Think Beyond.
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Think beyond to find your passion and purpose.
Think beyond to create real change.
Think beyond yourself, your neighborhood and your comfort zone.
Think beyond and take your family on a journey of generosity.
Think beyond to make your money matter.
Think beyond and unite with others who want to achieve something bold.
Think beyond your limits and imagine a world without them.
Think beyond – with the North Texas Community Foundation.
WELCOME TO THE 2015 IMPACT REPORT FOR the North Texas Community Foundation.

You may have noticed that the look and feel of our organization has changed. That includes our name, which until recently was the Community Foundation of North Texas. In reality, this is just the latest step in our ongoing evolution.

For years, we have created charitable funds, invested dollars wisely and awarded grants according to our donors’ wishes. But today, we are doing so much more: offering intelligent philanthropic solutions, convening thought leaders to solve community challenges and inspiring greater stewardship throughout the area. In other words, we are thinking beyond what we’ve always done, and embracing all that we can do.

We are uniquely positioned to guide philanthropists to thoughtful giving mechanisms that meet vital needs. We are actively monitoring the local landscape to help civic leaders and donors stay informed on key issues. And we are leveraging collaborative relationships and engaging citizens in order to improve the quality of life in North Texas. Expanding our activities in this way ultimately allows us to get even more grants out the door, which leads to an even stronger community.

We encourage you to read on to get a glimpse at our results. As always, thanks to everyone who has played a role in these amazing efforts.

Letter from
Our Leaders
Think Beyond Yourself

Philanthropic Solutions for Donors

WHEN RICHARD RAINWATER, A DISTINGUISHED philanthropist and investor, was diagnosed with a rare, incurable brain disease — Progressive Supranuclear Palsy — a solution wasn’t in sight. That didn’t stop him from taking the long view. He assembled some of the most talented and hard-working scientists in the world to find a treatment for brain diseases, knowing their efforts beyond his lifetime would benefit other individuals and families.

Richard’s life was characterized by philanthropic giving, and for decades he positively impacted the lives of so many others. When he passed away, his friends, family and colleagues wanted to honor Richard’s legacy with a memorial fund that mirrored his charitable nature. The North Texas Community Foundation mobilized quickly, and in just 24 hours established the Rainwater Neurological Research Fund to support institutions that conduct research in the field of neuroscience. Discoveries will likely apply to an array of diseases, including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and Huntington’s disease, as well as ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease).

HAVING BUILT ONE OF THE PREMIER ARABIAN breeding and show horse ranches in the U.S., Anita Berry Martin knew she wanted her estate to support her two major passions: land stewardship and equine programs.

To fulfill her vision, and based on recommendations from Anita’s family, the North Texas Community Foundation created the infrastructure for an annual grant cycle. Now, the Anita Berry Martin Memorial Endowment benefits local agencies in the areas of land conservation, equine therapy and equine welfare. Community Foundation staff members identify giving opportunities that reflect the best match and wisest use of funds.

In its inaugural year, grants totaling $105,000 were awarded to eight nonprofits in Tarrant and Parker Counties, including the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Texas Land Conservancy, YMCA, Happy Hill Farm, Parker County Sheriff’s Posse and others. Conservation projects funded include the expansion of Fort Worth Prairie Park, protection of watersheds to preserve local water quality and a new land acquisition fund for landowners who want to conserve their lands but cannot afford the expense.
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Thanks to Early Learning Alliance, numerous agencies and nonprofits are now aligned to create purposeful solutions for children from birth to age 8. This coalition of nearly 50 non-traditional partners works across individual organizations, boards and budgets.

As a convener and supporter of ELA, the North Texas Community Foundation has played a central role in bringing about several successes. City of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price recently selected early education as a cornerstone of her agenda and assembled an executive-level Advisory Committee to guide that work. The Fort Worth City Council has also endorsed the ELA strategy and selected early learning as a top legislative priority.

Movement is also being made toward a first-ever integrated career pathway for early childhood development. Nobel Laureate James Hickman asserts that a $1 investment in early education today produces a $7 return on investment over the long-term by saving costs in remedial education, welfare and the criminal justice system.

The annual ToolBox Grants program of the North Texas Community Foundation provides that necessary investment, increasing the capacity of area nonprofits to do great work. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has aligned funding partners and donors to contribute more than $1.4 million toward improving quality of life among young children in the region.

The ToolBox Grants program brings together individual donors who hold funds at the Community Foundation, as well as private foundations. Partners include Amon G. Carter Foundation, Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation, Fort Worth Foundation, The Miles Foundation, Rainwater Charitable Foundation, Sid W. Richardson Foundation, and Thomas M., Helen McKee and John P Ryan Foundation.

