

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

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.

Directors & Officers

Claire T. Dart, Board Member
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Vice President & Secretary

We Note the Passing of the Dart Foundation's Chairman

William A. Dart, Founder and Chairman of Dart Container Corporation and Board Chairman of the Dart Foundation, passed away on December 2, 2011 at the age of 84. "WA" as he was called, was born in Mason, Michigan, a small town located just south of Lansing. After serving in the U. S. Navy as a radar technician during World War II, he graduated from the University of Michigan with degrees in mathematics, metallurgy and chemical engineering. After working for DuPont Chemical for about a year, he returned to Mason in 1951 to join his father, William F. Dart, in the family business which, at that time, was manufacturing metal products. He saw the potential in plastic materials, and he and his father gradually switched their focus from metal to plastic, focusing on foam cups. They shipped their first order of foam cups in 1960.

Two of WA's sons have grown up in the family owned business. Ken, Dart's President, joined the company in 1975, and his brother Bob, Chief Executive Officer, followed him five years later. Bob assumed the responsibility for the daily operation of the company in 1993. The company recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, a milestone that WA was both proud of and humbled by.

In 2010 the Dart family dedicated a Tribute Garden to honor employees who have contributed to Dart Container's success.

Dart Foundation Grants by Category

Fiscal Year 2011

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.

The chart below shows the scope of the Dart Foundation's giving in fiscal year 2011:

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$1,825,000	53%
Health	497,680	14%
Education – including science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and environmental programs	492,978	14%
Community Services	396,850	12%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	92,800	3%
Museums	71,000	2%
Arts	40,468	1%
Public Policy	18,500	less than 1%
Total	\$3,435,276	100%

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



A Focus on S.T.E.M.

According to a recent study of 15-year-olds in the 30 most technologically advanced and wealthiest nations in the world, the United States ranked 21st in science literacy and 25th in math proficiency. Yet workforce projections made by the US Department of labor for 2014 show that 15 of the 20 fastest growing occupations require significant science and math training to successfully compete for a job.

Since its inception, the Dart Foundation has focused on supporting science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs for youth. In this Annual Report we have featured some of the STEM grants made by the Dart Foundation in Fiscal Year 2011.

A Glimpse at Four 2011 Grants

S Science

Crispus Attucks Community Center, Lancaster, PA

For the past three years, the Dart Foundation has sponsored summer science camp at Crispus Attucks Community Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This eight-week, full-day camp provides hands-on science experiments, wellness education, and field trips to low-income youth. Crispus Attucks was founded in 1927 as a center for the African-American community, celebrating its heritage with historical, cultural, educational and recreational programs.



“SCIENCE FOR A HAPPY LIFE” CAMP, SUMMER 2011

T Technology

Southmont Elementary School, Asheboro, NC



Southmont Elementary School's motto says, "What we do with our children today impacts tomorrow." With a grant from the Dart Foundation in 2011, the school was able to purchase eReaders for students. The school reports that even the most reluctant readers can be found engrossed with books they have downloaded on their eReaders, preparing for a Battle of the Books competition coming soon.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS SHOWCASING THEIR eREADER.

E Engineering

Michigan State University, College of Engineering, East Lansing, MI

For the past seven years, the Dart Foundation has sponsored "The Dart Day of Engineering, Innovation and Creativity for 7th–12th Grade Students and Teachers" at Michigan State University. Twice a year, MSU's College of Engineering holds its Design Days whereby engineering students showcase their projects. The Dart Foundation brings in middle and high school students from throughout Michigan to observe, participate, and hopefully inspire them toward careers in the field of engineering.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT MSU'S "DESIGN DAYS"

M Mathematics

Ingham Intermediate School District, Lansing, MI

2011 marked the Dart Foundation's 25th year of continuous support for CHAMP (Cooperative Highly Accelerated Math Program) and MASCOT (Mathematics Augmentation Series: Cultivating Optimum Teaching), which have provided advanced mathematics classes for thousands of students in mid-Michigan. CHAMP, offered in conjunction with Michigan State University, allows high school students to complete four years of math in two years. The MASCOT program is advanced math offered to middle schoolers.



