



Mission

Historically, it has been the Dart Foundation's preference to make grants in support of youth education programs (primarily science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Other areas of interest have included health, community services and journalism programs that focus on the accuracy of news reporting on scientific and environmental issues. Additionally, support is given to national projects such as the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, a global resource for journalists who cover violence.

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.

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PROJECT LEAD

THE WAY is a national educational program that helps middle and high school students develop strong backgrounds in science and engineering. In 2010 the Dart Foundation helped fund equipment, materials, supplies and teacher training for a Project Lead the Way program. This Computer Integrated Classroom was sponsored through the Education Foundation of Sarasota County and held at Riverview High School in Sarasota, Florida.

National surveys of Project Lead the Way students suggest that 80% intend to go to college, compared to 63% for all high school seniors. Sixty percent intend to major in science, engineering or technology, and 90% said they chose their major in part due to their Project Lead the Way experiences.

A Glimpse at Three 2010 Grants

Grants for science, technology, engineering and math for K–12 students were a significant feature of Dart Foundation philanthropy in 2010.

Donley Elementary School, East Lansing, MI

Today's world is one where technology has infiltrated every nook and cranny. Technology changes rapidly while school funding declines, leaving schools without the resources necessary to prepare today's students. A SMART board is an interactive learning device that allows teachers to project the screen from a computer onto a large white board and then manipulate, write on, move and interact with the images. Interactive response systems allow students to answer questions using handheld devices so teachers can check for student understanding, assess students' knowledge and skills, and review test information in a quick, fun, student-friendly way.

Josh Robertson's third grade class at Donley Elementary School in East Lansing, Michigan received a grant to purchase a SMART interactive white board and response system for their computer lab.



Hope D. Wall School in suburban Chicago received a grant to expand recycling efforts, including supplies, field trips to local recycling sites, Green Team t-shirts, planting trees, and sharing their experiences with other schools.

Hope D. Wall School, Aurora, IL

Hope D. Wall School educates students who have a variety of disabilities including cognitive impairments, autism, physical problems, seizure disorders and communication difficulties. Even though students are faced with many challenges, they strive to be effective learners, team players and productive members of society. As part of their Functional Life Skills Curriculum, students and teachers created a Green Team to study environmental science and learn important vocational skills like recycling, shredding and cleaning.

Dart Foundation Grants by Category Fiscal Year 2010

The chart below shows the scope of the Dart Foundation's giving in fiscal year 2010:

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$1,915,000	53%
Education – including science, technology, engineering, mathematics and environmental programs	559,252	16%
Health	539,019	15%
Community Services	411,389	11%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	63,000	2%
Museums	56,300	2%
Arts	44,618	1%
Public Policy	14,000	less than 1%
Total	\$3,602,578	100%

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

Prospective grantees may request guidelines for submitting a grant application by contacting the Dart Foundation. Grants can be made toward specific projects or programs, capital needs, or general operations. Grants involving collaboration between organizations are encouraged. The Dart Foundation sometimes requires matching gifts to be raised. Larger grants are usually made over a multi-year period. The Dart Foundation does not make grants to individuals.

Susan B. Anthony School, Corona, CA

Contrary to popular belief, sometimes the students who are considered "at risk" are those who are the most advanced. The Gifted and Talented Program at Susan B. Anthony School lost its funding two years ago but has continued through the voluntary efforts of teachers who engage and challenge these creative youngsters. Without funding, materials become outdated and consumables run out. The Dart Foundation grant allowed for the purchase of replacement science materials, including new items such as circuitry boards and owl pellets for dissection.

The Dart Foundation funded science-related materials and activities for the Gifted and Talented Program at Susan B. Anthony School in southern California.



