



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*“An investment in knowledge
pays the best interest.”
~ Benjamin Franklin*

The mission of the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF) is to support additional educational opportunities to students and staff of the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District through scholarships for post-secondary education and grants to enhance PK-12 instruction by disbursing funds that are raised and donated for such purposes.

Would you like to learn more about how you can make an investment that pays the BEST interest?

Contact the DCG Education Foundation

Tax-deductible donations accepted by mail or online:

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use
to change the world."
~ Nelson Mandela*

The Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF) is an amazing organization backed by equally amazing people - the patrons and businesses of the DC-G community! This annual report will demonstrate the growth of DCGEF as well as the commitment of our communities to support the education of our youth.

DCGEF was established in 2014 by a group of visionary community members who saw the power in creating a foundation primarily to support continuing education for DC-G graduates and secondarily provide supplemental curricular materials and equipment for PK-12 classrooms.

We are very blessed with the communities of both Dallas Center and Grimes. Our Foundation started with approximately \$1.3 million with the dissolution of the Burnett family trust. At the end of the calendar year, our assets total \$1,557,000. The continued increase in assets and scholarships funded by DCGEF, which totaled \$84,250 in 2020, is possible not only from investing wisely, but also from the generosity of the wonderful people in these two communities. In 2020, funds were raised at the 4th Annual RED Dinner and Auction in November. 2020 certainly presented many challenges that didn't allow us to have as many fundraisers as normal, but because of the people engaged with DCGEF within these 2 great communities, we were able to maintain the same level of giving as previous years!

Not only does the DCGEF work to raise money, we also serve to promote and administer business and individual scholarship donations. In 2020, we had sixty-two different scholarships that provided \$36,550 to DC-G graduates and alumni. This is up from seventeen sponsors in 2016.

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the children's defense fund said, "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and the world better than you found it." The students of today are the future of our world and communities. These students will become men and women that will be making decisions, working, paying taxes, raising children and all other aspects that are part of a healthy life, economy, and community. It is more important than ever to help these students with their educational goals to aid them in making a difference in their own lives as well as the future of our country and world.

Thank you to the board members, committee members, DC-G staff, businesses, and individuals that have contributed in a variety of ways to the Dallas Center Grimes Education Foundation. You are impacting the future of our students, your future, and the future of your children and grandchildren. Please consider DCGEF in your future giving and estate planning and Change the World!!

Mike Wemhoff

Mike Wemhoff, Board President
Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Officers: President, Mike Wemhoff
Vice President, Tiffany Hamil

Treasurer, Kelli McGuire
Secretary, Lori Thomas

**Board Members
at large:** Aaron Chittenden
Allison Howard
Jaosn Kerndt
Dusty Rauschenberg
Chris Watkins

Tara Hofbauer
Del Gustafson
Craig Patterson
Scott Grimes, DC-G Superintendent
School Representative

Committees:

Marketing – Create awareness and promote the foundation through branding, advertising, website, and social media efforts.

Aaron Chittenden
Tiffany Hamil
Lori Thomas

Events and Fundraising – Organize and implement events designed to bring value to the community while sharing an opportunity to invest in the DCG Education Foundation and its goals.

Jason Kerndt
Dusty Rauschenberg
Mike Wemhoff

Scholarship and Grants – Facilitate the administration of funds for current and future scholarships and grants.

Tara Hofbauer
Craig Patterson

Finance – Manage and direct the accounting and investment strategies for the foundation.

Del Gustafson
Alli Howard
Kelli McGuire
Chris Watkins

Along with these valuable committee leaders, we have numerous community members that volunteer their time and talents on the committees - contributing to the success of all communications, events and activities.

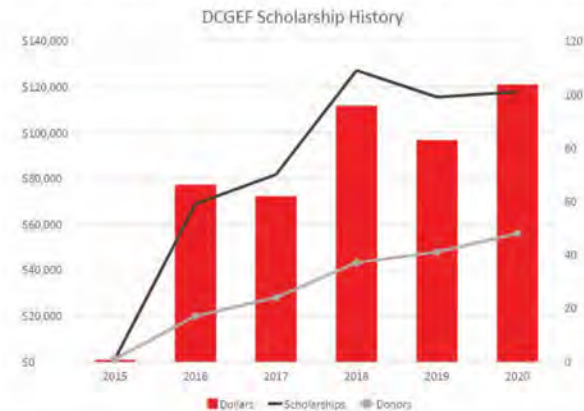
We would not be able to fulfill our mission without these volunteers from our community. Please consider sharing your time and talents with DCGEF by emailing contact@dcgeducationfoundation.org



Fiscal Year Ended June 30	2019	2020
Public Support & Revenue		
Scholarship Contributions	\$80,998	\$77,601
Fundraising Income	\$54,145	\$71,579
Grants	\$3,500	\$3,500
Investment Income/Losses	\$38,177	\$42,991
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$176,820	\$195,671
Program Services & Expenses		
Scholarships	\$135,346	\$120,800
Teacher Grants	\$2,935	\$2,180
Management & General Expenses	\$6,298	\$11,128
Fundraising Expense	\$14,577	\$12,791
Total Program Services & Expenses	\$159,157	\$146,899



Advanced education and training has never been more important and also never been more expensive. Providing support through scholarship opportunities can reduce the financial stress and pressure students and their families face as they pursue their advanced education or skills development. We believe these opportunities will enable greater success for our students preparing them to become valuable contributors to our communities and society.