CHAMP STUDENTS MAKING QUICK WORK OF ADVANCED MATHEMATICS

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Grant payments made during fiscal year 2011 (November 1, 2010–October 31, 2011)

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	Aurora Public Library Foundation, Inc., IL Barren County Educational Foundation, Inc., Austin Tracy Elementary School, Glasgow, KY Capital Area Literacy Coalition (CALC), Lansing, MI Capital Region Community Foundation, Lansing, MI Caverna Elementary School, Horse Cave, KY Central Caribbean Marine Institute, Cayman Islands City of Randleman, NC Corona Literary Society, CA Corona-Norco Unified School District, Susan B. Anthony Elementary School, Corona, CA Crispus Attucks Community Center, Lancaster, PA Dansville Schools Education Foundation, Dansville, MI Deerfield Beach Rotary Fund, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL Education Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc., Sarasota, FL Foundation for Teaching Economics, Davis, GA	Friends of Fenner Nature Center, Lansing, MI Ingham Intermediate School District, Mason, MI Junior Achievement, Cayman Islands Keep America Beautiful, Stamford, CT Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation, Willow Street, PA Lancaster Farmland Trust, Lancaster, PA Lansing Community College Foundation, Lansing, MI Lansing School District, Lansing, MI Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon, Lancaster, PA Lodi Public Library Foundation, Lodi, CA Lodi Sports Foundation, Lodi, CA Mason Public Schools Foundation, Mason, MI Maypearl High School, Maypearl, TX Metcalfe County Library Board, Edmonton, KY Michigan 4-H Foundation, East Lansing, MI Michigan Council on Economic Education, Novi, MI	Michigan State University (Michigan Science Olympiad), East Lansing, MI Navarro College Foundation, Waxahachie, TX North Metcalfe Elementary School, Edmonton, KY Park City Elementary School, Park City, KY Pine View School Foundation, Inc., Sarasota, FL Quitman High School, Quitman, MS Quitman Lower Elementary School, Quitman, MS Randolph County Schools, Asheboro, NC, for: Eastern Randolph High School Southmont Elementary School Tabernacle Elementary School Randolph Technical College Foundation, Inc., Asheboro, NC Shalom Partnership of Lancaster, Inc., Lancaster, PA University of South Florida Foundation, Inc., Tampa, FL WKAR-TV 23, East Lansing, MI Woldumar Nature Association, Lansing, MI
Health	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 Munfordville, KY for Relay for Life of Hart County Quitman, MS, for the Clarke County Relay for Life Burger King Cancer Caring Center, Pittsburgh, PA DeKalb Medical Center, Inc., DeKalb, GA	Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, PA Foundation for Community and Family Health, Corona, CA Hospice & Palliative Care of the Ohio Valley, Inc., Owensboro, KY Ingham Regional Healthcare Foundation, Lansing, MI Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Southfield, MI Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic, Lancaster, PA March of Dimes Foundation, Harrisburg, PA	National Kidney Foundation, Inc., Allentown, PA Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, Ephrata, PA Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation, Asheboro, NC Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, MI Sparrow Foundation, Lansing, MI Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA Water Street Health Services, Lancaster, PA
Community Services/ Programs	All Faiths Food Bank, Sarasota, FL Alpha & Omega Community Center, Lancaster, PA American River Parkway Foundation, Carmichael, CA Arch Street Center, Inc., Lancaster, PA Association for Individual Development, Aurora, IL Back to Basics, Inc., Wellington, FL Barren River Animal Welfare Association, Inc., Glasgow, KY Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lancaster County, Inc., Lititz, PA Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, Inc., Venice, FL Boulware Mission, Inc., Owensboro, KY Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi, Inc., Lodi, CA 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 Broward Education Foundation, Inc., Popano Beach, FL Broward Sheriff's Office, Deerfield Beach, FL Capital Area Community Services, Inc., Lansing, MI Capital Area Down Syndrome Association, Lansing, MI