

# CULTIVATING COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY





**Dear Friends,**

A community foundation is akin to *cultivating a vineyard or a garden* – a good blueprint, the right inputs, precious care, and, in the end, something we’re proud of. Like a vineyard, cultivation at the Community Foundation is a daily task. As a grantmaker, advisor, convener, investor, and trustee, the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country is constantly cultivating relationships. With everyone participating, we are greater than the sum of our parts, and the difference we make is as perpetual as the seasons.

**Won’t you join us?**

**Austin Dickson**  
**Executive Director**

## OUR IMPACT



**TOTAL  
DISTRIBUTIONS**



**NONPROFITS  
FUNDED**



**GIFTS TO THE  
FOUNDATION**



# GRANTMAKING

Community Foundation donors advised **\$2.4 million in grants** last year. From a \$50 contribution to a community clinic to a \$500 gift to a church, donor giving is at the heart of the Foundation's investment in the Hill Country.



## Christian Assistance Ministry

**\$7,400 from the Luise Livingston Fund**

Luise Livingston, a former Kerrville resident, established a fund as a part of her estate plan. The endowment supports five Kerr County charities in perpetuity. Over the past 10 years, the Fund has granted \$400,000 to local charities.



## Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

**\$10,000 from the Idlewild Fund**

Many Community Foundation donors stepped up when fellow Texans were in trouble last summer. The Idlewild Fund contributed to a Greater Houston Community Foundation fund set up by Houston leaders and focused on immediate and long-term hurricane relief efforts. The Fund made \$30 million in grants and has built a coordination system to connect disaster-impacted homeowners with repair services.



## Harper Volunteer Fire Department

**\$5,000 from the Doyle W. Smith Fund**

Founded in 1940, the Harper VFD is the first responder for 9,000 residents spread over 505 square miles. The VFD continues to modernize its equipment with the support of the Doyle W. Smith Fund and other donors. Currently, the VFD has one main fire engine, a rescue engine, three brush trucks, two tankers, and a command vehicle.



## Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas

**\$7,500 from the Carolyn Redditt Henderson Fund**

A fairly new initiative, VA Dogs of Texas, founded in Kerrville, affects physical and emotional recovery and independence for disabled veterans by providing service dogs at no cost. The organization trains service dogs to assist veterans with disabilities.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND

The Community Foundation trustees unrestricted funds that it grants through a competitive application process: the Community Impact Fund. Nonprofits throughout the Foundation's seven-county service area may apply for a variety of projects. In 2017, the Community Impact Fund helped feed the hungry, serve veterans, shelter homeless children, and support young mothers – among many causes.



### New Hope Counseling Center - \$10,000

Founded in 1999, New Hope Counseling Center provides quality, professional, faith-based counseling services to those in need. Depression and anxiety, marriage and family issues, PTSD, and a range of other mental health areas are New Hope's expertise. This grant was for general operating support.



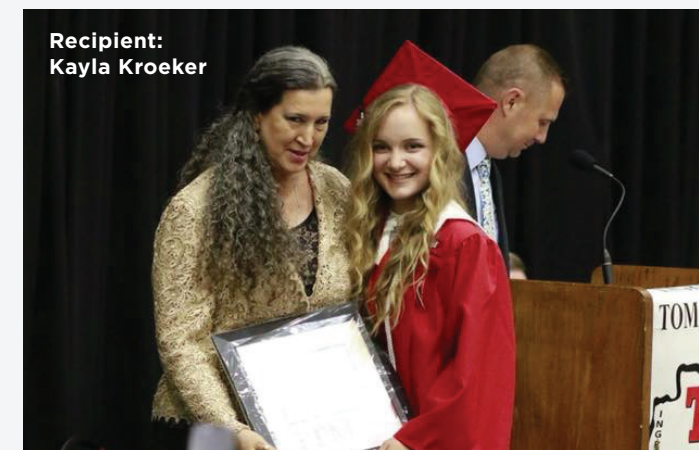
### Hill Country CASA - \$10,000

Hill Country Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is part of a national volunteer movement that began in 1977. Hill Country CASA is responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers to speak up in court and represent the best interests of children. CASA volunteers help hundreds of neglected or abused children in Bandera, Gillespie, Kendall, and Kerr counties transition out of foster care into happy homes. This grant was for general operating support.



