in her will to establish an endowment at the Community Foundation of West Texas that provides grants for the care of lost, abandoned and injured animals. Since the Ruth W. Wright Endowment for Animals was created in 2002, over $370,000 has been awarded to local organizations that care for and find new homes for animals in need. Because Ruth chose to establish an endowment at the Community Foundation to achieve her philanthropic goals, the animals she cared about so passionately will be cared for in her name . . . forever.

“No one has ever become poor by giving”

- Anne Frank
Give Where You Live

A vibrant region is built one community at a time. Regional Affiliates are community endowments that give the people of the South Plains a way to build permanent resources exclusively for the benefit of their own town or county. Affiliates unite the best thinking of local leadership with efficient, centralized resources to mobilize philanthropy for the enduring benefit of rural communities.

The Community Foundation’s powerful rural partnership has been growing since 2006 when its first Regional Affiliate, Hockley County Endowment, was created. Charitable assets held specifically for the benefit of rural communities now exceed $2 million and our Regional Affiliate network has grown to include the Plainview Area Endowment, Post-Garza County Endowment and the Slaton Endowment.

Hockley County Endowment

Created in 2006, the Hockley County Endowment has begun its 11th year as an Affiliate of the Community Foundation. As of the end of 2016, 26 funds have been created and over $107,000 has been granted to nonprofit organizations that are addressing important needs in Levelland and Hockley County.

Plainview Area Endowment

The Plainview Area Endowment was created in 2009 and has grown steadily to become the largest Affiliate in the Community Foundation network. As of the end of 2016, its assets have reached over $769,000 and grants totalling over $76,000 have been awarded to address needs in Plainview and Hale County.

Post-Garza County Endowment

Since its creation in 2010, the Post-Garza County Endowment has become known throughout the community for the great work being done to support local needs. As of the end of 2016, over $57,000 has been granted for needs in Post and Garza County. In 2016, Judge Lee Norman and his wife Marsha started a new scholarship fund with the hope that the community would join together in growing it for the benefit Post High School graduates. A number of donors have already stepped up!

Slaton Area Endowment

Over just a few short years the Slaton Area Endowment has become a true community effort. Plans are underway for a substantial community fundraising campaign to begin in 2017. As of the end of 2016, over $24,000 has been granted to address needs in Slaton.
Investment Management

The prudent investment of assets is central to the Community Foundation’s responsibilities. Our reputation and capacity for serving the community is directly tied to our ability to conserve capital and secure the best possible return. Endowment funds exist to provide perpetual resources for charitable purposes. As a result, investment decisions are made more conservatively than those for personal investments. To meet our investment objectives, the Community Foundation of West Texas follows a strategy focusing on long-term total return. Investments are diversified to avoid any single security or class of securities having a disproportionate impact on the total portfolio.

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This information is summarized from the financial statements prepared by the management of the Community Foundation of West Texas. The Community Foundation maintains a system of internal accounting controls designed to provide responsible assurance that transactions are properly executed and recorded in all material respects, assets are safeguarded and established policies and procedures are carefully followed. The public accounting firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P. will audit the Foundation’s financial statements and additional related information. Upon completion, the 2016 audited financial statements will be made available by request and will also be available for viewing online at www.cfwtx.org.

2016 board of directors

Top: Rodney Cates, Abel Castro, James Conwright, Greg Freeman, Linda Gaither, Christy Harrin, Jeff Klotzman
Middle: Jerry Kolander, Robert Kollman, Eric McDonald, Mark Mearer, Tania Moody, Carlos Morales, Mary Myers, Jim Phillips, Norval Pollard
Bottom: Tim Pridmore, Tony Privett, Don Rushing, Ted Rushing, Mark Warren, Cindy Whitehead, Diann Windham, Karen Worley
Grants: Investing in Community

At the Community Foundation of West Texas we believe that every grant is an investment in the communities we serve. We are committed to making a meaningful difference with a focus on the following priorities:

- Promoting pleasant, livable communities with thriving and sustainable economies;
- Preparing the next generation for adulthood and providing lifelong learning opportunities for all generations;
- Encouraging self-sufficiency for vulnerable individuals and families;
- Assuring means are available to provide for the basic needs of individuals and families in times of trouble; and
- Enriching lives through a diverse array of opportunities for the enjoyment, and growth of appreciation for, the arts.

2016 was a landmark year - for the first time since the creation of the Community Foundation in 1981, over $2 million in grants and scholarships was awarded in a single year. As endowments at the Foundation grow, so does ability to create long-term impact in communities throughout the South Plains region.

Below, you will learn more about just a few of the grants awarded in 2016 by the Community Foundation of West Texas and its Affiliates.