DART FOUNDATION

Grant payments made during fiscal year 2010 (November 1, 2009–October 31, 2010)

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 Cave Conservation Association Inc, Horse Cave, KY Arabia Mountain High School, Lithonia, GA Aurora Public Library Foundation, Inc, IL Bowling Green State University, OH Capital Area Literacy Coalition (CALC), Lansing, MI Caverna High School, Horse Cave, KY Caverna Middle School, Horse Cave, KY Central Caribbean Marine Institute, Cayman Islands City of Randleman, NC Corona Literary Society, CA Corona-Norco Unified School District, CA on behalf of: Susan B. Anthony Elementary School John Adams Elementary School Santiago High School Eisenhower Elementary School Council for Economic Education, New York, NY Cub Run Elementary School, KY Deerfield Beach Rotary Fund, Inc, FL Donley Elementary, East Lansing Public Schools, MI Eaton Rapids Public School Education Foundation, Inc, MI Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD, TX Education Foundation of Sarasota County Inc, FL Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, GA FishHawk Creek Elementary, Lithia, FL	Foundation for Teaching Economics, Davis, CA Glasgow Independent Schools, KY Gombert Elementary School, Aurora, IL Green County Middle School, Greensburg, KY Hiseville Elementary School, KY Hope D. Wall School, Aurora, IL Italy Independent School District, TX Jackson Elementary School, Plant City, FL John W. Gates Elementary School, Aurora, IL Kiwanis Club of Deerfield Beach Charitable Foundation, Inc, FL Lancaster Catholic High School, PA Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation, PA Lancaster County Library, PA Lancaster Farm Trust, PA Lancaster Lebanon Science & Technology Alliance, PA Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment, PA Lansing Community College Foundation, MI LeGrande Elementary School, Horse Cave, KY Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon, Lancaster, PA Lodi Arts Foundation, CA Lodi Public Library Foundation, CA Loma Linda University, CA Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland, MI Mason Public Schools Foundation, MI Maypearl High School, TX	Memorial Elementary School, Hardyville, KY Michigan State University (Michigan Science Olympiad), East Lansing, MI Mote Marine Lab, Sarasota, FL Nancy Hill Elementary School, Aurora, IL Nature Conservancy, Lansing, MI Navarro College Foundation, Waxahachie, TX Olney C. Allen Elementary School, Aurora, IL Park City Elementary School, KY Randleman Elementary School, NC Randolph County Schools, Asheboro, NC, on behalf of: Franklinville Elementary School Southwestern Randolph High School New Market Elementary School Reba O. Steck Elementary School, Aurora, IL Red Oak Independent School District Education Foundation, TX Refugee Development Center, Lansing, MI Sam Houston Elementary School, Ennis, TX Shalom Partnership of Lancaster Inc, PA Smith Elementary School, Aurora, IL Temple Hill Elementary School, Glasgow, KY Todd Early Childhood Center, Aurora, IL West Aurora High School, IL William B. Travis Elementary School, Ennis, TX WKAR-TV 23, East Lansing, MI
Health	Alzheimer's Association, Chicago, IL American Cancer Society of Hart County, Munfordville, KY American Cancer Society, East Lansing, MI, for the Mason Relay for Life American Cancer Society, Quitman, MS, for the Clarke County Relay for Life American Cancer Society, Greensboro, NC, for the Randleman Relay for Life American Cancer Society, Dallas, TX, for the Waxahachie Relay for Life American Heart Association, Bowling Green, KY Autism Society of America, Hart County Chapter, Lexington, KY	Care Free Medical Inc, Lansing, MI The Center for Courageous Kids, Scottsville, KY Eaton Rapids Community Hospital, Inc, MI Ephrata Community Hospital, PA The Foundation for Community and Family Health, Corona, CA Hart County Schools, Munfordville, KY Hospice of Lansing, MI Ingham Regional Healthcare Foundation, Lansing, MI Jack McGovern Coats Disease, Burlingame, CA Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Southfield, MI Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic, PA	March of Dimes Foundation, Holt, MI March of Dimes Foundation, Lancaster, PA Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, Ephrata, PA Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation, Asheboro, NC Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, MI Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Sarasota, FL Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County, PA Sparrow Foundation, Lansing, MI Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA Visiting Nurse Association of Fox Valley, Aurora, IL Water Street Rescue Mission Medical Clinic, Lancaster, PA