### Kerr County 4-H - \$10,000

Beginning as early as first grade, young people can show and raise animals, learn shooting sports, become a photographer, and much more in 4-H. Youth often take field trips to sites around the state. This grant supported an educational trip to the Rio Grande Valley for 4-H students and was facilitated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.



Recipient:  
Kayla Kroeker

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Over 50 donors have set up scholarship funds at the Community Foundation. High schools in Bandera, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Real, and Uvalde counties have scholarships available to graduating seniors.

The Frederick Carl Hawkins Endowed Educational Fund, established in 2014, awards graduating students of Kerr County who exemplify good character, integrity, responsibility and leadership in their community. In 2017, Maeve Junker received the award and is studying Biomedical Engineering at Tulane University.

The Sierra Phillips-Hess Memorial Fund, established in 2010, awards graduating students who have participated in the Health Occupational Student Association Program. Since 2010, the Fund has made scholarship awards to graduates of Fredericksburg High School. Lizeth Zamora received the award in 2017 and is studying Nursing at Texas State University.



NEW INITIATIVES

SISTERHOOD FOR GOOD

A women’s giving circle, establishing itself in both Fredericksburg and Kerrville, made a dramatic entrance in 2017. A simple idea – that women gather together, pool funds, and make substantial, collective, financial contributions to local charities – made significant change.



Fredericksburg



Kerrville



In **Fredericksburg**, the Sisterhood funded insulated food delivery bags for the Meals on Wheels program at the Golden Hub Community Center. Gillespie County homebound seniors now receive hot meals right at their doorstep, thanks to the Sisterhood!

The Sisterhood provided essential start-up funds for Magdalene House in **Kerrville**. A two-year residential community serving women recovering from prostitution, addiction, and abuse, Magdalene House began welcoming its first residents in the fall.

ONE WISH

Nonprofits applied to be in the Foundation’s year-end *One Wish* catalog, a giving guide for donors. Requests were for tangible, unbudgeted items under \$5,000. Here are some of the wishes granted:



**Boys & Girls Club, Bandera**  
**\$1,900**  
A new pool table



**Hill Country Animal League, Boerne**  
**\$2,500**  
Eight sets of surgical instruments



**Riverside Nature Center, Kerrville**  
**\$3,586**  
Durable furniture for the porch





# NEW FUNDS

WE ARE GRATEFUL  
TO ALL OF THOSE WHO  
OPENED NEW FUNDS.

- Ann Pierce Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bryant & Shari Truitt Fund
- Charles W. Boenker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Clyde & Eloise Massey Memorial Fund
- Der Stadtische Friedhof Fund
- Dickson Family Fund
- Forging Futures Classic Fund
- Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club Charity Endowment Fund
- Fredericksburg CME Church Endowment Fund
- HCYR-Center for the Arts Construction Fund
- Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association Endowment Fund
- Kerrville Robotics Alliance Fund
- Sabinal Civic Club Scholarship Fund
- Sonny & Sue Simmonds Baldwin Fund
- Voy & Elizabeth Althaus Charitable Fund

“ **Choosing the Community Foundation for our giving needs was an easy decision. We donated appreciated stock and now utilize our fund to make gifts any time. This will be our charitable platform for the years ahead.** ”

