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HOMETOWN HEROES TAKE NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There are 7.5 million people in North Texas, and that number continues to grow. Each day, we are inspired by the countless hometown heroes we encounter through our work at Communities Foundation of Texas. They continue to remind us that our future here is bright.

Our everyday hometown heroes are as diverse as our community. They come from many different places, cultures, areas of expertise and professions, and they all have one thing in common: they are difference makers who share a common passion for building a thriving community.

This edition of IMPACT is dedicated to the everyday heroes of North Texas:

• From recently retired Mavericks legend Dirk Nowitzki and his wife, Jessica, chairing our North Texas Giving Day this year, to each of you who will help us crush the record-breaking $48 million to 2,700 nonprofits through last year’s Giving Day – don’t forget to save the date for 9-19-19 – you are heroes.

• To the members of our Live Oak Society who are leaving a charitable legacy that will impact our community long beyond their lifetimes, you are heroes.

• To each donor who has been willing to share their story of generosity to help inspire others, you are heroes.

• To each of our nonprofit partners and our team of staff experts working daily to build a thriving community here in North Texas, you are heroes.

There are endless options to make an impact, and we’re always here to help. We’re grateful to work side by side with so many of you, our hometown heroes.

With gratitude,

PRESIDENT AND CEO,
COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS

P.S. Who’s your hero that’s making an impact here at home? Send an email to heroes@cftexas.org and let us know!
LEADING THROUGH LEGACY: CFT’S LIVE OAK SOCIETY

Everyone can leave a legacy. What will yours be?

IN THE PAST 66 YEARS, hundreds of forward-thinking individuals, couples and families have partnered with CFT to make a commitment to further their passions and better our community beyond their lifetimes. These generous donors have named Communities Foundation of Texas as the beneficiary of a planned or deferred gift through their wills or estate plans and are recognized as part of CFT’s legacy society, the Live Oak Society. Planned gifts to any fund at CFT qualify for Live Oak Society membership and demonstrate the highest level of trust in Communities Foundation of Texas.

HOW TO INCLUDE CFT IN YOUR WILL/FINANCIAL PLANS

Talk with your estate attorney or financial advisor to discuss your charitable plans.

YOU DECIDE:

I want to give to charity during my lifetime. AND/OR I want to give to charity after my lifetime.

Benefit: You will be eligible for an income tax deduction. Benefit: You can reduce or eliminate estate taxes.

Meet with CFT to discuss your charitable giving goals and determine which giving vehicle is right for you.

A benefit of giving during your lifetime: you will be eligible for an income tax deduction. A benefit of giving after your lifetime: you can reduce or eliminate estate taxes.

Did you know?

When you give to charity through your will, you enjoy financial and tax benefits while also helping ensure that the work of your favorite nonprofit will endure for generations to come.

Planned gifts allow you to support your favorite nonprofits during your lifetime and beyond. Planning your philanthropic giving enables donors to make larger gifts than they could from ordinary income. Some planned gifts even provide lifelong income to your family.

Contact our team of CFT experts to join CFT’s Live Oak Society or to start a conversation and explore planned giving opportunities for you and your family.

JEFF & ALISON BALCOMBE

“We have been CFT fund holders for over a decade and have seen firsthand the resources that CFT provides. CFT actively evaluates charitable organizations, provides tools for fund holders to better understand charitable giving and provides many opportunities for involvement beyond giving. We chose to join CFT’s Live Oak Society and leave a legacy with CFT to set an example for our children and future generations. CFT helped us think through our options in allocating and administering our legacy fund, laying the foundation for our family’s financial stewardship and continued involvement in giving back.”

KERN AND MARNIE WILDENTHAL

“Joining CFT’s Live Oak Society and establishing a ‘Family Fund’ as a means to provide ongoing support to a variety of important nonprofit organizations were easy decisions for us. In addition to relieving us of worrying about how to invest and preserve our philanthropic funds for our old age and beyond, a donor-advised fund at CFT that will last for decades to come will enable our children and grandchildren to learn and experience the joys of giving to deserving causes.”

