

NOTE *Worthy*

Informing Your Philanthropic Investments

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is published by the Lubbock Area Foundation to connect friends and donors with the community needs they care about most. Each issue will detail grants made and pending applications for funding that Foundation staff have reviewed and found to be qualified for assistance. Through the contribution form included on the last page, donors may make contributions and/or recommend grants to any of these projects from a donor advised fund.

The contribution form can also be used if you are interested in making grants to nonprofit groups not listed in *NoteWorthy*.

For more information on projects and organizations listed, please contact Kathy Stocco or Tami Swoboda at 806/762-8061.

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Funding Opportunities

The following requests for funding have been reviewed by Foundation staff to assure that the applying organization is eligible to receive funding and has the capacity to be accountable for any funds awarded.

These requests also undergo an extensive review process by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee prior to consideration of funding by the Board of Directors.

■ **Backyard Mission** has been providing free home repair for the needy in Lubbock since September 1992. They address repairs with the goal of keeping the elderly and disadvantaged warm and dry. The majority of work done is roofing, exterior painting, repairing windows and doors and plumbing. Volunteers provide the labor needed and materials are purchased with donated funds. Backyard Mission has also helped other towns to start programs to help the people in other communities.

Through Backyard Mission, volunteers have repaired over 190 homes to date. The current waiting list is long and grows weekly as additional applications are received. Starting in 2003, volunteer labor was offered only to homeowners who were 60 years of age or older and building materials were provided for needy families that were willing to do the work themselves. LakeRidge United Methodist Church and other volunteer groups provided the labor for thirty-one homes and families provided the labor for nineteen homes.

Funding in the amount of \$7,000 has been requested to purchase building supplies for use in 2004. LakeRidge United Methodist Church is the fiscal agent for Backyard Mission.



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■ The mission of **CASA of the South Plains** is to provide trained volunteers to serve as independent voices in court for abused and neglected children in the South Plains area. The South Plains Foster Care Court appoints CASA of the South Plains to serve on the case with a trained volunteer advocate. Unlike the CPS caseworker who is working on 15 to 20 cases and who is mandated to work towards reuniting the family, the Advocate has the luxury of focusing only on one case, one child or one set of siblings and their best interests. The court-appointed attorney who is assigned to represent the young client may or may not choose to meet their client in person due to their heavy caseload, while the Advocate willingly visits the children at least twice a month. In addition to visiting and observing the children, the Advocate will also visit with all pertinent people involved in the child's life - relatives, daycare providers, teachers, doctors, therapists, foster parents, and biological parents. The judge utilizes the Advocate as a source of information throughout the duration of the case and always invites the Advocate to approach the bench at all court hearings along with the attorneys and CPS. It is not at all unusual for that consistent Child Advocate, who has been on the case almost since the beginning, to be the person with most of the information and history.

There is an ongoing need for CASA to recruit and train more volunteer Advocates. In 2003, 138 volunteers advocated on behalf of 781 children, donating 2500+ hours, helping 188 children navigate their way into safe and permanent homes. The 2004 budget reflects goals to recruit more volunteers to serve the 165 cases currently without volunteers (staff are monitoring these cases, which is not as beneficial to the child as having a volunteer involved due to time limitations).

Funding in the amount of \$4,800 has been requested to increase the volunteer base by 25% in order to provide a trained volunteer for children needing advocacy.

■ **Coalition of Health Services - Uniting Parents** empowers families of children with disabilities and chronic illness to enhance their child's quality of life by providing education, training, referrals, networking, and support. Services are provided to families and children referred by the Texas Department of Health - Social Security Division and are funded by the State of Texas with the exception of respite services, emergency needs and special events.

