

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.

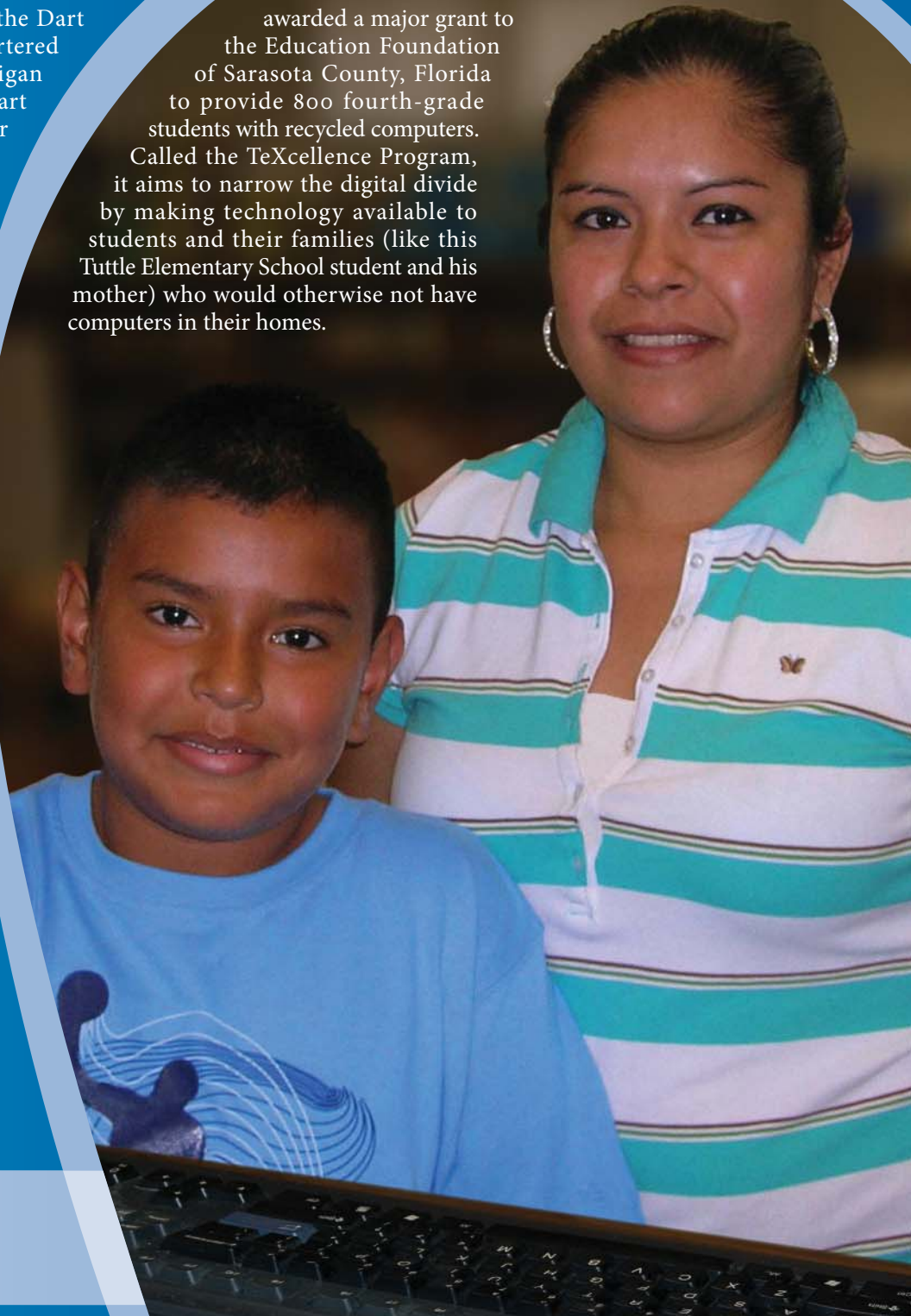
Mission

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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In August of 2007, the Dart Foundation awarded a major grant to the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, Florida to provide 800 fourth-grade students with recycled computers. Called the TeXcellence Program, it aims to narrow the digital divide by making technology available to students and their families (like this Tuttle Elementary School student and his mother) who would otherwise not have computers in their homes.