MICHAEL AND BARBARA EBERHARDT

“We strongly believe in the value and importance of legacy giving because of our ability to affect lives and charitable organizations for many years into the future. CFT is an important partner which has the exceptional skills needed in managing and facilitating the gifts to the organizations that are important to our legacy objectives. We are very grateful for CFT’s assistance to us and proud to be part of the Live Oak Society.”

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Educate Texas collaborates, educates and informs with great results for Texas students

When it comes to education policy, there are many stakeholders. Texas legislators, public and private universities, community colleges, educators and students are all invested. Working side by side with our partners during the 86th legislative session, we were able to help several critical bills pass that will benefit Texas students. Leading up to the session, Educate Texas worked to convene stakeholders to develop awareness of evidence-based initiatives that boost student outcomes. We also partnered with organizations to host lunch-and-learn sessions for legislators and staff to educate and inform them about critical issues affecting public higher education during the legislative session.

“The impact of the 86th legislative session

Exciting things are happening in Texas education – and you can read all about it in our 2018-2019 Annual Report. You’ll learn how we’re making a positive difference by working side by side with leaders from school districts, colleges and universities, business and the workforce, community and civic organizations, and state agencies and policymakers across Texas. Partner support is making a difference as we transform public higher education in Texas. Together, we can change lives. Read the report online at EdTx.org/about/annual-report.

Several policies we are thrilled to highlight

We asked our Educate Texas experts to recap new policies from the 86th legislative session and why each matters.

House Bill 3

House Bill 3 implements many of the School Finance Commission’s recommendations, including the increase of school funding with an added weight for districts serving low-income students; the support of full-day pre-K for every eligible child; a bonus for college, career and military readiness; the resources for districts to adopt strategic compensation and teacher incentive programs; an allotment for stronger teacher mentoring; the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a high school graduation requirement; as well as adjustments to many other critical levers.

Why it matters

This bill invests significant additional resources into public education and fundamentally changes the way that we allocate those dollars to improve student outcomes.

Senate Bill 25

Senate Bill 25 is a higher education bill that compels greater transparency of how students’ earned credit hours are transferred between institutions of higher education to ensure more timely graduation.

Why it matters

Many students are attending more than one institution on their journey to degree completion. This bill increases transparency around how credits will transfer between institutions and apply to students’ majors. This will help students avoid spending time and money on courses that ultimately do not count toward their degree.

Senate Bill 1324

Senate Bill 1324 requires students to file a degree plan once they have earned 15 hours of dual credit in high school.

Why it matters

Over the last 10 years, we have seen an increase in the number of high school students taking dual credit college courses. This bill is focused on putting guardrails in place to support student degree completion. Requiring students to file a degree plan earlier helps ensure students are taking dual credit courses that will ultimately count toward their degree.

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INSPIRING STUDENTS AND UPLIFTING EDUCATORS

Carter Creech creates lasting impact in his hometown through CFT

Since 2005, CARTER CREECH HAS PARTNERED with CFT on his charitable giving as he’s looked to “think bigger,” leading by example to encourage others. Passionate about education, he credits an athletic scholarship to Southern Methodist University for his undergraduate degree and an SMU tuition scholarship for his MBA as the launching point of his successful business career. Creech is making a lasting impact on the school district he formerly attended in Troy, Missouri. His legacy of giving back and helping others will live on long beyond his lifetime through his charitable estate plans, which will focus on investments in education.

CARTER CREECH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Carter Creech Scholarship Fund at CFT is the most significant local scholarship award available in Troy, providing four to five sizable, renewable scholarships annually to graduating seniors of Troy Buchanan High School pursuing an undergraduate degree.

“Without scholarship help, I wouldn’t have attended SMU, probably would not have made Dallas home and certainly would have chosen a different career path. That is why I am providing scholarship assistance to Troy students so they too can attend the school that will put them on their best career trajectory.” – CARTER CREECH

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CARTER CREECH EDUCATION FUND

Creech experienced firsthand being a student with no counseling or support in determining his college or career path. Today, Troy has only one counselor, dramatically under-resourced to serve in 2,000 high school students. To solve this problem, Creech invested in Education Opens Doors (EOD) a Dallas nonprofit, through the Carter Creech Education Fund at CFT. EOD will train Troy teachers to implement a comprehensive two-year curriculum that teaches college and career preparedness skills to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Students will build confidence and motivation while learning about higher education paths, financial aid, academic benchmarks, professionalism and more.

