

DART FOUNDATIONSM

History

The Dart Foundation is a private family foundation established in 1984 by William A. and Claire T. Dart. Founded in Mason, Michigan, the Dart Foundation continues to be headquartered there. Because of this, the mid-Michigan area has long been a focal point of Dart Foundation philanthropy. Each year grants are awarded in other areas of the United States and a select number of national and international grants are made.

Mission

The mission of the Dart Foundation is to advance and encourage youth education, primarily in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We also support projects that strengthen and improve the quality of life in numerous identified communities.

Directors & Officers

Claire T. Dart, Board Member
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Ariane L. Dart, Board Member
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Signature Project, 2012

Impression 5 Science Center is a dynamic, interactive space for families to play, create, and challenge their understanding of science. The mission of Impression 5 is to facilitate learners in scientific exploration through hands-on exhibits and participatory educational programming.

Located in downtown, Lansing, Michigan, Impression 5 opened in 1972 and has served nearly three million visitors over the past 40 years.

With significant support from the Dart Foundation, Impression 5 Science Center embarked on a comprehensive renovation project in 2012 to include facility upgrades, new exhibits, and expanded educational programs.

Dart Foundation Grants by Category

Fiscal Year 2012

The chart below shows the scope of the Dart Foundation's giving in fiscal year 2012:

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$1,825,000	47%
Education – Including Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), and Environmental Programs	950,381	25%
Community Services	443,994	12%
Health	420,123	11%
Arts & Museums	89,500	2%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	82,000	2%
Public Policy	35,000	1%
Total	\$3,845,998	100%

Dollar and percentage figures have been rounded for ease of presentation.

A Focus on Education

Since its inception, the Dart Foundation has placed priority on supporting education programs for youth, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (commonly called STEM). The Dart Foundation doubled its financial investment toward education from fiscal year 2011 to 2012.

Environmental science education and research also increased in 2012. One example of support for an environmental education project is the Russell Miller Wild 100, which opened to the public in October 2012. This 100 acre nature preserve and center near Leslie, Michigan will serve as an environmental science laboratory.

“Our family believes that education is the primary gift you can provide someone.”

— Ariane L. Dart



A nature center hosts groups for environmentally-related education programs, and offers kitchen and restroom facilities.



The Russell Miller Wild 100 includes woods, lake and wetland areas.

Grants Payments Made

Fiscal Year 2012 (November 1, 2011—October 31, 2012)

Journalism & Critical Incidents

Columbia University, New York, NY
John Jay College Foundation, Inc., New York, NY

Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA

Education

– including science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and environmental programs

American Association of Caregiving Youth, Inc., Boca Raton, FL
American Cave Conservation Association Inc., Horse Cave, KY
Arabia Mountain High School, Lithonia, GA
Aurora Public Library Foundation, Inc., Aurora, IL
Aurora University, Aurora, IL
Avalon Independent School District, Avalon, TX
Barren County Educational Foundation Inc., Glasgow, KY
Batavia High School, Batavia, IL
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Broward Estates Elementary School, Lauderhill, FL
Bryan Elementary School, Plant City, FL
Capital Area District Library, Mason, MI
Capital Area Literacy Coalition (CALC), Lansing, MI
Caverna Elementary School, Cave City, KY
Caverna High School, Horse Cave, KY
Caverna Middle School, Horse Cave, KY
Central Caribbean Marine Institute, Princeton, NJ
Charles R. Drew Elementary Magnet School, Pompano Beach, FL
Chino Valley Unified School District:
Chino High School, Chino, CA
Don Antonio Lugo High School, Chino, CA
City of Lodi, Lodi, CA
Corona-Norco Unified School District:
Norco Elementary School, Norco, CA
Highland Elementary School, Norco, CA
Home Gardens Academy, Corona, CA
Orange Grove High School, Corona, CA
Crispus Attucks Community Center, Lancaster, PA
Cub Run Elementary School, Cub Run, KY
Dansville Schools Education Foundation:
Dansville Elementary School, Dansville, MI
Dansville High School, Dansville, MI
Deerfield Beach Rotary Fund Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL
David Scott Elementary, DeWitt, MI
East Aurora High School, Aurora, IL
MacDonald Middle School, East Lansing, MI
Eastern Lancaster County Library, New Holland, PA
Eastern Michigan University Foundation, Ypsilanti, MI
Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD, Waxahachie, TX
Education Foundation of Sarasota County Inc., Sarasota, FL
Elizabethtown Area School District, Elizabethtown, PA
Enterprise Middle School, Enterprise, MS
Fenner Conservancy, Lansing, MI
Foundation for Teaching Economics, Davis, CA
Glasgow Independent Schools:
Glasgow High School, Glasgow, KY
Highland Elementary School, Glasgow, KY
Grays Chapel Elementary School, Franklinville, NC
Green County High School, Greensburg, KY
Hart County High School, Munfordville, KY
Haslett High School, Haslett, MI
Henderson Mill Elementary School, Atlanta, GA
Herget School District 129, Aurora, IL
Hillsborough County Public Schools:
Plant City High School, Plant City, FL
Trapnell Elementary School, Plant City, FL
Turkey Creek Middle School, Plant City, FL
Wilson Elementary School, Plant City, FL
Dover Elementary School, Dover, FL

IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education, Aurora, IL
Indian Prairie School District 204, Aurora, IL
Ingham Intermediate School District, Mason, MI
Stafford Elementary School, Italy, TX
Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation, Willow Street, PA
Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, Lancaster, PA
Lancaster Farmland Trust, Strasburg, PA
Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment, Lancaster, PA
Lancaster Science Factory (LSF), Lancaster, PA
Lansing Community College Foundation, Lansing, MI
Lansing School District, Lansing, MI
LeGrande Elementary School, Horse Cave, KY
Leslie Area Educational Foundation, Leslie, MI
Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon, Lancaster, PA
Lithonia Middle School, Lithonia, GA
Lodi Public Library Foundation, Lodi, CA
Mason Public Schools:
Mason Middle School, Mason, MI
Mason High School, Mason, MI
Mason Public Schools Foundation, Mason, MI
Maypearl High School, Maypearl, TX
Memorial Elementary School, Hardyville, KY
Miami Heights Elementary School, Miami, FL
Michigan Council on Economic Education, Novi, MI
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Milford Independent School District, Milford, TX
Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL
Navarro College Foundation, Waxahachie, TX
North Museum of Natural History and Science, Lancaster, PA
Ontario-Montclair School District, Ontario, CA
Palmer Middle School, Palmer, TX
Penn Griffin School for the Arts, High Point, NC
Perry Public Schools, Perry, MI
Pottersville Public Schools, Pottersville, MI
Quitman High School, Quitman, MS
Ramseur Elementary School, Ramseur, NC
Randolph County Partnership for Children, Asheboro, NC
Randolph Technical College Foundation Inc., Asheboro, NC
Red Oak Independent School District Education Foundation, Red Oak, TX
Redan Middle School, Lithonia, GA
Refugee Development Center, Lansing, MI
Rice Intermediate Middle School, Rice, TX
Riverside STEM Academy, Riverside, CA
Rochester Middle School, Rochester, WA
Shalom Partnership of Lancaster Inc. Lancaster, PA
Sikes Elementary School, Lakeland, FL
South Broward High School, Hollywood, FL
Southwestern Randolph Middle School, Asheboro, NC
Stockbridge High School, Stockbridge, MI
Summer Shade Elementary School, Summer Shade, KY
The Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment, Lancaster, PA
The Nature Conservancy, Lansing, MI
Walden Lake Elementary School, Plant City, FL
Waxahachie Global High PTO, Inc., Waxahachie, TX
Wilcox Elementary School, Holt, MI
Williamston Schools Foundation, Williamston, MI
WKAR-TV 23, East Lansing, MI

Community Services/Programs

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4-H Club Foundation of Mississippi, Inc., Mississippi State, MS
All Faiths Food Bank, Sarasota, FL
American River Parkway Foundation Inc., Carmichael, CA
Back to Basics, Inc., Wellington, FL
Bareville Fire Company No. 1, Bareville, PA
Barren River Animal Welfare Association, Inc., Glasgow, KY
Barren River Area Safe Space, Inc., Bowling Green, KY
Between Friends Food Pantry, Sugar Grove, IL
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Sun Coast Inc., Venice, FL
Boy Scout Troop 180, East Lansing, MI

Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, Lansing, MI
Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Sarasota, FL
Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County, Olympia, WA
Bridge of Hope Lancaster and Chester Counties, Lancaster, PA
Capital Area Community Services Inc., Lansing, MI
Capital Area Down Syndrome Association, East Lansing, MI
Capital Area United Way, Lansing, MI
Cave City Police Department, Cave City, KY
Cayman Islands Boy Scout Association, Cayman Islands
Child Protection Center Inc., Sarasota, FL