Community Services/Programs	All Faiths Food Bank, Sarasota, FL American River Parkway Foundation, Carmichael, CA Arch Street Center Inc, Lancaster, PA Assets Lancaster, PA Barren County Educational Foundation Inc, Glasgow, KY Behavior Links, Pembroke Pines, FL Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lancaster County, Inc, PA Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast Inc, Venice, FL Boulware Mission, Owensboro, KY Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi, Inc, CA Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, FL Bridge of Hope Lancaster and Chester Counties, Lancaster, PA Broward Education Foundation, Inc, Popano Beach, FL Broward Sheriff's Office, Deerfield Beach, FL Capital Area Community Services Inc, Lansing, MI Capital Area United Way, Lansing, MI Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Harrisburg, PA Child & Family Services Capital Area, Lansing, MI Child Protection Center Inc, Sarasota, FL Christians United Outreach Center, Asheboro, NC Christ's Home, Paradise, PA COBYS Family Services, Leola, PA Ele's Place, Lansing, MI EVE, Inc, Lansing, MI Family Counseling Service of Aurora, IL Friends of Birch State Park, Inc, Fort Lauderdale, FL Friendship Community, Lititz, PA Gateway Community Services, East Lansing, MI Grace Lutheran Church, for the Leslie SK Run, MI Haven House, East Lansing, MI	Haven, Inc, Boca Raton, FL Hesed House, Inc, Aurora, IL Highfields Inc, Onondaga, MI Information Technology Empowerment Center (ITEC), Lansing, MI Johnson County Committee on Aging Inc, Waxahachie, TX Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania, Lancaster, PA Junior Achievement of Mid Michigan, Lansing, MI Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky, Inc, Glasgow, KY Kendall County Food Pantry, Yorkville, IL Kids Hope USA, Zeeland, MI Kids Repair Program, Lansing, MI Lafayette Fire Company, Lancaster, PA Lodi Adopt-A-Child, CA Mammoth Cave Resource Conservation and Development Area, (KY) on behalf of: Cave City Police Department, KY GRAB Fire Department, Greensburg, KY Green County Volunteer Fire Department, Greensburg, KY Green County Ambulance Company, Greensburg, KY Summersville Volunteer Fire Department, KY Manna House, Midlothian, TX Mayors Beautification Program Inc, Tampa, FL Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program Inc, Sarasota, FL Michigan State University, Community Music School for RicStar's camp, East Lansing, MI Mid-Michigan Food Bank, Lansing, MI	Mutual Ground Inc, Aurora, IL Navarro County Food Pantry Inc, Corsicana, TX North Aurora Mothers Club, IL North Ellis County Outreach Inc, Red Oak, TX Our City Forest, San Jose, CA SACA Development Corporation, Lancaster, PA Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center Inc of Sarasota, FL Salvation Army, Longview, TX Salvation Army, Sarasota, FL Sertoma Foundation, Lancaster, PA Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc, Charlotte, MI Southside Community Kitchen, Lansing, MI Tri-County Office on Aging, Lansing, MI United States Military Mothers & Friends Inc, Lancaster, PA United Way of Lancaster County, PA United Way of Sarasota County Inc, FL Upper Leacock Fire Company, Leola, PA Upper Leacock Township War Memorial Association, Leola, PA Urban League of Lancaster County, PA Volunteers of America of Michigan, Lansing, MI Waxahachie CARE Services, TX WLOC Clothes for Kids, Inc, Horse Cave, KY Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Young Caymanian Leaders Foundation Limited, Cayman Islands YWCA of Lancaster, PA
Disaster/Emergency Relief	American Red Cross Dallas Area Chapter, Corsicana, TX	American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter, Lansing, MI	Helping All Recover Together, Inc, Munfordville, KY
Museums	The Children's Museum of Lancaster, PA Historic Clarke County, Inc, Quitman, MS Impression 5 Science Center, Lansing, MI	Mason Area Historical Society, MI Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, MI	North Museum of Natural History and Science, Lancaster, PA
Arts	American Friends of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands Foundation, Cayman Islands Arts Council of Greater Lansing, MI	Fulton Opera House Foundation, Lancaster, PA Kentucky Repertory Theatre, Horse Cave, KY Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, PA	Old Town Business & Art Development Association, Lansing, MI Southern Atelier, Sarasota, FL
Public Policy	Americans for Prosperity Foundation, Arlington, VA Ayn Rand Institute, Irvine, CA	Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, NY	Washington Legal Foundation, Washington, DC