“Troy is a small town and it’s difficult for students to think big without exposure to opportunities. It’s important to show students their potential so that they can aspire to do big things,” said Creech.

In addition, Creech established the Lincoln County R-III Teacher of the Year Award, the largest program in Missouri. He contributes $8,000 annually from his education fund at CFT to support one $5,000 award and three $1,000 awards for decreasing achievement gaps and improving academic gains.

Educate Texas Collaborative Highlights: Since 2007, Chris has led efforts across Educate Texas’ four impact areas: College and Career Readiness, Effective Teaching, Higher Education, and Collective Impact, aligning resources and support to improve educational outcomes for low-income, minority and first-generation students. He was integral in the launch of RGV FOCUS, Educate Texas’ successful collective impact initiative focused on college readiness, access and success in the Rio Grande Valley.

Looking to make an impact in an issue area? CFT can help connect you to your hometown, whether that’s here in North Texas or across the nation. Contact us at 214-750-4229 or donorservices@cftexas.org to learn how we can help you be a hometown hero for the causes that matter most to you.

CFT’S EDUCATION EXPERTISE

Educate Texas’ J. Chris Coxon and Dr. Reo Pruett are agents of change

Most people see community foundations as conveners, funders and collaborators connecting donors to critical community needs. We are proud to play those roles here in North Texas and beyond, but we also create statewide impact through Educate Texas, the public-private partnership we’ve built in collaboration with many national, statewide and local philanthropic organizations, businesses, policymakers, school districts, universities, state agencies and community organizations. As the only community foundation in the nation with an educational consultancy, CFT is uniquely positioned to leverage partnerships to strengthen our Texas education system.

Below are brief highlights highlighting two of our Educate Texas leaders whose work is integral to our success in implementing best practices and expanding scale across the state. Read the extended feature about their work and perspectives on education at CFTexas.org/ChrisandReo.

J. Chris Coxon
Managing Director, Educate Texas

Path to CFT: Chris has held several educational leadership positions including teacher, teacher leader, district administrator, principal and deputy superintendent, and is a graduate of Harvard’s Urban Superintendents Program. During his time as a superintendent, his district received the Broad Prize for Urban Education for decreasing achievement gaps and improving academic gains.

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~ J. CHRIS COXON

Dr. Reo Pruett, Ed.D
Senior Director, Programs, Educate Texas

Path to CFT: A proud career educator for over 30 years, Reo has served in roles such as district science specialist, new teacher supervisor, director of secondary education, vice principal, principal and district director. For years, she mentored educational leaders and built successful partnerships for districts through philanthropic and corporate support and higher education institutions.

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DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE

CFT partners to kick-start college savings for local students

When children know they have money set aside for college or postsecondary education, they embrace graduation as an expectation. Children who grow up with college savings accounts are three times more likely to go to college and four times more likely to graduate, compared to those who don’t have college savings. CFT, Educate Texas and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas partnered to launch Dollars for College, a program that provides low-income families with a safe, trusted, easy-to-access and low-cost opportunity to start building savings. The partners were thrilled to collaborate with Lancaster ISD as the first school district in North Texas to introduce Dollars for College, with plans to expand to Richardson ISD in fall 2019. Both of the initial districts were chosen because of their prior success in postsecondary education or training, they may access funds from these accounts to do so. The W.W. Caruth, Jr. Fund at CFT, The Meadows Foundation, The Boone Family Foundation, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Wells Fargo and Dallas Social Venture Partners, along with Lancaster ISD, generously provided funding. Lancaster ISD received the H-E-B Academic Excellence Award in 2018 and invested the $50,000 award in the initial Dollars for College program to support accounts for every current LISD kindergarten student.

To date, over 90% of LISD kindergarten families have agreed to enroll their students in Dollars for College, with over 200 opening parent accounts. Starting college savings from an early age can help change the trajectory for these students, their families and the entire community, helping more students access and complete postsecondary education in the years to come. We look forward to sharing in the success of the first class of Dollars for College kindergarteners – and seeing the program expand in the years to come. Learn more at CFTexas.org/DollarsforCollege.