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Think Beyond Today

Philanthropic Solutions for Nonprofits

WORTH: The Next Generation of Philanthropists

The under-40 crowd stands to inherit $59 trillion during their lifetimes, which will be the largest wealth transfer in U.S. history. When Generation X and Millennials assume stewardship of that wealth, they’ll be better positioned than any previous generation to improve life for others. As a result, it’s vital that they understand the nuances of smart charitable giving.

WORTH: The Next Generation of Philanthropists at the North Texas Community Foundation is working to ensure that nonprofits have a future pipeline of savvy benefactors. Through the program, members between the ages of 20 and 40 learn about area nonprofits and community needs. Their contribution of $500 annually to the WORTH Endowment Fund is matched with funds from sponsors and friends of the Community Foundation. Through a collaborative grantmaking process, members learn how to be effective philanthropists and award significantly larger grants than they would be able to achieve individually.

More than 60 members joined WORTH during its inaugural year in 2015, and chose child abuse as their area of impact for grant-making.

Growing Up North Texas

North Texas, we are accustomed to looking at indicators on employment, poverty, income and education to gauge how we are doing as a region. All that data only helps if we have a way to make sense of it and understand its impact. This is especially true when it comes to helping at-risk children.

The North Texas Community Foundation and Child Care Associates commissioned a report from Children at Risk, a leading children’s advocacy organization. The Growing Up North Texas: Tarrant County report features county-level data on measures of child well-being, from economics and education to health and safety. Our aim is to provide all who have a stake in our children’s future with a tool to help identify the most pressing areas for intervention, design programs that make an impact and track progress over time.
How does the Community Foundation of North Texas work?

Benefits of Working with the North Texas Community Foundation

**Think Beyond Ordinary Ways to Give**

*Donors who establish a fund at the North Texas Community Foundation enjoy the tax benefits associated with charitable giving, and ensure that the wider community receives benefits, too. We make the process simple by providing all administrative services related to a donor’s fund, including accounting, auditing, financial management, due diligence, grantmaking and evaluation.*

**Flexibility.**

Make one gift to satisfy a variety of personal charitable interests.

**Tax advantages.**

Assets contributed to the Community Foundation qualify for maximum tax deductibility and other advantages not available to corporate gift funds. Our public tax status creates more available funding to support donors’ philanthropic interests.

**Asset management.**

We permit donors with fund balances of $500,000 or more to recommend the investment advisor of their choice to manage the assets attributed to their funds.

**Convenience.**

Usually, a fund can be opened with one brief meeting. We handle all government reports, legal questions and audit requirements. In many cases, a fund can be established in just 24 hours.

**Economy and efficiency.**

With more than $218 million in assets, the Community Foundation enjoys economies of scale, keeping administrative fees low.

**Immediate and long-term impact.**

Our strong record of financial stewardship assures that the charitable agenda of donors will be met now and for generations to come.

**Resources.**

Our expert staff can help donors explore their values and charitable interests. Then, we match those interests with vital causes in the community.

**Customization.**

With North Texas Community Foundation, donors have choices, such as customizing a fund and opening it using a variety of assets.
Ways to fulfill charitable giving

With the North Texas Community Foundation, donors select the fund option that best fulfills their charitable intent.

Impact the most pressing needs of our community with the flexibility to respond as those needs change over time. These funds allow us to target dollars toward the community’s most pressing needs, even as those needs change over time.

Support a regional area of emphasis. Experts at the Community Foundation monitor the regional landscape to identify key challenges. These issues become the focus of an annual grant cycle to which donors can contribute.

Identify a particular field or issue. These funds are created by donors who want to support a specific area, such as cancer treatment, education, arts, youth services or any other concern. We award grants to high-performing organizations or programs in the selected field.

Stay actively involved in grantmaking. Funds can offer an immediate tax benefit while allowing the donor to make grants over time to their favorite nonprofit organizations. We can help identify appropriate nonprofits, ensure their charitable status and provide grantmaking and administrative support.

Designate specific charitable organizations to be supported. Grants from these funds provide a reliable annual income stream to one or more of a donor’s favorite organizations in perpetuity.

Ways to establish a fund

Donors can utilize a variety of assets, including:
- cash gifts and personal checks
- publicly traded securities and mutual funds
- closely held stock
- life insurance
- retirement plan assets
- real estate
- estate gifts.

Philanthropic Solutions for Professional Advisors

Professional advisors play a key role in helping clients structure their charitable giving plans. The North Texas Community Foundation has the experience to assist with a variety of solutions, from multiple charities to legacy giving.

With the advisors’ input, we match clients with the right giving tools to achieve the desired objectives with maximum efficiency.

Think Beyond With Us.

We would be honored to help you find your philanthropic passion, assist you with your charitable giving goals and connect you with programs and initiatives that are making a difference.

We look forward to speaking with you!