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Byron Sanders of Big Thought, Chris Bhatti of University of Texas at Dallas, Kristine Schwopf of Class Act Creative Solutions and Jonathan Blum of Polsinelli were featured panelists at CFT’s Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy session on board leadership in February.
A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Each day, we of the staff and board of Communities Foundation of Texas have the privilege of carrying out our mission to build a thriving community for all in North Texas and beyond. We’ve had an extraordinary year with much to be proud of. Even as we celebrated our 65th year with the opening of an additional office location in Collin County, and the launch of our new legacy society, the Live Oak Society, we recognize that our work has only just begun.

Over the past year, a major theme has been the importance of relationships in our efforts to deepen our impact. We know that you share our passion for making our community strong and vibrant for all, and arguably the most important factor to our collective success is diversity. Diversity in thought, diversity in age, diversity in ethnicity, diversity in geography and beyond. To us, diversity provides equity, fullness, wisdom and richness, and helps create the self-supporting community we all strive for.

This edition of IMPACT is dedicated to this conviction and all the things we are building to deepen community engagement. Please take a moment to read our stories and please give us feedback and your ideas. Further, I hope you’ll take the opportunity to learn more through our redesigned website at CFTexas.org. We will continue our work to champion diversity and will be listening carefully to you regarding the needs of our community so that we can serve you with distinction.

With gratitude,

Dave Scullin
PRESIDENT AND CEO,
COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS

“Arguably, the most important factor to our collective success is diversity.”
CFT Welcomes New Trustees

New Faces on the CFT Board Bring Perspective and Expertise

MATRICE ELLIS-KIRK, civic and business leader
Matrice is managing director of RSR Partners’ Board Recruiting and Chief Executive Officers Practices, and a member of the firm’s executive committee. She has more than 20 years of experience in the executive search industry, having led board and CEO assignments at two large global search firms prior to RSR Partners. Currently, she chairs the AT&T Performing Arts Center board and is a Dallas City Council-appointed board member of the DFW Airport Authority.

GUNJAN JAIN, business and financial leader
Gunjan is an owner of Access Healthcare Services USA LLC, and serves as the acting controller for the company and its international operations. She’s also one of the founders of Laurus Edutech, one of India’s top vocational training companies. She has been involved with various nonprofit organizations, most recently serving the Global Fund for Children, and recently created the “Kids Against Hunger” volunteer program for the North Texas Food Bank. She’s served on the capital campaign committees for the North Texas Food Bank and also the Lamplighter School, which recently raised $15 million for a world-class STEM facility in Dallas.

DEBRA BRENNA/TAGG, CFP®, expert financial planner and community leader
Debra is president of the wealth management firm Brennan Financial Services. Debra created the DBT360 Financial Plan, a proprietary program that helps her clients prioritize their goals, leverage their resources and address their risks. In addition to the CFT board, she serves on the board of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, where she’s helped to launch the GroundFloor at United Way. She also serves on the boards of Children’s Medical Center Dallas, Children’s Health Foundation, FSC Securities and the RIA Institute advisory board.

CFT SALUTES 10-YEAR TRUSTEE: CARLOS GONZALEZ PEÑA
Carlos Gonzalez Peña is retiring as a trustee after 10 years of dedicated service.
We’re so grateful for his leadership and years of expertise that he brought to the board!

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CFT’S NEW TRUSTEES, VISIT CFTEXAS.ORG/TRUSTEES
CFT OPENS NEW OFFICE IN COLLIN COUNTY

Opening event celebrates first two grantees from Fund for Collin County

IN FEBRUARY, DONORS, BUSINESS LEADERS and community members joined CFT for the grand opening celebration of our Collin County office location at HALL Park in Frisco. Attendees learned more about the generous donors to CFT’s Fund for Collin County, which has now met its initial $1 million fundraising goal. The first grants from the fund were announced and will support the work of CASA of Collin County and ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship.

WELCOME, JERI CHAMBERS!