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Twelve nonprofits were selected through a competitive process to be part of the initiative’s first cohort and have attended monthly sessions focused on nonprofit and program leadership, with additional learning opportunities for program staff and board members. Further, participating nonprofits received a capacity-building grant of up to $5,000.

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Welcome, New Fund Holders

CFT hosted our annual welcome luncheon for our newest fund holders. During lunch, they met other donors as well as some of our CFT staff. New donors then learned about the history of CFT and how to make the most of their charitable funds through CFT’s services.

This annual event is a great opportunity for fund holders, both new and existing, to learn about tools, resources and ways CFT can further support their philanthropy.

CFT can be a partner to you in your charitable giving. Contact Carolyn Newham at cnewham@cftexas.org.

Chairman’s Dinner

CFT recently hosted our current board of trustees and past trustees for our annual Chairman’s Dinner. This year’s event included special toasts saluting nine-year trustee Jim Bass for his leadership as chairman the last three years. We are so grateful to each of those who have served our board, as their tireless efforts are key to what we are able to accomplish today and over the past 65 years.

Professional Seminar

This spring, CFT and Southern Methodist University hosted wealth advisors, attorneys and accountants at our professional seminar. Speaker and Professor Samuel A. Donaldson brought humor and planning wisdom to this year’s continuing education program with his presentation titled: Staying Afloat Shifting Sands: Keeping Nimbly Amidst Changing Tax Laws. Donaldson spoke on many topics including practical planning tips for married couples with varying estate sizes, strategies for anticipating state transfer taxes and appropriate trust tools, and contemporary tax strategies, including maximizing deductions through “bunching” charitable donations to a donor-advised fund or directing distributions from an IRA to charity.

Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Graduation

CFT’s Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy program seeks to engage, educate and connect North Texas young leaders to take an active role in building thriving communities for all. Our inaugural cohort completed their nine-month journey in philanthropy in June, and we congratulate and celebrate each of the graduates. Our second cohort of Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy kicks off in September. Learn more at CFTexas.org/ELP or contact Tina Lin at tlin@cftexas.org.

Faces in Our Community

Hussain Marjorie, Shazia Marjorie, Dave Sudder, Raj Arora, Anna Arora, Ami Doshi

Lynn Sneyer

Sajal Dass, Jenn Sosland, Valerie Haskell

Kate Kushn, Rhonda Cox

Seminar attendees enjoyed Samuel A. Donaldson’s informative presentation.

Susan Scullin, Alfreda Norman, Joe Norman, George Tang

Jim Bass was saluted for his role as board chairman.

Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Ken Hersch, Julie Hersch

Aline Bass shared remarks.

Bobby Lyle and Conna O’Neill

Cohort graduates mingled with panelists from past program sessions at their graduation celebration. From left: Nick Marin, Jr., Byron Sanders, Brittany Huber, Noble Mads, Chris Bhatt, Amit Batorjee
CFT FOR BUSINESS:
CONVERSATION AND COCKTAILS

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.

Learn more at CFT4B.org or contact Sejal Desai at sdesai@cftexas.org.

CFT recently honored Kathy Muldoon, CFP®, senior vice president at Carter Financial Management as the recipient of CFT’s 2019 Vester Hughes Award. The award recognized Kathy for her contributions to CFT’s mission of growing philanthropy in the region, for her devotion to assisting clients with charitable giving, her deep personal commitment to charitable causes and her thoughtful mentorship of fellow advisors.

2019 Vester Hughes Award honoree Kathy Muldoon poses with family at the event. From left, Kathy Muldoon, Ryan Muldoon, Hilary Muldoon, Chris Muldoon, Jess Miller, Ten Muldoon, Mara Muldoon, Patty Murphy Kracht, Ashish Khanna and Mona Mehta.
As a member of the Junior Players’ Young Professionals Committee, Deja shared her passion for youth and the arts by engaging her network to get up and give! Junior Players serves thousands of kids and teens throughout the North Texas area and Deja’s leadership and support helped advance that mission even further!

Who will you be a hometown hero for this year? Schedule your gifts in advance starting on September 9. Be sure to give by midnight on the 19th! Browse nonprofits, register for events, create FUNdrasing pages and more at NorthTexasGivingDay.org.

