

# WFACF UPDATES

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation is to promote philanthropy; to provide charitable opportunities; to facilitate donors' interests; and to leave a legacy for future generations.

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you watch much news, it does not take long to get weighed down by the negativity. People and nations are turning on each other. Crime is up. Inflation is up. Homelessness is up.

While all of that may be true, there are many positive things happening that do not get nearly enough public attention or airtime. Every day in North Texas, there are organizations fueled by charitable individuals and volunteers that make life a little easier and a lot better for us all.

At the Community Foundation, we are privileged to work with donors like you who are passionate about the causes they support. I talk weekly with generous funders who are excited about opportunities to benefit community. We also engage with many nonprofits, working daily to serve those in need. They are innovative, forward focused and have a dogged determination to serve those in need. But it's when the two connect that exciting things happen! And that is the best part of my job.

Thank you for being intentional in developing a giving plan and for investing in stronger communities.



## NEW FUND HOLDERS

At WFACF we like to put the focus on **COMMUNITY!** Every fund holder and charitable investment makes our **COMMUNITY** stronger! We are excited to welcome the following fund holders to the WFACF family.

Donor Advised Funds  
•Next Level Golf Foundation

*Leslie Schaffner*



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SET FOR MAY

When it's spring, it's scholarship season at the Foundation and students from around the region have been busy! Our team of reviewers diligently vetted over 830 applications from 231 students. With the scores in, some 130 new scholarships will be awarded in May, with an additional 40 scholarships renewing. The result is an almost \$500,000 investment in the education of our area students.

For years, we have recognized scholarship recipients by hosting an event for them to connect with their donors. However, due to the continued growth of the program and the students' busy year-end schedules, this year we decided to survey scholarship fund holders to seek their opinions. As a result, we are opting to try something new by providing more personalized opportunities to connect. If you are a scholarship fund holder, please be on the lookout for more information on dates and times.

Thank you to all the scholarship donors for championing education and providing opportunities for area students to pursue their dreams. We appreciate you!

## **TEXOMA GIVES IS SEPTEMBER 7TH!**

Planning is now underway for the 8th annual day of giving. Since 2016, over 200 nonprofits in the region have used this 16 hour online giving event to share their stories and connect with new and existing supporters. To date over \$9.4M has been raised by participating organizations. Registration for nonprofits is open June 1 through July 31.

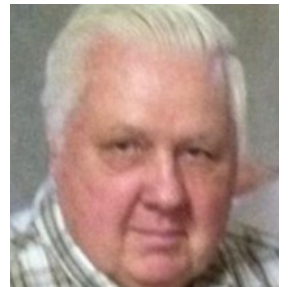
### **TG PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!**

Come join us! If you or your business would like to sponsor a Texoma Gives prize, we want to visit with you. Prize amounts vary. All eyes are on the prize board, and we would love to feature your name there too!

## **THE POWER OF LEGACY GIFTS AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

### **PROFILE: GLENN WHITE**

Glenn White did not think of himself as a philanthropist. A Wisconsin native, Mr. White moved to Wichita Falls in the 1960s, after he was discharged from the U.S. Army. He had a gift for retail sales, selling Fuller Brush products, Kirby vacuums and other door-to-door products. He also loved his community and was a long-time member of both the Sunrise Optimist Club and the Rotary North Club.



Several years before his passing in 2015, Mr. White made a plan to leave a portion of his estate to charity, including the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation to establish the Glenn White Endowment. As a result, his favorite nonprofit organizations continue to benefit from his planning and generosity. And, as the fund grows through wise investment, his legacy will continue to benefit many in his adopted hometown for years to come.

While Mr. White may not have thought of himself as a philanthropist, he understood the importance of being intentional in his planning. What's your plan? If you are interested in leaving a legacy to continue supporting the causes that matter to you, we would love to visit with you. It's never too early to plan for the future.

### **WFACF Announces Grant Awards**

In February, the WFACF board approved the grants committee recommendation to award funding to 58 area nonprofits during the annual grant cycle. This year's awards totaled \$357,226.

Funds available for our annual grant program come from three sources:

- WFACF Grants Endowment—Comprised of donated funds from multiple sources that have been invested and grown over time. (continued)

·Glenn White Endowment–Endowed grant funds gifted to the Foundation through a planned gift, with preferences for specific nonprofits.