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<p>Christians United Outreach Center, Asheboro, NC Christ's Home, Paradise, PA CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Mason, MI City of San Jose, San Jose, CA COBYS Family Services, Leola, PA Communities in Schools of Randolph County, Asheboro, NC Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc., Sarasota, FL Corona Norco Settlement House Inc., Corona, CA Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services of Lancaster County, Lancaster, PA Ephrata Area Rehab Services, Ephrata, PA EVE, Inc., Lansing, MI Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too! Inc., Stone Mountain, GA Friendship Community, Lititz, PA Grab Fire Department, Greensburg, KY Green County Fiscal Court, Greensburg, KY Hart County Historical Society, Munfordville, KY Harvest Drive Inc., Miami, FL Hesed House, Inc., Aurora, IL Highfields Inc., Onondaga, MI Horse Cave Police, Horse Cave, KY Horses and the Handicapped of South Florida, Inc., Boca Raton, FL ITEC-Lansing, Lansing, MI Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania, Lancaster, PA Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, MI Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky, Inc., Glasgow, KY Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, Inc., Tampa, FL Kids Hope USA, Zeeland, MI Kids In Distress Inc., Wilton Manors, FL Kids Repair Program, Lansing, MI Lafayette Fire Company, Lancaster, PA</p>	<p>Lodi Adopt-A-Child, Inc., Lodi, CA Mayors' Feed The Hungry Program, Inc., Sarasota, FL Michigan State University Ricstar's Camp, East Lansing, MI Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, MI Mid-Michigan Food Bank, Lansing, MI Millersville International House, Millersville, PA Mutual Ground Inc., Aurora, IL Our City Forest, San Jose, CA Peppermint Ridge, Corona, CA Ralph Bunche Community Foundation, Glasgow, KY Randolph County Family Crisis Center Inc., Asheboro, NC Randolph County Senior Adults Association Inc., Asheboro, NC SACA Development Corporation, Lancaster, PA Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center Inc. of Sarasota, Sarasota, FL Salvation Army-Sarasota, Sarasota, FL Simple Acts of Care & Kindness Inc., Corona, CA SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc., Charlotte, MI Southside Community Kitchen, Lansing, MI Summersville Volunteer Fire Dept., Greensburg, KY Totally Committed Ministries, Asheboro, NC United Way of Lancaster County, Lancaster, PA Upper Leacock Fire Company, Leola, PA Veterans First, Santa Ana, CA Volunteers of America of Michigan, Lansing, MI WLOC Clothes for Kids, Inc., Horse Cave, KY Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc., Lighthouse Point, FL YMCA of San Diego County, San Diego, CA Young Caymanian Leaders Foundation Limited, Cayman Islands YMCA of Lansing MI, Lansing, MI YWCA of Lancaster, Lancaster, PA</p>
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Health

<p>Alzheimer's Association, Chicago, IL American Cancer Society: Dallas, TX, for the Waxahachie Relay for Life East Lansing, MI, for the Mason Relay for Life Greensboro, NC, for the Randleman Relay for Life Louisville, KY, for Relay for Life of Hart County Meridian, MS, for the Clarke County Relay for Life American Diabetes Association, Bingham Farms, MI American Heart Association, Bowling Green, KY Breast Cancer Foundation, Cayman Islands Burger King Cancer Caring Center, Pittsburgh, PA Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, PA H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute Foundation Inc., Tampa, FL Hart County Schools, Munfordville, KY</p>	<p>Hospice of Lansing, Lansing, MI Hospice of Randolph County, Inc., Asheboro, NC Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Southfield, MI Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, Inc., Louisville, KY March of Dimes Foundation: Bowling Green, KY – Barren River March for Babies Harrisburg, PA – Lancaster March for Babies Holt, MI – March for Babies Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, Ephrata, PA Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Sarasota, FL South Florida Baptist Hospital Foundation, Plant City, FL Sparrow Foundation, Lansing, MI The Center for Courageous Kids, Scottsville, KY Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA Water Street Health Services, Lancaster, PA</p>
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Arts & Museums

<p>Arts Council of Greater Lansing, Lansing, MI Fender Museum of the Arts Foundation, Corona, CA Friends of Music, Inc., Coral Springs, FL Fulton Opera House Foundation, Lancaster, PA Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Lancaster, PA Mason Area Historical Society, Mason, MI</p>	<p>North Museum of Natural History and Science, Lancaster, PA Old Town Business & Art Development Assoc., Lansing, MI Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL Thompson Middle School, Murrieta, CA World of Wonders Science Museum Inc., Lodi, CA</p>
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Disaster/Emergency Relief

<p>American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter, Lansing, MI American Red Cross, Dallas Area Chapter, Corsicana, TX</p>	<p>Helping All Recover Together, Inc., Munfordville, KY</p>
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Public Policy

<p>Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland, MI</p>

