

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 here. 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 grants are made.

Mission

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

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The Dart Award for Excellence in Reporting on Trauma in 2008 went to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* for "Joanna: Facing Forward," a nine-day series written by Rachel Dissell that traced events leading to the shooting of 18-year-old Johanna Orozco by her 17-year-old boyfriend. The blast shattered the lower part of Johanna's face.

The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma is supported by the Dart Foundation. The Dart Center provides training, education and support to journalists covering victims of violence, conflict and tragedy and encourages innovation in journalism practices based on science and ethical standards. Located at the University of Washington in Seattle with satellite offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma; London, England; and Melbourne, Australia, in 2009 the Dart Center will move to a new home at Columbia University in New York City.

A Glimpse at Three 2008 Grants

Community Services/Programs

A new structure to replace a 30-year-old playground in Holt, Michigan was made possible in part by a grant from the Dart Foundation. Valhalla Park Playground was outdated and out of compliance with national playground safety standards. The new playground, geared to five to 12-year-olds, was constructed by township and volunteer labor and will serve children and their families for decades to come.

Construction on the new playground began in October 2008.



Education

The Dart Foundation has supported the work of the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project since 1992. The mission of NEED is to promote an energy conscious and educated society by creating effective networks of students, business, government and community leaders to design and deliver objective, multi-sided education programs. Each year NEED provides 700 workshops in 40 states. The Dart Foundation support allows for school outreach in parts of Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

As part of a NEED workshop, these students are studying how a screw can move water up an incline.

Museums

Beginning in 2007, the Dart Foundation sponsored Family Science Sundays at the North Museum of Natural History and Science in central Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Special interactive programs are offered one Sunday a month to encourage families to explore science together through hands-on activities. This has increased attendance by 51% compared to previous years.

A young visitor to Family Science Sundays explores the wonders of the universe. (Photography by Russell G. Frost)



Dart Foundation Grants by Category Fiscal Year 2008

Prospective grantees may request guidelines for submitting a grant 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 2008:

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$2,120,015	50%
Community Services/Programs	1,002,377	24%
Education – including environmental, science, math, and engineering programs	502,905	12%
Health	387,268	9%
Arts	80,000	2%
Museums	78,225	2%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	52,500	1%
Public Policy	6,500	<1%
Total	\$4,229,790	100%

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



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Grant payments made during fiscal year 2008 (November 1, 2007–October 31, 2008)

Journalism & Critical Incidents	John Jay College Foundation Inc. National Defense University Foundation	Niemann Foundation at Harvard University University of Washington	
Education – including environmental, science, math and engineering programs	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Inc. Aurora Public Library Barren County Educational Foundation Inc. Barren County Middle School Capital Area Literacy Coalition (CALC) Caverna Elementary School Caverna High School Caverna Middle School City of Lodi, California Corsicana High School Eastern Elementary School Ebersole Foundation Education Foundation of Sarasota County Inc. Friends of Fenner Nature Center Glasgow Christian Academy Hart County Public Library	Ingham Intermediate School District Italy Independent School District Italy ISD George E. Scott Memorial Scholarship Inc. Keep America Beautiful Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation Lancaster Lebanon Science & Technology Alliance Lansing Community College Foundation Lansing Newspapers in Education Inc. Lansing School District Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon Lodi Public Library Foundation Lorene Smith Kirkpatrick Elementary Louis August Jonas Foundation Memorial Elementary School	Michigan 4-H Foundation Michigan Environmental Council Michigan State University Munfordville Elementary School National Council on Economic Education National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) Park City Elementary School Pierce Elementary School Royal Cayman Islands Police San Juan Bautista Parish Shalom Partnership of Lancaster Inc. Walden Lake Elementary School Waxahachie High School Waxahachie Independent School District Williamston Schools Foundation WKAR-TV 23
Community Services/Programs	All Faiths Food Bank Barren County Educational Foundation Inc. Barren County Family YMCA Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lansing Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky Bodden Town Park Bonnieville Volunteer Fire Department Boulware Mission, Inc. Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Brown Eyed Girl Capital Area Community Services Inc. Capital Area United Way Child & Family Services Capital Area Christ's Home for Children City of Jackson Parks and Recreation Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. Delhi Charter Township DeWitt Area Community Fund East End Park Ele's Place EVE, Inc. Friends of Disabled Adults and Children George Town Park Greater Lansing Food Bank Hesed House, Inc.	Highfields Inc. Horse Cave Police Information Technology Empowerment Center Johnson County Committee on Aging Inc. Junior Achievement of Mid Michigan Kids Hope USA Lafayette Fire Company Mammoth Cave Resource Conservation and Development Area, on behalf of Cave City Volunteer Fire Dept, Cave City Police Dept, Exie Volunteer Fire Dept, Glasgow Fire Dept, Grab Fire Dept, Hardyville Volunteer Fire Dept, Hart County Sheriff, and Temple Hill Volunteer Fire Dept (KY) Manna House Michigan State University (Community Music School for Music Therapy for RicStar's Camp) Michigan State University Museum Mid-Michigan Food Bank Mutual Ground Inc. National Center for Victims of Crime National Fire Safety Council Inc. Navarro County Food Pantry Inc. New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding, Inc.	New Holland Recreation Center North Ellis County Outreach Inc. North Side Park Riverside County Professional Firefighters Benevolent Fund Salvation Army—Corsicana Salvation Army—Sarasota Salvation Army—Waxahachie SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc. Southside Community Kitchen St. Vincent Catholic Charities Tri-County Office on Aging United Way of Lancaster County United Way of Sarasota County Inc. Upper Leacock Fire Company Upper Leacock Township Volunteers of America of Michigan Water Street Rescue Mission Waxahachie CARE Services West Bay Park (Scholar's Park) WLOC Clothes for Kids, Inc. Women's Center of Greater Lansing World Relief Young Caymanian Leaders Foundation Limited Young Mens Christian Association of Lansing, MI
Health	Alzheimer's Association American Cancer Society of Dallas American Cancer Society of Greensboro American Cancer Society of East Lansing American Cancer Society of Hart County American Diabetes Association American Heart Association Burger King Cancer Caring Center Children's Memorial Hospital Clinic for Special Children Inc.	Community Prevention Partnership of Berks County Inc. Dart Society Eaton Rapids Community Hospital Inc. Ellis County Coalition for Health Options Gift from Within H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Research Institute Foundation Inc. Ingham Regional Healthcare Foundation Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic March of Dimes Birth Defects National Foundation Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County Sparrow Foundation Virginia Mason Medical Center
Arts	Arts Council of Greater Lansing Friends of Music, Inc.	Fulton Opera House Foundation Kentucky Repertory Theatre Lancaster Symphony Orchestra	Old Town Business & Art Development Association Riverwalk Theatre
Museums	Cayman Maritime Heritage Foundation Mason Area Historical Society	Michigan State University (Kresge Art Museum) Mote Marine Laboratory	North Museum of Natural History and Science World of Wonders Science Museum Inc.
Disaster/Emergency Relief	American Red Cross Dallas Area Chapter	American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter	Helping All Recover Together, Inc.
Public Policy	Americans for Prosperity Foundation	Ayn Rand Institute	Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

Information on grantee locations can be found at www.dartfoundation.org under “grants.”