·Donor Difference– WFAF fund holders partner with the Foundation to direct Donor Advised Fund grants to specific applicants to help fund the request.

This year’s recipients include the following.

Organization Name	Project Name
Affirming Texas Families	Victim's Counseling and Education
Arts Council, Wichita Falls Area, Inc.	Forum Education Rooms Improvements
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	Wichita County Mentoring Program Support 2023
Boys & Girls Club Burkburnett	Modernize Our Game Station
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wichita Falls	Southwest Club Security Cameras
Camp Fire North Texas	Special Services After School Program
Catholic Charities Diocese of Ft. Worth, Inc.	Education Navigation
Center for Nonprofit Management & Leadership at MSU Texas	General operating/Assistant Director salary
Child Advocates–CASA of Red River	Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
Child Care, Inc.	Emergency Child Care Funding
Christ Counseling Ministry	Fee Assistance Program 2023
Christmas in Action	Christmas in Action 2023
Clay County Senior Citizens, Inc.	Meals on Wheels assistance for 2023
Communities in Schools of Greater Wichita Falls Area	Early Intervention Support Groups (EISG)
Cross Timbers Pregnancy Care Center, Inc.	In-House Sonogram Clinic
Edward Charles Foundation	Dexter Foundation & Café Con Leche Partnership
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Fields of Faith
First Step of Wichita Falls, Inc.	Minor shelter improvements and youth board development initiative
Friendly Door Senior Activity Center	Meals on Wheels/Congregate Meals
Grace Ministries	Grace Ministries
Graham Crisis Center, Inc.	Bathroom addition, ceiling fans, kitchen island and dishwasher at women's shelter
Hospice of Wichita Falls	New Inpatient Care Center–Nursing Equipment
House of Mercy Enterprises	End of Payne Transitional Living
Humane Society of Wichita County	Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Program
Interfaith Ministries of Wichita Falls, Inc.	Outdoor Metal Awnings Project
Nocona Ministries	2023 Medical Assistance
Nortex Regional Planning Commission	Emergency Solutions Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing

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Organization Name	Project Name
North Texas Area United Way	Early Childhood Program Support
Olney Christian Community Center, Inc	Operational Expenses 2023
Play For All Inclusive Community Playground	Tongue Drums, one part of the Rhapsody Outdoor Musical Collection
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services	Wichita Falls Child and Family and Foster Care and Adoption Programs
Project Back to School-Burkburnett	Project Back to School-Burkburnett
Rathgeber Hospitality House, Inc.	Subsidized Housing
Red River Valley Museum	Free School Tours 2022-2023
River Bend Nature Works	Thursday Nature Programs
Rotary International Wichita Falls Paul Harris Fund	Rotary Park Playground
Saint Jo Public Library	Pre-School Children's Staff and Programs
Senior Citizens Activity Center of Burkburnett Inc.	Growing Pains 2022-2023
Senior Citizens Services of North Texas	Holiday Meal Program
Special Olympics North Texas	Special Olympics Texas-WF Programming
Texas Family Initiative	Preparation for Adult Living Program for Teens in and Aging Out of Foster Care
Texoma Gives	Texoma Gives 2023
Genesis Place	Straight Street Security Upgrade
The Salvation Army	Nights of Shelter
Wichita Christian School	Bus Purchase Program
Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture	Arts Leadership Advancement
Wichita Falls Area Food Bank	Good-Buy Hunger (GBH)
Wichita Falls Art Association	Art Battle
Wichita Falls Backdoor Players, Inc.	Youth Theatre Programs
Wichita Falls Ballet Theater	Afternoon with the Arts-Sleeping Beauty
Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc.	Social Services Initiative-FY23
Wichita Falls ISD Foundation	2023 IDEA Grant Program
Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra	Education Program
Wichita Falls Youth Symphony Orchestra	Music Coaching Expenses
YMCA of Wichita Falls	YMCA Afterschool Curriculum
Young County Olney Senior Cub Center, Inc.	Wellbeing of Rural Area Congregates, Meals on Wheels Delivery Supplies, Warehouse Storage Shelves
Young Life	Young Lives Project



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