There are currently over 300 families in Lubbock and a surrounding five county service area who have a child that is disabled or chronically ill and receiving services through Uniting Parents. Caring for a child with disabilities takes tremendous effort, time and commitment. Parents sometimes feel overwhelmed, many do not have a family support system, financial resources are extremely limited and respite is a much needed source of temporary relief. Many of these parents are limited to only one income or, in the case of single parents, are completely dependent on Social Security income. Uniting Parents wishes to provide respite for these families to carry them through the periodic tough times when assistance resources have run out.

Funding in the amount of \$4,800 has been requested to provide eight hours of respite for approximately 100 families.

■ **Family Counseling Services of Lubbock** offers comprehensive counseling for families, couples, individuals, and groups. Counselors provide ongoing therapy to assist individuals and families in overcoming numerous problems such as parenting, relationships, and marital issues. Counseling is also available for recovery from the effects of childhood abuse and situational stress. Consultation and education for community agencies and organizations are also available.

Funding in the amount of \$1,650 has been requested for equipment to be used for the training of interns and teachers as well as for providing continuing education courses for fellow master's level licensed professionals.

■ The **Family Guidance & Outreach Center** was opened in May 1981 in response to the increasing number of child abuse and neglect cases being reported in the Lubbock area. Their mission is to prevent the abuse and neglect of children through programs to help parents cope with parenting stress without resorting to abusive behavior. As an advocate for children and families, the Family Outreach Center strengthens families by enhancing self-esteem, communication and family unity.

The term Shaken Baby Syndrome is defined as the vigorous shaking of an infant or child by the arms, legs, or shoulders. This whiplash motion can result in bleeding inside the head with no outward signs of abuse. Shaking a child can cause irreversible brain damage, blindness, cerebral palsy, hearing loss, spinal cord injury, seizures, learning disabilities, and even death. Through the Shaken Baby Syndrome education program information is provided in area schools, day care centers, parent groups and shaken baby information is provided to hospitals, doctors' offices and other social agencies that work with parents. The main focus of the program is education on the ill effects of shaking a baby and ways to cope with a crying baby.

Funding in the amount of \$3,908 has been requested to purchase 5,000 baby rattles that will be distributed to local hospitals. These rattles are inscribed "Never, Never Shake a Baby" and are attached to information on Shaken Baby Syndrome as well as emergency contact numbers.

■ **KOHM** is recognized by the Corporation of Public Broadcasting as a fully qualified public radio station and is affiliated with National Public Radio and Public Radio International. Licensed to and

owned by Texas Tech University, KOHM broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 50,000 watts, serving the residents of the South Plains of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Programming focuses primarily on classical music and also includes National Public Radio programming such as Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Performance Today and Car Talk and Public Radio International programming such as A Prairie Home Companion, St. Paul Sunday and Pipedreams.

A challenge grant in any amount has been requested to encourage individual and new member pledges of support for KOHM in order to sustain and support classical music, news and cultural programming for the South Plains. Funding raised will be used to assist in acquiring programming, help with station upkeep, purchase programming equipment, assist in every day needs and much more.

■ The mission of the **National Kidney Foundation** is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation. The National Kidney Foundation of West Texas has been in Lubbock since 1990 and received its national charter in 1993.

The majority of the 1,100 patients served by the National Kidney Foundation of West Texas are dialysis patients. Their kidneys have failed and they must have dialysis 5-6 days of each week to survive. Because of the cost of treatments and medications, patients typically limit their care to the minimum they can afford, thus foregoing medications, nutritional supplements and care that could improve their health and well-being. In the past year, the Texas Department of Health - Kidney Health Care program funding has been cut significantly. However, they are reporting an increase of 10% more patients qualifying for services per year. The funding cuts have caused a greater financial need within the dialysis and transplant patient population.

The Patient Service Fund is dedicated to indigent patients with kidney failure and provides financial assistance for medications, food, nutritional supplements, transportation costs, dental care, utilities and temporary lodging.

The National Kidney Foundation of West Texas is requesting \$5,000 for the Patient Service Fund to alleviate some of the financial strain caused by loss of funding at the state level.