Jeri joined CFT as a donor relations officer in 2018 after years of dedicated community building in Collin County. At CFT, she is working to further connect charitably minded individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits doing great work. Jeri is also encouraging giving to CFT’s Fund for Collin County. She holds a bachelor’s in secondary education from the University of Texas at Austin and a master’s in educational administration and supervision from the University of Nebraska Omaha. She has 12 years of experience as an educator, with eight years as a Plano ISD teacher. Jeri is a graduate of both Leadership Plano and Leadership North Texas. Jeri serves as a trustee to the Plano ISD school board and is a Plano ISD Education Foundation board member. As a member of the Junior League of Collin County (JLCC), Jeri was a creator and founder of Sci-Tech Discovery Center and is the community strategic director for the JLCC board. She is past president of Plano Youth Leadership and serves on the Collin County Homeless Coalition.

Continue to help us meet the challenge by joining us to invest in Collin County. Contact Sarah or Jeri to learn more or donate online at cftexas.org/FundforCollinCounty.

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Donors to the Fund for Collin County pose in celebration of the fund’s milestone. View the list of generous fund contributors at cftexas.org/FundforCollinCounty.

Fund for Collin County $20,000 Grant Recipient: ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship

Fund for Collin County $20,000 Grant Recipient: CASA of Collin County
PEOPLE OF COLOR MAKE UP THE LARGEST and fastest growing population within Dallas. Addressing the racial wealth divide and its underlying causes is of key importance to Dallas’ economy and future prosperity. Income is necessary for a family to get by, but wealth (assets) can make the difference in a family’s ability to stay afloat during unexpected shocks, as well as help families take advantage of economic opportunities that support them and future generations to get ahead (e.g., buying a home, saving for college or investing in the stock market).

A new report from Communities Foundation of Texas and Prosperity Now shows a community marked by widespread financial insecurity, high levels of asset poverty and subprime credit, and huge disparities in the economic conditions among Dallas households of color.

The 2018 Dallas Assets & Opportunity Profile provides an updated financial snapshot of Dallas, Dallas County and North Texas, examining trends in the financial security of residents over the past six years. This new report complements the previously released, comprehensive Dallas Economic Opportunity Assessment and builds on and updates the 2012 Dallas Assets & Opportunity Profile.

A FAMILY OF FOUR IN 2018 IS:

INCOME POOR
Don’t earn income above the federal poverty level
IF WHAT THEY EARN IS BELOW $2,092/MONTH

LIQUID ASSET POOR
Don’t have 3 months of savings to live above the poverty level (money in bank accounts, stocks, mutual funds and retirement accounts)
IF WHAT THEY SAVE IS BELOW $6,275

ASSET POOR
Don’t have 3 months of net worth to live above poverty level (total assets minus total liabilities)
IF WHAT THEY OWN IS BELOW $6,275

SAVINGS
45% OF HOUSEHOLDS
don’t have enough savings to replace poverty-level income for three months

ASSETS
1 IN 4 HOUSEHOLDS
have no assets, or owe more than they own

CREDIT
3 IN 5 CONSUMERS
in Dallas County have subprime credit scores
GOOD NEWS: Since the initial report in 2012, the population of Dallas has grown and financial security has improved in many ways for Dallas residents:

- Unemployment has been cut in half (down from 9.8% to 4.7%)
- Access to health insurance has increased widely across the region, with improvements particularly for low-income residents
- There are also higher rates of adults with postsecondary degrees
- The percentage of consumers with subprime credit has fallen sharply

BAD NEWS: Many households are still struggling to make ends meet – particularly in saving for emergencies and building wealth.

- Nearly half of Dallas households don’t have enough in savings to make ends meet at the poverty level for three months in the event of a financial emergency
- Disparities in income and asset attainment by race and ethnicity remain significant in Dallas, where 71% of the population are people of color
- Homeownership has not recovered since the recession, and overall homeownership rates have continued to fall since 2012
- In a Prosperity Now analysis of the financial health of the 64 largest cities in America, Dallas ranked 53rd, the lowest ranking of any major city in Texas

Go online to find additional resources at cftexas.org/Assets-Profile, including the full report, presentation slides, recorded live streams from our launch event and more.

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HONORING THE LIVES LOST AND FOREVER CHANGED on 9/11/01, CFT for Business presented its 17th annual Freedom Day, a community service event last September that was part of CFT’s North Texas Giving Day. In recognition of the courage and bravery of the men and women who fight for our freedom and those first responders who protect us, we dedicated this day of service to them by supporting local organizations that provide essential services to veterans, first responders and their families.