Encouraging Self Sufficiency

The Community Foundation is proud to support the Catholic Charities Parent Empowerment Program (PEP). PEP makes it possible for low-income parents to get the education and career training they need to make a better life for themselves and their families. In addition to providing support for tuition and books, help is there when needed for basic needs, childcare, testing fees and transportation.

In many cases, a small amount of support can make an incredible difference. For instance . . .

- Terry was recently widowed and has two small children. After the loss of her husband, she was unable to come up with the small balance of tuition due to finish her classes at a local university and she had no money for books. Because PEP was there to provide $189, Terry finished her last semester of school and now has a great job.

- Steven is a disabled veteran. He is married, has two children and is a full-time college student. His wife Maria works, but they couldn’t afford transportation to get Steven to school. PEP provided $52 for bus passes that made it possible for Steven to attend classes for an entire semester.

- Julie is a single mom with four children. She is going to school to be a nurse and her training requires her to wear scrubs. PEP saved the day with $100 to buy the scrubs she needs to continue in the nursing program.

- Bethany is a single mom with three children. She works full time and is also going to school full time. Her oldest child is also a college student. When her car broke down, she was unable to get to school and was at risk of losing her home if she couldn’t get to work. Because PEP was able to pay for the $112 car repair, she was able to pay the rent and get to school. Bethany will be graduating in May!

Thanks to the Parent Empowerment Program, lives are changing and families are leaving poverty behind in pursuit of a better life.
Creating Opportunities to Learn

Education is the cornerstone to achieving success in almost all areas of life. Whether learning to read as a child or pursuing personal and professional knowledge as an adult, we believe that all learning opportunities are valuable.

As children, we look forward to the lazy fun-filled days of summer. Unfortunately, summers away from school are one of the biggest, but least acknowledged, causes of underachievement for students - especially those from low income families. Studies show that kids from low-income families without access to enriching summer activities and books lose two months or more of reading and language skills per year. Kids from higher income families lose one month of reading and language skills per year. For all children, this learning loss is cumulative, summer after summer and it has a tremendous impact on students' success.

In Post they are doing something about summer learning loss. The Post-Garza County Endowment is supporting a partnership between Caprock Cultural Association and the Post Public Library to provide a program called Ready, Set . . . Read. Each Ready, Set . . . Read participant sets a goal to read for 20 minutes each day. A parent or guardian also signs a commitment to provide an opportunity for the child to fulfill their reading pledge and to support them in the program. Children who fulfill their weekly commitment receive a new book that is theirs to keep. Those who read quickly and return to the library before the end of a week earn additional small prizes. The library also participates in the Texas Bluebonnet Award program. Every child who reads at least five books from the Bluebonnet list receives a free book and is eligible to vote on his or her favorite. At the end of the summer, each child will own a small library of books that will help them form a lifetime love of reading. Ready, Set . . . Read also includes story time with children's authors, Brain Quest games for older children and performances by members of the Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Roster who will present live children's theater, storytelling and performances that encourage children to read.

When summer is over, teachers have been pleased to find they aren’t spending as much time re-teaching material from the previous school year. Because of the generous support of the people of Post through the Post-Garza County Endowment and the tremendous efforts of staff and volunteers at Caprock Cultural Association and the Post Public Library, children in Post are going back to school at the end of summer ready to learn!

Promoting Vibrant Communities

In many rural communities, downtown areas are slowly “drying up.” Buildings have fallen into disrepair and there simply isn’t enough trade to support main street businesses. The Community Foundation of West Texas and its Affiliates believe in the importance of revitalizing downtown areas and are excited about the possibilities that bringing commerce back to main streets creates for current and future generations.

The Community Foundation of West Texas and the Plainview Area Endowment are supporting the efforts of Plainview Downtown Restoration to restore the historic Skaggs building in downtown Plainview. The Skaggs Building is a four-story office building that was constructed in 1927. The owner donated the building last November with the intent that it be restored and used to foster the development of beginning entrepreneurs, artisans, musicians, and small businesses by providing an affordable environment from which to build their futures. Restoration of the entire building is in the planning stages and work on the first floor has begun. The building will eventually house office and retail spaces, a venue for meetings, art displays, catered events and other functions.

Levelland is also benefiting from downtown revitalization efforts. The Community Foundation and the Hockley County Endowment are supporting efforts to restore and renovate the Wallace Theater as a cinema, live music venue, art gallery and community meeting place. The original Wallace Theater was built in Levelland in 1926. When George Keeling purchased the Wallace Theater in 2002, it was full of pigeons and had fallen into disrepair. But George had a vision, one that his wife Iris and daughter Alycyn continue to believe in wholeheartedly. Since then, the Wallace Theater has obtained its nonprofit status and Alycyn has taken over her father’s efforts to renovate and operate the theater. Although we were all saddened by the loss of George Keeling in 2016 we know he would be immensely proud of the continuing efforts of his family and the Levelland community to bring the Wallace Theater back to life.
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