- Sonny & Sue Baldwin, Hunt, Texas

## FUNDHOLDERS

5 A Family Charitable Fund  
A.D. Abramson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Adolph and Ida Karger and the Felix, Bettie and Felicia Barth Fund  
Airhart Memorial Fund  
Andrew Hagelstein Memorial Fund  
ANF@ The Community Foundation Fund  
Ann Pierce Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Anonymous Fund 1  
Austin & Ashley Hudler Charitable Giving Fund  
Avie Teltschik Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Barton Family Charitable Giving Fund  
Becky's Hope Fund  
Bettie Sue Dunn Cummings Scholarship Fund  
Betty Jane Bell Kerr County Beef Scholarship Fund  
Betty Jane Bell Kerr County Livestock Fund  
Boys & Girls Club of the Texas Hill Country Endowment Fund  
Branyon Family Fund  
Brenda & Bryant Williams Family Fund  
Bruce and Beth Johnson Charitable Fund  
Bryant and Shari Truitt Fund  
CAM Endowment Fund  
Captain Mark Tyler Voss Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Carl and Lerlene Hamilton Oehler Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Carolyn Redditt Henderson Fund  
Charlene Spaulding Vocational Scholarship Fund  
Charles Smayda Fund for Texas Lions Camp  
Charles W. Boenker Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Charlotte and Tom Daniels Fund  
Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) Fund  
Children's Education Fund  
Choose Life Endowed Fund  
Christian Assistance Ministry Fund  
Christian Assistance Ministry Maintenance Fund  
Christian Evangelism Fund  
Christian/Giles Charitable Fund  
City of Fredericksburg Animal Shelter Endowed Fund  
Comfort Area Foundation Fund  
Comfort Golden Age Center Foundation Fund

Comfort Public Library Fund  
Danette Honesto Scholarship Program Fund  
Deborah Wiemers Hemphill Fund  
Der Stadtische Friedhof Fredericksburg Endowed Fund  
Der Stadtische Friedhof Fredericksburg Non-Endowed Fund  
Dickson Family Fund  
Donna L. Schloss Fund

### Create A Smile Fund



**The Create a Smile Fund – supporting schools in Gillespie, Kendall, and Kerr counties – provides pediatric dental care to low-income families. Because of the leadership of local dentists and school nurses, all Hill Country children have the opportunity to see a dentist, get pain treated, and improve self-confidence through a healthy smile.**

Dorman Family Fund  
Doss School Endowment Fund  
Doug & Sue Whinnery Family Fund  
Doyle W. Smith Donor Advised Fund  
Dr. Alice Virginia White Foundation Fund  
Elizabeth and Mike Hughes Fund  
Ernest E. Sample Designated Fund  
Ethel Cravey Voigt Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Eva P. Smith Fund



Families & Literacy, Inc. Fund  
Felix Fisher/George Holekamp Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Former Texas Rangers Foundation Fund  
Foy Family Fund  
Frankie Casseb Youth Literacy Club Fund  
Frantzen-Rinker Business Scholarship Fund  
Frederick Carl Hawkins Endowed Camp Scholarship Fund  
Frederick Carl Hawkins Endowed Educational Scholarship Fund  
Fredericksburg CME Church Endowment Fund  
Fredericksburg Dog Park Association Endowment Fund  
Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club Charity Endowment Fund  
Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Non Agency Fund  
Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation Foundation Fund  
Fredericksburg PRIDE Basketball Fund  
Friendly Innovation Fund  
Friends & Faculty of Ingram High School Fund  
Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools Endowment Fund  
Friends of the Leahey Library Association Endowment Fund  
Gillespie County Child Services Board Fund  
Ginger Fikes Scholarship Fund  
Good Samaritan Center Building Maintenance Endowment Fund  
Good Samaritan Center Operational Endowment Fund  
Green Umbrella Fund  
Harold Duke Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Harper Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund  
Harper PTO Scholarship Fund  
HCDJLSA Chartier-DryDock/Kralovetz Fund  
HCUC & Phi Beta Kappas honoring Leadership Gillespie Cty Class of 2016  
HCYR-Center for the Arts Construction Fund  
Hill Country CARES Agency Fund  
Hill Country CASA Unrestricted Fund  
Hill Country Community Needs Council Investment Fund  
Hill Country Community Needs Council Non Agency Donations Fund  
Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association Endowment Fund  
Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Assn. Scholarship Fund  
Hill Country Historical Foundation Fund  
Hill Country Rehabilitation House Fund  
Hill Country University Center Endowment Fund  
Hill Country University Center Endowment Fund II

