

WORTH THE NEXT GENERATION of PHILANTHROPISTS

The North Texas Community Foundation launched WORTH: *The Next Generation of Philanthropists* in October 2015 for the purpose of engaging up and coming leaders in community philanthropy. Through an experiential and educational series, WORTH members have the

opportunity to learn about nonprofits and community needs in Tarrant County and think strategically about what effective, sustainable philanthropy will look like for future generations.

Members join by making a \$250 annual contribution to the WORTH Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation. In return for the members' donations to the Endowment Fund, private investors have provided matching funds, dollar for dollar, up to \$40,000 per year for members to grant at their discretion. To date, WORTH members have granted \$48,000 to local nonprofits.

WORTH kicked off year two at the WORTHrepeating launch party on October 13, 2016. First Financial Bank sponsored the event. While enjoying the beautiful outside atmosphere at the Press Café, WORTH members and prospects heard updates from the previous years' grantee recipients: CASA of Tarrant County and First3Years.



WORTHrepeating at Press Cafe | October 2016

In December, WORTHawareness was hosted by the Center for Transforming Lives. A brief presentation with data about troubling statistics in Tarrant County was reviewed, then WORTH members had the opportunity to mingle with five local community experts regarding five focus areas open for WORTH grant funding.



Carlo Capua, Clint Sanders, Stephen Gilchrist at WORTHawareness | December 2016

Collaboratively, WORTH members voted to support a nonprofit working to increase education and literacy and participated in a grant deliberation meeting to review thirteen grant proposals in January 2017.

WORTH members granted \$23,000 for the 2016-17 grant cycle.

Assets for grant making included \$15,750 from private investors matching WORTH memberships, \$5,000 from the ToolBox Grants Fund at the North Texas Community Foundation, and \$2,500 from Stephen Gilchrist of SouthWest Ford-Nissan-VW-Buick-GMC.

Literacy United received \$23,000 to fund their summer reading intervention program called *Reading Panthers*. The program is for fifty struggling readers grades K-2 to prevent summer learning loss and facilitate rapid reading improvement.

Members celebrated the grant made to Literacy United at a private residence in Fort Worth in February 2017.



WORTH*celebrating* Check Presentation | February 2017

The educational series of the 2016-17 grant cycle concluded at the **Fort Worth Museum of History and Science** on April 20th. Members heard from the Museum's President Van Romans and Executive Director of Education, Cathy Barthelemy, about how the Museum School is providing young children in Fort Worth a curriculum of natural and physical science, history, and anthropology.

Sincerest gratitude to WORTH's four private investors: The Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation, The Hodges Fund, Huckabee Community Excellence Fund and Higginbotham Community Fund.



Red & Jenny Sanders, Jake Richter, Marianna Kisin at WORTH*nourishing*

Many thanks to this year's nonprofit partners:



2016-2017 Membership List

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WORTH*nourishing* at the Museum of Science & History | April 2017

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