“Stewart Law Group PLLC was honored to celebrate our one-year anniversary at CFT’s Freedom Day. We enjoyed creating over 1,000 care packages and writing notes of encouragement to service men and women. I cannot think of a more rewarding way to celebrate our anniversary than to honor our military currently serving our country and the lives lost as a result of 9/11. Thank you for this opportunity to serve!”

AMY STEWART, STEWART LAW GROUP PLLC

“BVA’s participation allowed us to serve together while honoring our veterans and their families. We had the opportunity to hear from a WWII veteran and to clean headstones at the DFW National Cemetery, while reminiscing about those who have served our country and lost their lives. It was a time of reflection, and we are glad to have been a small part of this massive effort involving many others across our community.”

JEFF BALCOMBE, BVA GROUP

IN DALLAS, TARRANT AND COLLIN COUNTIES:

25 PROJECTS 5,900 HOURS OF SERVICE

1,100 VOLUNTEERS 21 NONPROFITS
Istation supported educators and empowered kids.


Kevin Sharpe said celebrating its milestone with a day of service represents Istation because “community building is part of everything we do, and partnering with CFT4B was an easy decision.”

Istation’s Rita Blanco and Molly Bryan met with CFT for Business (CFT4B) Director Sejal Desai to brainstorm their vision and design a meaningful experience for all employees. “CFT4B was a tremendous resource to help Istation define the project parameters, identify strategic nonprofit partners, develop volunteer projects and offer their VolunteerMatch platform,” said Rita. “CFT4B’s model enabled Istation employees to focus on their day jobs while CFT4B worked on the details for the anniversary celebration.”

CFT4B organized the day so that employees from every department could join together to serve five nonprofit organizations and build a deeper connection to the community and to each other. Istation is incorporating service days into its future plans, and “Day of Giving” has transformed into an annual company-wide celebration!

BECOME A CFT4B MEMBER COMPANY OR FREEDOM DAY SPONSOR

Learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, networking events and more at CFT4B.org
DIVERSIFYING PHILANTHROPY

New report speaks to donors of color

CFT AND TEXAS WOMEN’S FOUNDATION hosted a fall event to discuss the importance of donor diversity and highlight the release of a new report titled The Apparitional Donor: Understanding and Engaging High Net Worth Donors of Color, developed by Faces of Giving and The Vaid Group.

Ashindi Maxton, a member of the team that spent two years gathering data and preparing the report, highlighted how imperative it is to identify and engage individuals of color in philanthropy. “There is not a lot of diversity in donor groups, and it affects the things that get funded; it affects the conversations in the room. It affects the way we approach problems together,” Maxton noted in her opening remarks. “Donors of color can help drive systemic change and set the priorities for philanthropic giving.”

Data from the report showed several facts about high net worth donors of color. High net worth donors of color:

• Give generously, especially to create opportunity.
• Often give outside formal philanthropy.
• Actively engage in building and creating wealth.

While the report was based on interviews with donors nationwide, Hali Lee, co-founder and managing director of Faces of Giving and a member of the research team, shared insightful data from how the Dallas sample of high net worth donors of color – 24 of the 103 interviewed nationwide – differed from the national sample.

Among the Dallas group, almost all of them earned, rather than inherited, their wealth. “The study showed that the Dallas sample featured wealth earners and creators, who together gave more than $2 million annually,” said Lee.
Tuhina De O’Connor, co-founder and co-executive director of Faces of Giving, noted the importance of putting individuals of color in leadership positions within the philanthropic sector to both help identify other donors and set priorities that reflect the societal needs important to diverse donors.

A few of the emerging themes that surfaced from Faces of Giving’s research:

- There is a complex push and pull around wealth and family.
- Donors care deeply about creating opportunity.
- People are highly networked, yet there is a strong interest in being networked in a different way.
- There is a huge awareness of the racial wealth gap and other systemic inequities.
- Most donors of color have experienced discrimination personally.
- Many want to move the needle for big systemic change but they don’t know how.