Hill Country University Center Fund  
Hill Country Youth Orchestras Endowed Fund  
Humane Society of Kerrville Endowment Fund  
Idlewild Fund  
Ingram's First Thursday Group Fund  
James Avery & F. O'Neil Griffin Endowment Fund  
Jeff & Debbie Giles Charitable Fund  
Joshua Tyree Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Kathleen Camp Casper & David R. Lackey Philanthropy Fund

**Kathleen Scott Memorial Fund**

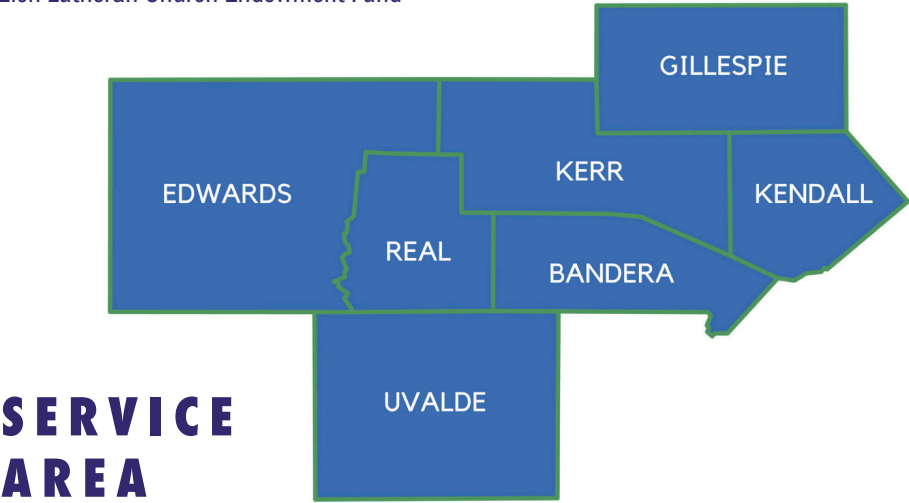


**The Kathleen Scott Memorial Fund supports aging care services for low-income seniors in Kendall and Kerr counties. The Fund supports care planning, transportation, and other aging services for seniors who cannot afford it.**

Kerr Arts and Cultural Center Agency Fund  
Kerr County Disaster Relief Fund  
Kerr County YMCA Cailloux Foundation Endowment Fund  
Kerr County YMCA Charles E. & Eleanor T. Gingrich Trust Endowment Fund  
Kerrville Perpetual Care Cemetery Association Fund  
Kiwanis Club of Kerrville Scholarship Fund  
KLO Family Fund  
KPAS Endowment Fund

KPAS Non Agency Fund  
Laura Pfister Schmidt Fund  
Linda Baumann Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Lindsay & Lucille Duff Fund  
Longacre Charitable Fund  
Louella W. Beazley Trust Fund  
Luise Livingston Endowment Fund  
Marilyn and A.C. Schwethelm Family Fund  
Marj Nicholson Memorial Fund  
Mark W. Robertson Fund  
Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth Library Fund  
Mary Lou Berry Scholarship Fund  
McKeon Family Fund  
Men's Breakfast Club Youth Activities Fund  
Michael & Michelle Weberpal Charitable Fund  
Mike Gingrich Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Mike Scovel Children's Fund  
Miriam E. Kay Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Museum of Western Art Endowment Trust Fund  
Neil and Gena Griffin Kerrville Opportunity Fund  
Partners in Ministry Endowment Fund  
Paul Urban Charitable Giving Fund  
Pedernales Animal Welfare Society Endowment Fund  
Perry & Ruby Stevens Fund  
Perry and Ruby Stevens Charitable Foundation Fund  
Ralph Latimer Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund  
Rebecca & Foss McCracken Emergency Maintenance Fund  
- for Notre Dame Church & School  
Rhett Urban Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Riverside Nature Center Fund  
Rotary District 5840 Endowed Fund  
Roy Burney Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Sabinal Civic Club Scholarship Fund  
Sara Hickman Children's Fund  
Setnan Family Fund  
Setnan Family Scholarship Fund  
Sierra Phillips-Hess Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Sisterhood for Good - Fredericksburg  
Sisterhood for Good - Kerrville  
Sonny & Sue Simmonds Baldwin Fund