Capital Area United Way, Lansing, MI Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Harrisburg, PA Child Protection Center, Inc., Sarasota, FL Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL Christians United Outreach Center, Asheboro, NC Christ's Home, Paradise, PA CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Mason, MI Church World Service, Elkhart, IN City of San Jose, CA Community Action of Southern Kentucky, Inc., Bowling Green, KY Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc., Sarasota, FL Corona-Norco Settlement House, Inc., Corona, CA	Corona-Norco Family Young Mens Christian Association, Corona, CA Corona-Norco United Way, Corona, CA EVE, Inc., Lansing, MI Family Counseling Service of Aurora, Aurora, IL Forty Carrots of Sarasota, Inc., Sarasota, FL Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Tool, Inc., Stone Mountain, GA Friends of the Los Angeles River, Los Angeles, CA Friendship Community, Lititz, PA Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc., Sarasota, FL Habitat for Humanity South Palm Beach County, Delray Beach, FL Hesed House, Inc., Aurora, IL Highfields, Inc., Onondaga, MI Historic Clarke County, Inc., Quitman, MS Horses and the Handicapped of South Florida, Inc., Coconut Creek, FL Inland Empire Rescue Mission, Inc., Riverside, CA Information Technology Empowerment Center (ITEC), Lansing, MI Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania, Lancaster, PA Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, MI Kendall County Food Pantry, Yorkville, IL Kids Hope USA, Zeeland, MI Kids Repair Program, Lansing, MI Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity, Lancaster, PA Little Angels Center for Exceptional Care, Elgin, IL Lodi Adopt-A-Child, Lodi, CA Mammoth Cave Resource Conservation and Development Area, (KY) for: Hart County Ambulance Service, KY Summersville Volunteer Fire Department, KY 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	Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, MI Mid-Michigan Food Bank, Lansing, MI Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Inc., Wheaton, IL Milagro House, Lancaster, PA Mutual Ground, Inc., Aurora, IL New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding, Inc., Bowling Green, KY Occupational Development Center, Lancaster, PA Peppermint Ridge, Corona, CA Quitman Lower Elementary, Quitman, MS Randolph County Family Crisis Center, Inc., Asheboro, NC Randolph County Senior Adults Association, Inc., Asheboro, NC Rebuilding Together, Inc., Aurora, IL Safe Place Rape and Crisis Center, Inc., Sarasota, FL Salvation Army, Sarasota, FL Samaritan Counseling Center, Lancaster, PA Simple Acts of Care & Kindness, Inc., Corona, CA Southside Community Kitchen, Lansing, MI Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc., Coconut Creek, FL Tri-County Office on Aging, Lansing, MI Trinity Services, Inc., Joliet, IL United States Military Mothers & Friends, Inc., Lancaster, PA United Way of Lancaster County, PA United Way of Sarasota County, Inc., Sarasota, FL Upper Leacock Fire Company, Leola, PA Volunteers of America of Florida, Tampa, FL Volunteers of America of Michigan, Lansing, MI WLOC Clothes for Kids, Inc., Horse Cave, KY Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL Women's Center of Greater Lansing, M Young Caymanian Leaders Foundation Limited, Cayman Islands YWCA of Lancaster, Lancaster, PA
Disaster/Emergency Relief	American Red Cross Dallas Area Chapter, Corsicana, TX	American Red Cross Greensboro Chapter, Greensboro, NC	American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter, Lansing, MI
Museums	Children's Museum of Lancaster, PA	Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL	Society of the Plastics Industry, Washington, DC
Arts	American Friends of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands Foundation, Inc., Cayman Islands Asian Pacific Rim Foundation, Sacramento, CA	Fulton Opera House Foundation, Lancaster, PA Kentucky Repertory Theatre, Horse Cave, KY Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Lancaster, PA	Old Town Business & Art Development Association, Lansing, MI
Public Policy	Americans for Prosperity Foundation, Arlington, VA Cato Institute, Washington, DC	Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, NY	Washington Legal Foundation, Washington, DC