In the report, researchers reported that high net worth donors of color are “keen to help create opportunities for others, as others have done for them, often through education and gifting money to family and friends.” The tradition of giving in communities of color has long been a part of these cultures and is considered a priority. They might not necessarily identify with the word “philanthropy” but are indeed actively participating in giving back.

CFT’s Monica Egert Smith moderated the event’s panel discussion. “At CFT, we see firsthand how important diversity and inclusion are in building a thriving community,” Egert Smith said. “We’re here to help bring donors of all demographics together to create positive, lasting change.”

Across the nation, we can work together to create a powerful and joyful community of donors of all backgrounds, develop cross-racial strategies to focus on deep and systemic change, and work to achieve impact through research-based collective work that reflects the passions and priorities of all our donors.

To learn more, to continue the conversation or to access post-event resources, presentation slides and event photos, contact Ami Doshi at adoshi@cftexas.org.
FAMILIES SERVE

FAMILY SERVICE DAY AT THE NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

During CFT’s seventh annual Family Service Day, over 100 CFT fund holders and CFT for Business members sorted and packaged more than 61,500 pounds of food at the North Texas Food Bank, the equivalent of more than 51,278 meals for families in need served by the food bank.

2018 Family Service Day families and colleagues pose together at the North Texas Food Bank.

Youth served in the company of local business leaders and families.

Families packaged more than 61,500 pounds of food together.

Children of CFT4B members made thoughtful cards for people in need.

CFT fund holders and partners brought their families for a day of volunteering together.

COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS
Welcome to the newest members of CFT’s Advisory Council. View the full list of council members at cftexas.org/AdvisoryCouncil.

Council members got to hear firsthand from an advisor and fund holder working with CFT to manage their charitable giving.

Michael Meadows, Beverly Brown, Kathryn McGill, Jim Bass

CFT’s Advisory Council, a select group of professional and civic leaders, came together for breakfast to welcome new members and catch up on CFT’s news and service offerings for clients. Attendees heard from local advisor and Advisory Council member Ronnie McClure and his client, Beverly Brown, about why she converted her private foundation into a CFT donor-advised fund. Read Beverly’s story on page 16.

CFT for Business (CFT4B) helps companies do good through charitable giving, volunteerism and employee engagement. Thanks to the generosity of CFT4B Cornerstone Sponsor, The Shields Group, CFT4B member company leaders are able to come together for conversation and cocktails each quarter to make connections, share insights and further engage with one another and CFT4B staff.
CFT fund holders Raj and Anna Asava established the North Texas Food Bank’s Indian American Council and the Hunger Mitao (Wipe Out Hunger) campaign to rally the community to fight hunger. In just one year, their efforts raised enough food and funds to provide more than 2 million meals across North Texas. They held a celebration and awareness event at CFT for those who participated or who wanted to learn more.

Attendees learned about giving back and fighting hunger.

Panelists discussed food insecurity in North Texas.

CFT’s Fund Holder Appreciation Dinner is truly our favorite night of the year! This year’s theme was “The Power of Purpose: Finding Your Philanthropic North Star.” Fund holders joined together for an evening of dining and getting to know one another. They also heard from author James Kane on the brain science behind trust, belonging and purpose.
CFT recently held a Cause-Minded Conversation to explore the role of faith communities in addressing equity and inclusion. The event was held in partnership with Faith Commons, Faith Forward Dallas at Thanksgiving Square, the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, and Project Unity.

Thanks to your generosity, Communities Foundation of Texas’ record-breaking 10th annual North Texas Giving Day in September raised more than $48 million for 2,700 local nonprofits. That brings the 10-year total to over $240 million – a powerful investment that creates a more thriving North Texas for all. Save the date for North Texas Giving Day 2019 on 9/19/19!
Beverly Brown finds joy converting family foundation to CFT fund

BEVERLY BROWN IS A FIFTH-GENERATION native Texan with a quick smile, who grew up in Farmers Branch. As a child, she would often accompany her mom to area charities where they volunteered to help others who were homeless or hungry. Those early lessons have fueled Beverly’s heart for giving back through active volunteerism, board leadership and donor support.