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Individuals and families can create FUNdrasing pages for this year’s North Texas Giving Day and are encouraged to spread the word all the way through North Texas Giving Day on 9.19.19. This crowsource-style fundraising option allows individuals to activate their networks and encourage generosity among their friends and family both near and far. In 2018, generous supporters helped raise more than $765,000 through FUNdrasing pages on North Texas Giving Day! Take a look at these FUNdrasing all-stars! These passionate people were among the top 25 FUNdrasers for 2018.

FUNdraiser: Strother Norman

48 DONATIONS

$4,000 RAISED

Strother is a middle school student from Fort Worth. At the age of 5, Strother was involved in a car accident that caused a spinal cord injury at T2-T3, resulting in paraplegia. Resilient despite the challenges, Strother remains an active athlete and enjoys his favorite sport, basketball. He participates with Dallas Jr. Wheelchair Mavericks and in 2018 led a successful FUNdrasing campaign to help his teammates travel and play the game!

FUNdraiser: Erin Hannigan

47 DONATIONS

$5,200 RAISED

Erin Hannigan is a musician and principal oboe of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. She adopted her best friend, Callie, from Operation Kindness. Sadly, Callie passed away from an aggressive form of cancer. To honor Callie’s memory, Erin’s oboe students raised money to have the large dog room at Operation Kindness renamed “Callie’s Room.” On North Texas Giving Day, Erin locked herself in Callie’s Room until she reached her goal for Operation Kindness, which she did.

FUNdraiser: Deja Knight

35 DONATIONS

$1,000 RAISED

As a member of the Junior Players’ Young Professionals Committee, Deja shared her passion for youth and the arts by engaging her network to get up and give! Junior Players serves thousands of kids and teens throughout the North Texas area and Deja’s leadership and support helped advance that mission even further!

For more information and details on creating a FUNdrasing page, visit NorthTexasGivingDay.org and download the FUNdraiser toolkit, found under “Get Involved.”
CFT’s Caruth Fund grants $6.3 million across sectors

Fifteen organizations have been awarded a total of $6.3 million in grants from CFT’s W.W. Caruth, Jr. Fund. CFT is the custodian of the Caruth Fund, the foundation’s largest endowment, donated by William Walter Caruth, Jr. to advance innovative and evidence-based solutions to significant community challenges in the areas of education, public safety, health, and medical and scientific research. Mr. Caruth aspired to combine his heart for giving with the tools of entrepreneurship and scientific inquiry to bring about widespread community improvements, and these grants will advance those goals.

Many of the newly awarded projects are intersectional, meaning that they utilize strategies that aim to improve outcomes across education, public safety and health.

Grant funding will serve residents across the Dallas Metroplex, with a strong emphasis on high-poverty areas. Some efforts encompass the entire state. CFT looked for projects at different stages of innovation and development.

These grant awards represent the largest set of Caruth grants to be distributed in a single year. Dave Scullin, CFT’s president and CEO, expressed strong support for this much-expanded effort. “We are excited about this chapter of Caruth grantmaking. It shows how we are constantly refining our approach and working to connect the dots between visionary donors and extraordinary work in the community.”

“Our north star at CFT is building a thriving community for all. We want to be looking at the community’s challenges holistically and working across sectors to solve them.”

— Sarah Cotton Nelson, CFT’s Chief Philanthropy Officer

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CFT for Business Women’s Collective: Strategic Capital Event

Did you know CFT for Business has a Women’s Collective for female business leaders as part of our CFT4B member benefits? We recently held a panel discussion on strategic capital and socially responsible investing centered around how women can influence change by intentionally directing capital for the greater good.

TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES DAY OF SERVICE ON CFT4B’S FREEDOM DAY

“Giving back to the community has always been a large part of military service as well as the service of Texas Health. It is great when I get a chance to do things that recognize my career in the Armed forces as well as on the Texas Health.”

— Keil Houchal, senior director, ITS Technology Operations at System Services and Army veteran

“Mission Arlington does so much for people in Arlington. It was a real honor for our faith-based organization at Texas Health Arlington to serve another faith-based organization in Arlington.”