Spaulding-Hubble Management Trust Designated Fund  
Special Opportunity Center Fund  
St. Joseph's Halle Restoration and Maintenance Fund  
Stumbo Family Charitable Giving Fund  
Sue J. Birdsong Fund  
Sullivan Family Fund  
Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund  
THCDA Bradley Bernhard Memorial Scholarship Fund  
THE Pregnancy Resource Center Fund  
Tom Moore Endowment Fund  
Trawick Fund  
Trixie D. Sample and Ida V. Mosby Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Trustee's Achievement Fund  
Tyson C. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Unitarian Universalist Church Fund  
Unitarian Universalist Church Agency Fund  
Voy & Elizabeth Althaus Charitable Fund  
Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Fund  
Weekley Family Charitable Fund  
Window of Opportunity Scholarship Fund  
Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund



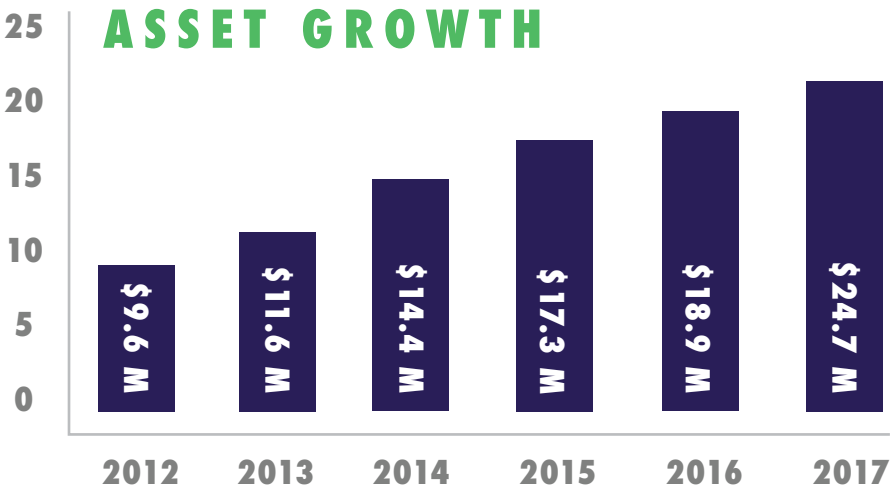
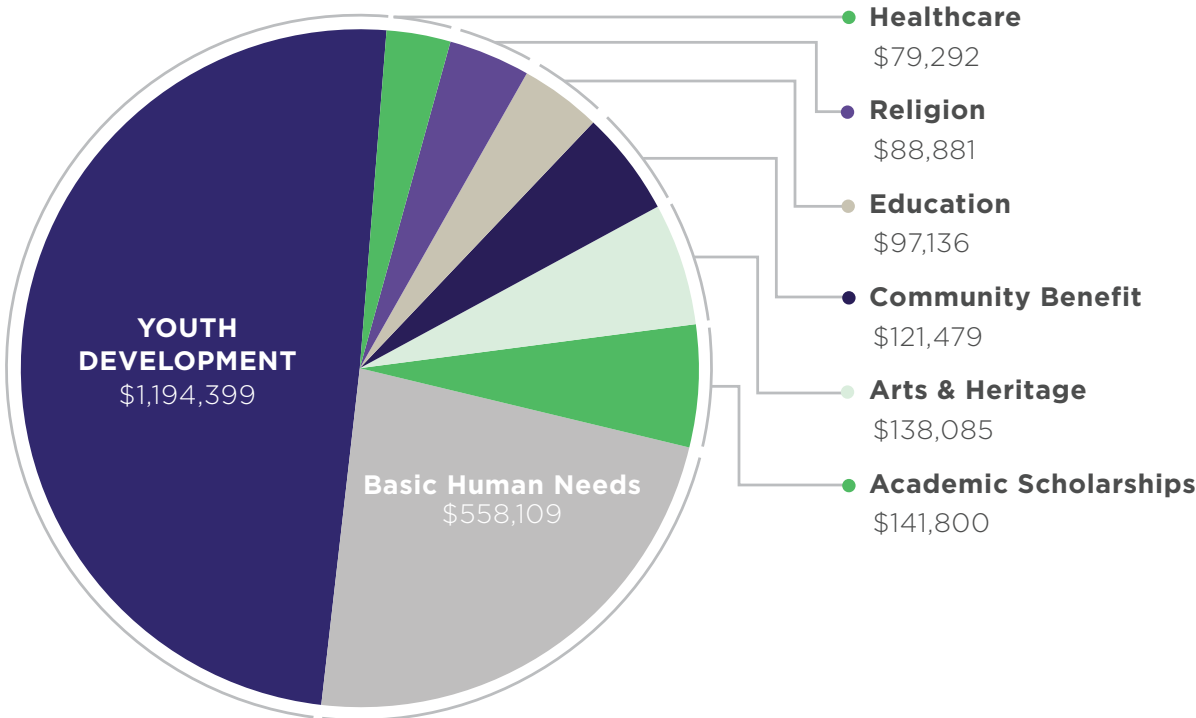
**SERVICE  
AREA**