In adulthood, Beverly took on the responsibility of managing a family foundation, which was established when her father passed. Together with her husband, Matthew, a Park Cities chiropractor, she maintained a bustling household of five children while pursuing a career in education. At the same time, she deepened her volunteerism and grant support of multiple North Texas and Colorado grassroots charities that serve disadvantaged women and families, as well as educational causes.

Last year, when working alongside her estate attorney, Larry Wolfish, founder of Wolfish and Newman, P.C., and her CPA, Ronnie McClure, of SeekingNorth, LLC, Beverly expressed the desire to simplify the administrative oversight of her family foundation. With her children grown, she was looking to enjoy more time for volunteer activities and for travel with Matthew to Denver where the couple of 31 years maintains a second home.

Larry suggested that Beverly consider transitioning her private foundation to a donor-advised fund at CFT. Ronnie, Beverly’s tax advisor, echoed the recommendation as it would eliminate the reporting and administrative costs that Beverly was incurring to manage her foundation, while at the same time maintaining the grantmaking capabilities that she needed.

So, together Beverly and Ronnie met with CFT to discuss a long list of Beverly’s questions. Satisfied that she could continue her charitable gifting according to her plans, Beverly opened a donor-advised fund at CFT in 2017, which she established with the transfer of her family foundation assets.

“Had I known how easy it would be, I would have converted our family foundation to a donor-advised fund much sooner. I have also gained the knowledge and staff of CFT to support my philanthropic work.”

—BEVERLY BROWN

To learn more about working with CFT for your charitable giving needs, contact Kathryn McGill, advisor relations officer, at kmcgill@cftexas.org or 214-750-4145.
EMERGING LEADERS

CFT’s philanthropic leadership program inspires next generation

LAST FALL, CFT LAUNCHED ITS INAUGURAL cohort of Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy, a nine-month program with a mission to engage, educate and connect North Texas young leaders to take an active role in building thriving communities.

Session topics include exploring key community issues; finding effective nonprofit organizations; ways to give and engage; board leadership; nonprofit pitch day; nonprofit site visits; funding an organization; and a celebratory closing session with a grant award presentation.

As part of their exploration in philanthropy, participants have the opportunity to collectively grant $50,000 to area nonprofits of their choosing. To help make their funding decisions, the cohort worked together to identify their priority issue areas: Education/Youth, with a focus on education equity and opportunity, Economic Mobility, with a focus on access to living-wage jobs, and Hunger, Food and Nutrition, with a focus on access to healthy food. They also identified a collective set of values: community, sustainability and innovation. The cohort recently heard in-person pitches from six local nonprofits working in the areas they identified and will soon visit the nonprofits and determine which to grant all or a portion of the funding.

“What an amazing experience to be part of ELP! I have truly enjoyed learning and developing my philanthropic vision. This program is a treasured blessing for young professionals trying to understand how best to serve the community and support the causes dear to us. I am grateful to CFT for creating and supporting Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy.”

DEVAUGHDRIC ROSS, Advisor/Consultant, Liberty Mutual Group

“As a young professional with a strong love for DFW, it can be overwhelming to want to do so much at once. What I really appreciate about the ELP program is that we look at data and statistics and then have real conversations to collectively learn the community’s pressing issues and what we’re most passionate about, and how we can make a difference.”

GIORGIO CUELLAR, Menswear Designer/Owner, Giorgio Verdi

APPLY FOR CFT’S EMERGING LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY 2019-20 COHORT

Young leaders ages 25–40: Interested in learning more about philanthropy and grantmaking? Learn more and apply to be part of our Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy program at cftexas.org/ELP. Applications open on May 15 and close on June 14.
MICHELLE OBAMA AND EDUCATE TEXAS INSPIRE STUDENTS TO “REACH HIGHER”

W hen Michelle Obama’s Foundation reached out to Shareea Woods, director of Educate Texas’ newly refreshed Texas College Access Network (TxCAN), offering 100 free tickets to disadvantaged Dallas-area high school students to attend her sold-out Becoming book tour event on December 17 in Dallas, Shareea “jumped at the chance.”

“Our mission is to show all students they can achieve a college education after high school – to aim high and let TxCAN and college access professionals help them achieve their dreams,” added Woods. “Michelle Obama’s ‘Reach Higher’ mission and what she’s achieved in life are a true inspiration, and only drives home the can-do messages we share with students every day.”