— Blake Kretz, President of Texas Health Arlington Memorial Foundation

As a CFT4B member company, you can participate in Freedom Day, CFT4B networking events and service opportunities, and have access to all the tools and support you need to be a good corporate citizen! Learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, networking events and more at CFT4B.org and follow us @CFT4B #FreedomDay2019 #CTF4B #BeInGoodCompany.
Grant will further education equity through nonprofit Per Scholas

Our inaugural cohort of young philanthropists, CFT’s “Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy” (ELP), awarded $50,000 to Per Scholas, a nonprofit whose mission is to open doors to transformative technology careers for individuals from often overlooked communities in Dallas and seven other U.S. cities.

Per Scholas’ IT training meets a pressing need in Dallas’ growing tech sector. The U.S. Department of Labor projects the creation of 500,000 new IT jobs between 2014-2024, making the IT industry one of the fastest growing employment sectors. By 2022, Dallas businesses will grow their non-management IT workforce from 109,000 to over 125,000. Yet Dallas faces an unemployment rate of 4.2%, with 19% of residents living in poverty and 66% of adults without postsecondary credentials.

“This grant will allow Per Scholas Dallas to connect 110 individuals to family-sustaining IT careers in 2019, a 38% increase in students served from 2017. This funding will help motivated students increase their income by over 400%. Graduates will launch careers in technology that can support their families and enhance their neighborhoods.”

– Stephanie Valadez, Managing Director at Per Scholas Dallas

The ELP cohort collectively selected Per Scholas Dallas as their grantee through the CFT’s ELP program.

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“The $50,000 grant from this year’s Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy cohort will go a long way to support this incredible nonprofit in growing their impact to help stamp out poverty in Dallas.”

– Tina Lin, CFT’s Strategic Initiatives Officer

While Per Scholas is a national workforce development organization with a track record in training unemployed or underemployed talent from historically overlooked communities, they are relatively new to the Dallas scene. Their training has proven to raise the income rate of the underemployed from $8/hour to an average of $18/hour, providing the lift that many need to improve their upward mobility out of hardship. Currently, 85% of Per Scholas students graduate from their program and 80% of graduates earn an average starting full-time wage of $18 per hour,” noted Tina Lin, CFT’s strategic initiatives officer, who leads CFT’s ELP program.

To learn more about CFT’s Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy program, contact Tina Lin at tlin@cftexas.org or visit CFTexas.org/ELP.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11 & 14
CFT’S 18TH ANNUAL FREEDOM DAY
Join as a CFT for Business member to be a part of two powerful days of community service honoring the lives lost and changed on September 11, 2001. Fifteen hundred company volunteers and their families will participate in service projects around DFW to benefit and engage local veterans. Learn more at CFTexas.org/FreedomDay.

SEPTEMBER 12–19
NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY EVENTS
AROUND TOWN
All ages can come out to participate in interactive activities, watch live performances, meet amazing nonprofits and help make a stronger and more vibrant community for all. Learn more at NorthTexasGivingDay.org/Events.

SEPTEMBER 19
NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY
Schedule your gift in advance starting on September 9. Be sure to give by midnight on the 19th through this online giving extravaganza benefiting local nonprofits! Learn more at NorthTexasGivingDay.org. CFT fund holders: You can give online early through your CFT donor portal!

SEPT 25, OCT 23, NOV 20
COFFEE AND TEA WITH CFT4B
Are you a business leader who wants to make a difference? Come learn about the benefits of our CFT for Business network via our monthly coffee and tea series with CFT’s Kymberlaine Banks and Sejal Desai. Learn more and register at CFT4B.org.

OCTOBER 1
THE COOPER INSTITUTE: AGING WELL
Calling all CFT fund holders, CFT4B executives and ELP alumni: Join us at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1 for a special lunch and conversation on aging well led by Chief Science Officer Laura DeFlina at The Cooper Institute. RSVP to Melissa Hardage at mhardage@cftexas.org.

NOVEMBER 6
FUND HOLDER APPRECIATION DINNER
Our CFT Fund Holder Appreciation Dinner is the most wonderful event of the year! Join us to hear special guest Ginny Esposito. This event is exclusively for CFT fund holders who partner with us on their charitable giving. CFT fund holders: Save the date!

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