A Glimpse at Three 2007 Grants



Journalism & Critical Incidents

The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, based at the University of Washington in Seattle and funded under a five-year commitment from the Dart Foundation, is a resource center for journalists covering violence, conflict and tragedy. With full-time efforts in Europe and Australia as well as the US, the Dart Center is the only global program of its kind. The list of Dart Center lectures, conferences and workshops includes the Dart Center Ochberg Fellows program, bringing together journalists from the US, Europe and Australia for a week of seminars in partnership with the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

Margarita Akhvediani (Institute for War & Peace Reporting), a journalist from Tbilisi, Georgia, a country in the Caucasus, attending the 2007 Ochberg Fellows Program. (Photo: John Trotter)

Community Services/Programs

Since 2003, the Dart Foundation has provided operating support to the Volunteers of America's New Hope Day Shelter in downtown Lansing, Michigan. The problems of the general population such as mental illness, substance abuse and domestic violence are five to ten times greater in the homeless population. New Hope Day Shelter offered housing, food, employment and counseling to over 2,000 individuals in 2007. Women and children are the fastest growing part of those facing homelessness. The numbers of homeless veterans with physical and psychological illness is also increasing significantly.

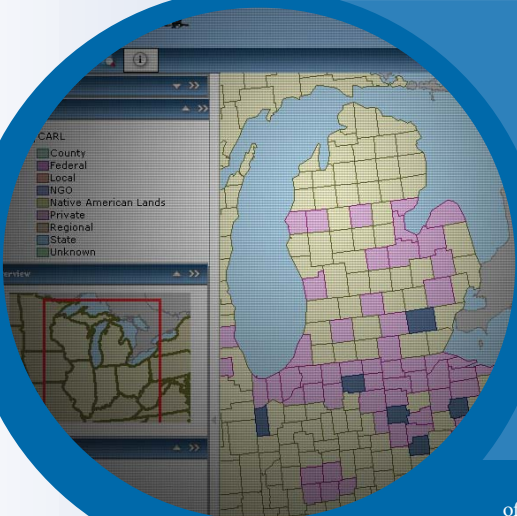
Volunteers of America is the nation's largest provider of services to homeless veterans.



Environment

A multi-year grant from the Dart Foundation has allowed The Nature Conservancy in Michigan to launch The Center for Conservation Science and Economics, intended to integrate and foster connections between top researchers, policymakers, business leaders and conservation practitioners. This Center will incubate ideas and ventures that link the natural resources of the Great Lakes region to business opportunities, with the ultimate goal of supporting the protection, conservation, and sustainable development of the Great Lakes – the largest freshwater ecosystem in the world.

The Conservation and Recreational Lands database and mapping project is a key part of the initiative the Dart Foundation is helping support.



Dart Foundation Grants by Category Fiscal Year 2007

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 2007:

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$1,681,000	44%
Education – including environmental, science, math, and engineering programs	688,170	18%
Community Services/Programs	657,092	17%
Health	396,050	10%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	175,000	5%
Arts	82,469	2%
Environment	65,500	2%
Museums	23,500	1%
Public Policy	22,500	1%
Total	\$3,791,281	100%

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



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Grant payments made during fiscal year 2007 (November 1, 2006–October 31, 2007)