Obama provided tickets to students in hopes they would “see themselves and their future potential in her story and reach higher.” TxCAN partnered with Dallas ISD’s Office of Extended Learning Opportunities to bring students to the tour, and with Half Price Books to donate new copies of her book.

“This experience gives me hope for my future. It encourages me to do better in anything I’m doing in school. It gives us the courage to push forward, no matter what our background is. No matter where we come from, anything is possible.”

JULIA, STUDENT AT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHERS ARE THE NO. 1 IN-SCHOOL FACTOR that influences student achievement – yet attracting and retaining the best educators remains challenging. Best in Class, an Educate Texas initiative powered by Communities Foundation of Texas and Commit, is committed to ensuring North Texas students get access to the very best teachers and school leaders.

The program focuses on how local education systems can attract great talent, prepare educators for success, provide meaningful development, and retain the best. To support this work, Best in Class analyzes data, connects people, resources and best practices, and grows strategies that work.

“Sparking change in our educational system will be driven by celebrating teachers and helping them succeed,” said Betsy Cook, deputy director of Best in Class at Educate Texas. “The key is ensuring we give teachers the tools and training to be fully effective for our students.”

TOUCHDOWN for TEACHERS LAUNCH CELEBRATION

On a beautiful Saturday last October at a Southern Methodist University football game, Best in Class held a “tailgate” launch celebration, Touchdown for Teachers, to give a warm welcome to new-to-the-profession teachers in North Texas. Teachers enjoyed tasty barbecue and were given free tickets to the SMU vs. Cincinnati game, T-shirts, goodie bags and lots of recognition. First-year teachers identified by districts as “Rising Stars” were honored on the field during the game halftime.

MEET “RISING STAR” TEACHER MELISA SIMON

Melisa Simon, a fifth-grade science teacher at Dallas ISD Blanton Elementary, was inspired to teach by her experience as a Dallas ISD student where she was “supported by teachers who never gave up.” Melisa exemplifies the success of Grow Your Own Teacher programs. She earned college credit while still in high school, allowing her to complete her bachelor’s degree and become a teacher at age 20. Her goal as a teacher is to “motivate students to realize the power of education.” Best in Class believes there is untapped talent in all our schools and supports schools in nurturing those talents. In 2018, nine districts across North Texas focused on launching or developing Grow Your Own Teacher programs.
NEW GRANTS SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS

CFT awards $1,069,000 to local nonprofits

“Each year, we review and evaluate hundreds of requests from local nonprofits to create our Giving Guide, which in turn gives donors access to immediate opportunities to make a positive difference in our community,” said Sarah Cotton Nelson, chief philanthropy officer at CFT. “These 2018 grantees have shown they are addressing a timely need and have the capability to solve those needs effectively.”

You can join in this funding

CFT’s Giving Guide is available at cftexas.org/GivingGuide for anyone to discover and learn more about nonprofits working across local issue areas. Since our inception in 1953, and with your support, CFT has made more than $1.8 billion in grants. The Giving Guide fuels just one avenue of that giving.

To be considered for 2019 funding, nonprofits can learn more and apply online at: cftexas.org/Apply-For-a-Grant. The upcoming deadlines are April 1 and August 29 at 5 p.m.

2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS

ANIMALS
Canine Companions for Independence
Children’s Medical Center Foundation
Dallas Pets Alive
It’s a Sensory World
Ranch Hands Rescue

ARTS & CULTURE
Amphibian Stage Productions
Art House Dallas
Cara Mia Theatre Co.
 Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation
Dallas Theater Center
Sammons Center for the Arts
TACA – The Arts Community Alliance

COMMUNITY SERVICES
2ndSaturday Community Development Corporation
The Chocolate MINT Foundation
Crossroads Community Services
The Family Place
Greater Dallas Area Special Olympics Texas
Homeward Bound
The Inclusive Communities Project
The Stewpot of First Presbyterian Church
The Warren Center
The Women’s Center of Tarrant County
Workers Defense Project