■ **The TTU Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL)** provides distinctive and unique academic enrichment programs that promote academic excellence, citizenship/leadership, diversity, and an appreciation of the arts for children in grades K-12. The Institute was created in 1984 with the mandate to provide academic experiences and opportunities not commonly found in the public school curriculum.

Science: It's a Girl Thing is a residential summer camp at Texas Tech University that introduces under-represented and economically disadvantaged girls to a college experience and to a world of scientific knowledge. The faculty is comprised of public school educators, TTU faculty and representatives from NASA. When not in class, the girls enjoy summer camp recreation like swimming and skating. For many future first-generation college students, attending this camp will be their first encounter with a college or university, transforming the notion of going to college into a tangible goal. Science: It's A Girl Thing strives to provide girls with confidence to pursue science and spark interest in careers in science.

Funding in the amount of \$3,120 has been requested to provide scholarships for twelve girls from the South Plains area. The funds will be used for room and board in a university residence hall, instructional materials, transportation, recreation, camp photograph and a camp t-shirt for each child.

■ **The Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park** is a Department of Texas Parks and Wildlife property operated in partnership with Texas Tech University. The Museum of Texas Tech University is responsible for archaeology-related and educational activities and is the official repository for curatorial care of Landmark artifacts. This 336-acre park, a Mecca for history and nature lovers, is a unique archaeological and nature preserve which holds most of the 300 acres of the area known as The Lubbock Lake Site, a National Historic and State Archaeological Landmark which has yielded evidence of ancient peoples and extinct animals. It is the only known site in North America that contains deposits related to cultures known to have existed on the Southern Plains over the last 12,000 years.

Water is essential to life, and water on the Great Plains is becoming scarce. Drought is a regular occurrence, and combined with current use practices, a serious risk exists of losing much of our usable water for the next 20 years. The weeklong Summer Educators Academy will examine historic and contemporary uses of water on the Southern High Plains in particular, its sources, and the dangers posed to these resources through misuse and mismanagement. Participants will receive direct instruction in several core disciplines, an opportunity to engage in field research and time to work with professionals and other teachers to develop related lessons for use in elementary, middle and high school science and social studies classrooms. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 has been requested to provide stipends for teachers, transportation for off-site field research, guest presenters, promotional materials, meals and program materials.

■ **Wayland Baptist University** is a private, church-related, co-educational university that seeks to serve both traditional and non-traditional students to blend the Christian experience with a world-class education. They believe that students educated in a Christian environment influence society in positive and constructive ways.

Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1,400 college and university campuses in thirty-three countries, Students in Free Enterprise works in partnership with business and higher education to provide students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. The Wayland chapter began in 2002-2003 with thirteen members volunteering over 1,732 hours to thirteen projects.

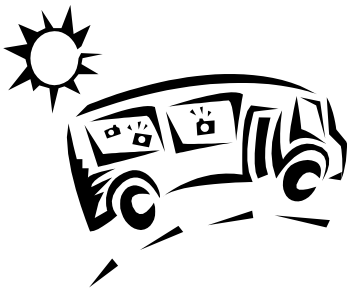
With the exception of formal college and university degree programs, education of this type is either unavailable or prohibitively priced. Due to the changing economy and elimination of jobs in West Texas, many residents formerly employed in agriculture must now either relocate or re-train to find employment. Many are interested in starting new businesses within America's free enterprise system. Students in Free Enterprise projects are designed to teach the principles of entrepreneurship, free market economics, financial independence and business ethics.

Funding in the amount of \$5,000 has been requested for the purchase of equipment for the production of brochures, pamphlets, reports and multi-media presentations.

■ The **YWCA of Lubbock** was chartered in Lubbock in 1956 and has provided continuous services for women, girls and their families since that time. Major program areas include aquatics and fitness programs, enrichment education opportunities, programs specifically for seniors, the underprivileged, and the handicapped, and children's services.