The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country makes grants and works with donors in seven counties and maintains offices in Fredericksburg and Kerrville.



# RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

We steward our donors' intentions and commitment to the communities of the Texas Hill Country. Together with our fund holders, the Community Foundation made \$2.4 million in grants.



## FINANCES 2017

- \$24.7 MILLION IN ASSETS
- 30% ASSET GROWTH IN 2017
- \$6.3 MILLION IN NEW GIFTS
- \$2.4 MILLION IN GRANTS AWARDED

## LEADERSHIP

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In 2017, the Community Foundation bid a fond farewell to trustees Alice White and John Hutcherson, due to term limits. Also, trustee Debbie Giles and her family moved to North Texas. New trustees this year are Heidi Kovar, Susan Johnson, and Karol Schreiner.

- James McAfee**, President  
Joseph Financial Partners
- Molly Adams**, Vice President  
Security State Bank & Trust
- Mike Weberpal**, Secretary  
Community Volunteer
- Mark Haufler**, Treasurer  
Wells Fargo
- Elizabeth Althaus**  
Community Volunteer
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- Heidi Kovar**  
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- Susan Johnson**  
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Bryla & Schoessow, PC
- Karol Schreiner**  
Community Volunteer
- Penny Van Shoubrouek**  
Centennial Bank
- Michael Waldrop**  
Fort Sam Houston
- Mindy Wendele**  
Families & Literacy, Inc.

## STAFF

- Austin Dickson**  
Executive Director
- Barbara McCormick**  
Office Assistant
- Kaye Davenport**  
Administrative Assistant
- Ingrid Cunyus**  
Grants & Scholarships Manager
- Amy Rector**  
Business Manager
- Jayne Zirkel**  
Marketing & Events Manager



The Community Foundation has met National Standards for the eighth year in a row. Guidestar has recognized the Community Foundation for its transparency and leadership.