ENVIRONMENT
Dallas Zoo
GROW North Texas
The Welman Project

HEALTH
Bryan’s House
Camp Summit
Communities in Schools of the Dallas Region
Denton Community Health Clinic
DKMS – We Delete Blood Cancer
Easterseals North Texas
Grant Halliburton Foundation
NTARUPT: North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens
Open Arms
PediPlace
Southern Methodist University
TeamConnor Childhood Cancer Foundation
The Well Community

OLDER ADULTS
Catholic Charities of Dallas
Easterseals North Texas
Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas
Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County
Northside Inter-Community Agency
The Senior Source

YOUTH
After-School All-Stars North Texas
Best Buddies
Cornerstone Crossroads Academy
Excellence by Design Education Center
Heart House Dallas
Lone Star CASA
Momentous Institute

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CFT IN THE NEWS

Dave Scullin, president and CEO, was featured for the second year in a row as part of D Magazine’s Dallas 500 of 2018: The Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas-Fort Worth. He was also highlighted in Dallas Modern Luxury’s “Lending Hands” feature of their “top nine locals with shape-shifting ideas that make North Texas a place of thanksgiving.”

George Tang, managing director of CFT’s Educate Texas, was honored by Dallas Business Journal as part of their 2019 Minority Business Leader Awards. George was also selected by Mayor Rawlings as a co-chair of the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

EDUCATION SECTOR RECOGNITION

Priscilla Aquino Garza, deputy director, policy, received a Graduate School Diversity Mentoring Fellowship and a Texas New Scholar Award for her UT Austin PhD program.

Kristin Kuhne, PhD, senior director of insights and analytics, was selected by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) for the Leadership Class of 2019.


COMMUNITY CALL-OUTS

Sarah Beeks Higdon, CAP®, director of charitable giving, Collin County, was selected as a new member of the Texas Health Presbyterian Plano Chairman’s Council.

Kathryn McGill, CAP®, advisor relations officer, was appointed to a two-year term for the McKinney Community Development Corporation in fall 2018.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Becky Calahan, associate, TEGAC, was selected as the Legislative Policy Lead for the Economic Development Committee of the Austin Young Chamber.

Tina Lin, strategic initiatives officer, was part of the 2017–2018 Class of the Mayor’s Star Council.

Chris McSwain, community engagement officer, was selected for the Dallas Regional Chamber Young Professionals 2019 Class of LEAD YP.

Nicole Paquette, marketing manager, graduated from the Dallas Regional Chamber Young Professionals 2018 Class of LEAD YP.

Andy Scripps, deputy director, Educate Texas strategy, was selected for the Dallas Regional Chamber’s Leadership Dallas Class of 2019.

NATIONALLY NOTEWORTHY

Ashley McIver, community philanthropy officer, was selected to serve alongside national peer funders such as the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Annie E. Casey Foundation, on the 2019 Workforce Matters Steering Committee as the sole Texas representative.

Sarah Cotton Nelson, chief philanthropy officer, was selected to participate in the 2018-19 Thoreau class of the Stagen Integral Leadership Program.

Leigh Schaefers, director of accounting, was named the vice chair of the Accounting Practices Committee of the National Community Foundation Finance & Administrative Officers Group.

Carol Pierce Goglia, senior director of marketing and communications, was published in The Communication Network’s Change Agent publication featuring Communities Foundation of Texas’ work in racial equity.
10 Reasons to Consider a Donor-Advised Fund at CFT

Donor-advised funds are the fastest-growing giving method in the nation because they provide ease and flexibility and are more affordable, tax-wise alternatives to managing a private foundation. You can establish a donor-advised fund at CFT with a gift of $10,000 to $100 million or more. Here are our top 10 reasons to consider opening a donor-advised fund at Communities Foundation of Texas.

1. EASY TO ESTABLISH AND USE
   It takes only minutes to open a fund at CFT, and you get the full benefit of your charitable contribution when the fund is established. Add to your fund and recommend grants through our online portal at any time.

2. GIVE A VARIETY OF ASSETS
   CFT accepts many assets including cash, stock and real estate. Plus, you leverage tax deductions and eliminate capital gains taxes when gifting appreciated assets. The proceeds from these gifts are invested for tax-free growth.

3. “BUNCHING” IS EASIER
   “Bunching” allows you to contribute multiple years’ worth of charitable giving in a single year and receive an immediate tax deduction to surpass the itemization threshold, while continuing to give to the organizations you care about in a consistent way.