Scholarship history:

- 2015 > 1 scholarship for \$500
 - 2016 > 59 scholarships, 17 donors, totalling \$77,000
 - 2017 > 70 scholarships, 24 donors, totalling \$72,100
 - 2018 > 109 scholarships, 37 donors, totalling \$111,600
 - 2019 > 99 scholarships, 41 donors, totalling \$96,600
 - 2020 > 101 scholarships, 48 donors, totalling \$120,800
- *2020 total scholarship dollars include renewable scholarships.*

Since inception:

439 scholarships have been awarded for a total of \$478,100.

TEACHER EDUCATION GRANTS

In addition to scholarship opportunities, we provide support to staff and faculty, via identifying and securing grants, for help in classroom needs not funded by the district.

Examples of Investments:

- Classroom reading sets
- Trampoline for gross motor movement
- STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) materials
- Therapy swing
- Reading support materials
- Digital materials
- Music books



“Mr. Britt is using these new warm-up books as an asset to teach and apply complex concepts to his 8th grade band students. With the support of these books, Mr. Britt is tackling concepts such as: Just Intonation, Blend, Phrasing, Dynamic Contrast, Attack & Release, Rhythmic Literacy, and Sight-Reading ”

~ Mr. Britt - 8th Grade Band, DCG Schools

SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS

Thank you to these important investors and partners to the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation. Without their generous support we would not be able to provide the support and positive impact to so many individuals.

- Aaron Plaskas, Financial Architects
- Absolute Group ESOP
- Adam Dreeszen Memorial/Shade Tree Auto
- Andrea Sabus State Farm Agency
- Beta Sigma Phi - Dallas Center
- Bob & Verlena Key Club (Kiwanis)
- Brian J. Soukup Memorial
- Brody Grant Freking Memorial
- Buck Bauman Memorial
- Burger Entrepreneurial
- Burnett Alumni
- Burnett Graduating Seniors
- Charter Bank
- City State Bank
- Dallas Center Rotary
- DCG Education Foundation
- DCG Education Foundation Board
- DCG Education Foundation RED
- Dylan Michael, Farm Bureau
- FarmHer
- Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA)
- Glen Brewer Memorial
- Golden Rule
- Grimes American Legion Post

- Grimes Chamber & Economic Development
- Grimes Governors Day Run
- Grimes Lions Club
- Grimes Plaza Veterinary Clinic
- Integrated Print Solutions
- Jacob Nockels Memorial
- Jodean Rosenberg Memorial
- Johnston-Grimes Firefighters Association
- Kelly B. Memorial
- Liberty Iowa's Dare To Dream
- Mann Orthodontics Character Award
- Mike Soloman Memorial
- Northridge School Age Child Care
- Overcomer Award
- Paul Buckalew Memorial
- Raccoon Valley Bank
- Rick Leppert Memorial
- Seidl Services
- Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud, & Weese, P.C.
- Timmins, Jacobsen, and Strawhacker LLP
- TRIO Marketing|Branding|Advertising
- Vermeer Corporation
- VisionBank



R.E.D. Breakfast Fundraiser

An annual breakfast event with a keynote speaker providing insights on learnings from today's business professionals. In 2020, the speaker was Amy Burns, Outreach Manager with Vermeer. Amy shared her story and how her current role allows her to educate and prepare young people in careers in STEM and Manufacturing. This annual breakfast event provides informative content for you and your business, an opportunity to network with other professionals, and in turn, investing in the future of young people in our district.



R.E.D. Dinner and Auction

An annual dinner & auction designed to engage the community providing socializing, great food, unique and compelling auction items, and an entertaining & enjoyable evening experience. In 2020, our events team organized a virtual experience due to the global pandemic that was both inviting and engaging. It included a silent auction that raised \$40,000. This event is scheduled directly ahead of the holidays and provides a great opportunity to socialize with friends, work on your holiday shopping list, and invest in the future of the students of the DC-G School district.

How do I get involved?

- Attend the dinner & auction - bring a group of friends
- Donate an item from your business or personally
- Volunteer
- Make a donation
- Email: contact@dcgeducationfoundation.org

Other Annual Events:

- Grimes Governors Days Run - June
- Dallas Center Fall Festival Run - August



DID YOU KNOW?

By next year, it is predicted that 65-68% of all jobs will require some sort of post-secondary education. In 1973, this was 28%. (Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2013). About 30% will require some training through an Associate's Degree, 24% a Bachelor's degree and 11% a Master's degree or higher. These numbers show that education is a key to future success, whether that be skilled training, a community college, or a four year college.

A study was done by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2009 to determine the reasons students dropped out of college, and it was revealed that 63% of students cited a conflict with balancing work and school and 60% said tuition and fees were too high.

The scholarships provided by DCGEF and our communities can work to address the rising costs of continuing education and the lack of finances for students in our backyard.