Journalism & Critical Incidents	Austin Riggs Center International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies National Defense University Foundation	Nieman Foundation at Harvard University University of Washington
Education – including environmental, science, math and engineering programs	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Inc. American Cave Conservation Association Inc. Caverna Elementary School Caverna High School Caverna Middle School Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency Conestoga Valley Education Foundation Cub Run Elementary School East Lampeter Township Police Department Ebersole Foundation Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD Education Foundation of Sarasota County Inc. FIRST Robotics Competition Friends of the Delta Township District Library Glasgow Christian Academy Hart County High School Hart County Public Library Ingham Intermediate School District Junior Achievement Lancaster County Library	Lancaster Lebanon Science & Technology Alliance Lansing Community College Foundation Lansing Newspapers in Education Inc. Lansing School District Lodi Public Library Foundation Louis August Jonas Foundation Mason Public Schools Foundation Maypearl High School Memorial Elementary School Michigan 4-H Foundation Michigan Environmental Council Michigan State University National Council on Economic Education National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) Park City Elementary School Shalom Partnership of Lancaster Inc. Tomlin Middle School University of Michigan ASCE Steel Bridge Team Venus Independent School District WKAR-TV 23
Community Services/Programs	All Faiths Food Bank Bareville Fire Company No.1 Barren County 4-H Council Barren County Educational Foundation Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky Bonnieville Elementary School Boulware Mission, Inc. Boys and Girls Club of Lansing Capital Area Community Services Inc. Capital Area United Way Cayman District Parks 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. Edwards-Miller Foundation for Physical Disabilities, Inc. Elder Law of Michigan, Inc. Ele's Place EVE, Inc. Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too! Inc. Greater Lansing Food Bank Greater Lansing Homebuilders Association Hart County 4-H Council Hart County Rescue Squad, Inc. Hesed House, Inc. Highfields Inc. Ingham County Sheriff's Office Ingham East Habitat for Humanity	Intercommunity Mercy Housing Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania Lafayette Fire Company Lansing Area Parents' Respite Center LeGrande Elementary School Lodi Adopt-A-Child, Inc. Mammoth Cave Resource Conservation and Development Area, on behalf of Cave City Volunteer Fire Department, Exie Volunteer Fire Department and Munfordville Fire Department Michigan State University (Community Music School for Music Therapy for RicStar's Camp) Michigan State University Museum Mutual Ground Inc. National Center for Victims of Crime National Fire Safety Council Inc. New Holland Recreation Center North Aurora Mothers Club Quitman Lower Elementary SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc. Southside Community Kitchen Special Olympics Michigan Inc. St. Vincent Catholic Charities Tri-County Office on Aging United Way of Lancaster County United Way of Sarasota County Upper Leacock Fire Company Vision Horse Cave Inc. Volunteers of America of Michigan Water Street Rescue Mission WLOC Clothes for Kids, Inc.
Health	Alzheimer's Association American Cancer Society of Mason, MI Relay for Life American Cancer Society of Hart County Burger King Cancer Caring Center Care Free Medical Inc. Ephrata Community Hospital Gift from Within Ingham Regional Healthcare Foundation Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation March of Dimes Birth Defects National Foundation	Maxwell C. Matthews Foundation Provena Mercy Medical Center Foundation Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County South Florida Baptist Hospital Foundation Sparrow Foundation Virginia Mason Medical Center
Disaster/Emergency Relief	American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter	American Red Cross Southwest Florida Chapter
Arts	American Friends of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands Foundation Inc. Arts Council of Greater Lansing East Lansing Children's Film Festival Friends of Music, Inc. Fulton Opera House Foundation	Mason Orchestral Society Old Town Business & Art Development Association Ralph Bunche Community Foundation Riverwalk Theatre
Environment	Friends of Fenner Nature Center Keep America Beautiful	The Nature Conservancy
Museums	Heritage Center of Lancaster County, Inc. Michigan State University (Kresge Art Museum)	National Plastics Center North Museum of Natural History and Science
Public Policy	Ayn Rand Institute Cato Institute Citizens Against Government Waste Mackinac Center for Public Policy	National Legal Center for the Public Interest Reason Foundation Washington Legal Foundation