4. ENGAGE GENERATIONS
   Name your children or grandchildren as advisors to the fund and make giving decisions together as a family, passing on your values and philanthropy.

5. PARTNER WITH A LOCAL EXPERT
   CFT has extensive knowledge of thousands of nonprofits and is committed to making a difference in our community.

6. NO REQUIRED GRANT TIMELINE
   Make a gift today and then recommend grants over time. A donor-advised fund at CFT also offers flexibility when unique tax events arise.

7. GIVE ANONYMOUSLY
   When you give through your donor-advised fund, you may choose to remain anonymous on any particular grant or all grants.

8. LEAVE A LEGACY
   Utilize a donor-advised fund similarly to a private family foundation. We can help you build plans for involving family, or create a succession plan. You can provide direction to CFT to support your favorite causes on your behalf, ensuring evolving community needs will continue to be addressed well beyond your lifetime.

9. ONE TAX RECEIPT
   When you give annually to your donor-advised fund, it’s one tax receipt for your records. You can then make grants to as many beneficiaries as you would like without having to keep up with the paperwork.

10. AUTOMATE YOUR GIVING
    When you give through a donor-advised fund at CFT, you may choose to automate your recurring giving by scheduling grants monthly, quarterly or annually.

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HOW DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS WORK

DONORS
Establish funds, donate assets and recommend grants

CFT
Invests and grows funds, advises on charitable impact and conducts due diligence on nonprofits

NONPROFITS
Receive grants and guidance from CFT
North Texas Giving Day 2019 Needs Your Support!

The single biggest motivation cited by people giving to nonprofits on North Texas Giving Day is that their dollars go further because of bonus funds and prizes. We need YOUR help to power the day and make each gift more impactful.

To sponsor North Texas Giving Day 2019, contact Kaitlin Guthrow, director of fundraising and nonprofit relations at kguthrow@cftexas.org or 214-750-4253.

CHARITABLE LEGACIES THAT LIVE ON

We will miss these friends of the foundation that we lost in the last year:

Mary Bartholow
Bob Buford
George H.W. Bush
Don Carter
Rita Clements

Marvin Conner
Dan Cook
Lyra Daniels
Henry B. Estess
Dorothy Fitch
Caroline Hunt

Mark L. Lemmon
George Lodge
Margaret McDermott
Juli McGinnis
Betty Walker
UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1 & AUG. 29
LETTER OF INQUIRY (LOI) GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES
Grant funding is available to local nonprofits in the areas of arts and culture, community services, environment, health, human-animal connection, older adults and racial equity. Learn more at cftexas.org/Apply-For-a-Grant.

APRIL 3
CFT FUND HOLDER SITE VISIT: AKOLA
Exclusively for CFT fund holders: Join us for a site visit to AKOLA to learn about the AKOLA Academy, their social impact model and the work opportunities and training they provide to women in crisis in Dallas and Uganda. Registration required. Email adoshi@cftexas.org for details.

MAY 7
ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR FEATURING SAMUEL A. DONALDSON
Join us for our professional seminar in partnership with SMU. This MCLE/CPE/CFP continuing education event helps professional advisors with philanthropic strategies that can benefit charitable clients. Register at cftexas.org/Seminar.

JUNE 14
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 2019-20 COHORT OF CFT’S EMERGING LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY
Young leaders: Interested in learning more about philanthropy and grantmaking? Apply to be part of our Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy program at cftexas.org/ELP.

SEPT. 11 & 14
CFT’S FREEDOM DAY
Join us for powerful days of community service across DFW to honor the lives tragically lost and changed on Sept. 11, 2001. More than 1,000 volunteers will participate in this 18th annual event. Learn more at CFT4B.org or by contacting keubanks@cftexas.org.

SEPT. 19
NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY
Save the date! During North Texas Giving Day, everyone can be a philanthropist online from 6 a.m. to midnight. Will you join us? In 2018, more than $48 million was raised for 2,700 local nonprofits. Learn more online at NorthTexasGivingDay.org.

VIEW MORE EVENTS AND REGISTER ONLINE AT CFTEXAS.ORG/EVENTS