The Challenger Program is designed to provide accessible recreational and educational experiences to adults and children with mental and/or physical disabilities. The component of the program for which funding is requested will offer art and craft classes and a "Lunch and Movie" program including a hot meal, gym time, a video and computer lab time, for adults with disabilities. This programming will provide participants with opportunities to see old friends and make new ones, practice social skills, learn new games and enjoyable ways to exercise, as well as introduce new hobbies and other constructive recreational activities. The program will also help participants learn to access specialized transportation such as Citibus and City Access bus services, making them more independent and improving their quality of life

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ALL ABOARD for the PHILANTHROPY TOUR!!

Who: Friends of the Lubbock Area Foundation
What: Introduction to our region's unique non-profit organizations
When: Friday, May 14th – 5:00 p.m.

Please join us as we visit the American Wind Power Center, Lubbock Regional Arts Center and enjoy the Lubbock Community Theater production of Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys*. Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes tour transportation, refreshments and theater ticket)

Space is limited so call us at 762-8061 today – We'll save you a seat!

~ January and February 2004 Grantees ~

Formal Requests:

- ✦ **American Wind Power Center** – Heating System (*Pass-through contribution from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fryer*)
- ✦ **Fresh Anointing Family Life Ministries** – Youth Development: Start Something (*Livermore Foundation Limited-Term Fund*)
- ✦ **The Haven Animal Care Shelter** – Emergency Vet Care/Spaying and Neutering Assistance (*Ruth Wright Fund for Animals, Pass-through contribution from Mrs. Mia Diekemper Maddoux*)
- ✦ **The Haven Animal Care Shelter/Le'Land's Heart Sanctuary** – Vet Care & Tick Prevention (*Ruth Wright Fund for Animals, Pass-through contribution from Mrs. Mia Diekemper Maddoux*)
- ✦ **Junior Achievement of West Texas** – K-7th Grade Programs at Jackson Elementary, Parkway Elementary and Dunbar Jr. High Schools (*Kiesling Family Fund, *Unrestricted Charitable Funds, Pass-through contribution from Dr. & Mrs. Jay Jensen in honor of Mr. Jeff Cluff*)
- ✦ **Ralls Independent School District** – No More Frogs to Kiss (*Chester & Ada Ruth Green Charitable Endowment*)
- ✦ **South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center** – Veterinary Expenses, Food & Supplies (*Ruth Wright Fund for Animals, Pass-through contribution from Mrs. Mia Diekemper Maddoux*)
- ✦ **United Way of Lubbock** – 2004 Campaign (**Unrestricted Charitable Funds*)
- ✦ **University Therapeutic Riding Center** – Therapy for needy child (*Pass-through contribution from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fryer*)
- ✦ **Children's Advocacy Center** – General Operating Support (*Jr. League – Children's Advocacy Center Endowment*)
- ✦ **Brownfield Meals on Wheels** – General Operating Support (*Anonymous Donor Endowment*)
- ✦ **Goodwill Industries** – Support of Nite at the Races (*W.B. & Mozelle Rushing Family Fund*)
- ✦ **Ronald McDonald House** – General Operating Support (*Jr. League – Ronald McDonald House Fund*)
- ✦ **Science Spectrum** – General Operating Support (*Science Spectrum Endowment, Science Spectrum Donor Fund*)
- ✦ **Second Baptist Church** – Sick Children's Clinic (*Dr. E. Paul Stewart Endowment*)
- ✦ **KOHM** – General Operating Support (*Alex & Patti Munson Endowment*)

Scholarships:

- ✦ **Mary Kalese Hammonds** – Texas A&M University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Amanda Sanders** – Texas Tech University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Casey Jones** – Texas Tech University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Michella Phyllis DeLeon** – Texas Tech University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Zachary Lindsey** – Texas Tech University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Crystal Shay Moseley** – Texas Tech University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Lana Faye Jones** – University of Texas (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Travis Green** – Wayland Baptist University (*Madeline Hegi Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Dianne S. Westbrook** – Lubbock Christian University (*Woman-to-Woman Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Ivah Villalobos** – South Plains College (*Woman-to-Woman Scholarship*)
- ✦ **Helen Durham** – Texas Tech University (*Woman-to-Woman Scholarship*)

Donor-Advised and Designated Funds:

- ✦ **All Saints Episcopal School** – Headmaster's Council (*W.B. & Mozelle Rushing Family Fund*)
- ✦ **American Heart Association** – (*W.B. & Mozelle Rushing Family Fund*)
- ✦ **American Wind Power Center** – General Operating Expense (*American Wind Power Center Endowment & American Wind Power Center Donor Fund*)

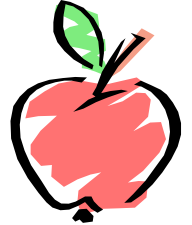
* *Unrestricted Charitable Funds include the Roy & Lela Furr Endowment, Hassell Family Unrestricted Charitable Fund, C.R. & Virginia Hutcheson Charitable Fund, Gladys Leftwich Endowment and the Mrs. Fern Cone Fund*

FYI – Lubbock Area Foundation Activities & Initiatives

The Community Endowment Challenge is a collaborative effort of the CH Foundation and the Lubbock Area Foundation that fosters the growth of permanent endowments for the benefit of local non-profit organizations. Partner organizations that are successful in reaching their endowment goal of \$50,000 to \$100,000 over a twelve-month period are awarded a matching grant equal to 50% of their endowment goal. Partner organizations also receive operating support (4% of total endowment goal) during the year of their participation. Matching grants are a fantastic way to motivate supporters to give generously and ensure the future viability of the nonprofits they care about! For more information please contact Kathy Stocco at (806)762-8061.

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The Lubbock Area Foundation is pleased to announce the eighth year of **Mini-Grants for Teachers**, a program designed to foster educational innovation by funding creative and innovative classroom projects that just aren't provided for in school budgets. All K-12 teachers from accredited school in the South Plains area are eligible to apply. Average grants are expected to range from \$500 - \$700, with a maximum award of \$1,000 per year. Application Deadline: June 15th.



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Planned giving allows generous individuals to make charitable gifts beyond what they might give on an outright basis. The **Legacy Society** provides a meaningful way to recognize those individuals now for gifts that will be realized in the future. While the vehicle for the gifts may differ, the effect is the same: enhancing the quality of life of the South Plains community. On behalf of future generations, we thank those who have planned for the future and let us know of gifts to be given to The Foundation. For more information on the Legacy Society please call (806)762-8061.



COUNT ME IN!

- Make a contribution.** *Please check one: I (do/ do not) wish to remain anonymous.*
I would like to support the activities indicated below with a gift through the Lubbock Area Foundation.
- (For donor advisors only)* **Recommend a grant.**
I would like to recommend one or more grants from the _____ Fund, as indicated below. These suggestions do not represent the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation.

Signature _____ Date _____

\$ _____ **Backyard Mission:** *Building Supplies*
\$ _____ **CASA:** *Volunteer Recruitment/Training*
\$ _____ **Family Counseling Services:** *Technology*
\$ _____ **Uniting Parents:** *Family Respite*
\$ _____ **KOHM:** *Challenge Grant*
\$ _____ **National Kidney Foundation:** *Patient Services Fund*
\$ _____ **TTU IDEAL:** *Science It's A Girl Thing*
\$ _____ **Lubbock Lake Landmark:** *Summer Educators Academy*

\$ _____ **Wayland Baptist University:** *Students in Free Enterprise*
\$ _____ **YWCA:** *Challenger Program*
\$ _____ **Lubbock Area Foundation:** *Mini-Grants for Teachers*
\$ _____ **Other:** _____
\$ _____ **TOTAL**

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