

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 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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Our Future...

Our children are our future. Without the next generation of engineers, scientists, mathematicians and other professionals, the advances we enjoy today will quickly grind to a halt.

At the Dart Foundation, we are committed to developing scientifically literate students. As part of this, we sponsored the 2006 Michigan State University Department of Mechanical Engineering's Design Day for pre-collegiate learners.

An investment in our children's future will pay big dividends for this generation, and also generations yet unborn, in Michigan, America and ultimately the world.

Education for Youth

The Dart Foundation supports education programs such as the Department of Mechanical Engineering's Design Day at Michigan State University.



The Dart
Foundation
Day of Innovation
& Creativity
for 7th-12th
Grade Students

A Glimpse At Three 2006 Grants



Health

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate, and carry out daily activities. The Alzheimer's Association is the world leader in Alzheimer research, dedicated to funding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure. The Dart Foundation has made a major commitment toward the work of the Alzheimer's Association through membership in its Zenith Fellows program.

Disaster/Emergency Relief

Each year the American Red Cross responds immediately to more than 70,000 disasters, including house or apartment fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornados, transportation accidents, and explosions.

The Dart Foundation helps people and communities in crisis through grants to the American Red Cross: locally, nationally and internationally. In appreciation of generous annual giving and support of relief efforts, in 2006 the American Red Cross honored the Dart Foundation with its Circle of Humanitarians award.



Journalism & Critical Incidents

The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma is a global network of journalists, journalism educators, and health professionals dedicated to improving media coverage of trauma, conflict, and tragedy. The Center also addresses the consequences of such coverage for those working in journalism.

Kiirustin Davis (shown) lost both her parents when her father shot her mother and uncle and later killed himself in a standoff with police. Her story won the 2006 Dart Award for Excellence in Reporting on Victims of Violence. This award recognizes reporting that best portrays victims and their experiences with accuracy, insight, and sensitivity while illustrating the effects of violence on victims' lives and the process of recovery from trauma.

Dart Foundation Grants by Category

Fiscal Year 2006

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.

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$1,392,500	30%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	1,080,000	23%
Health	654,115	14%
Education	563,363	12%
Community Service/Programs	508,210	11%
Arts	360,378	8%
Environment	40,500	1%
Museums	24,000	.5%
Public Policy	17,500	.5%
Total	\$4,640,566	100%

Dollar and percentage figures have been rounded for ease of presentation



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Grant payments made during fiscal year 2006 (November 1, 2005-October 31, 2006)

National Defense University Foundation Nieman Foundation at Harvard University	University of Washington	Journalism & Critical Incidents
American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter American Red Cross Southwest Florida Chapter	Cayman Islands National Recovery Fund Salvation Army	Disaster/ Emergency Relief
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Inc. Air & Waste Management Association - West Michigan Chapter Bethel Harambee Historical Services (Formerly Shalom Partnership of Lancaster Inc.) Dansville Schools Education Foundation Ebersole Foundation Education Foundation of Sarasota County Inc. FIRST Robotics Competition Glasgow Christian Academy Hart County Public Library Ingham Intermediate School District Junior Achievement Lansing Community College Foundation Lansing School District	Louis August Jonas Foundation Mason Public Schools Mason Public Schools Foundation Maypearl High School Michigan Environmental Council Michigan State University Middle Cities Education Association National Council on Economic Education National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) North Network Center The Communications Institute Waxahachie High School WKAR-TV 23	Education
Alzheimer's Association American Cancer Society American Cancer Society of Hart County Baylor Health Care System Foundation Burger King Cancer Caring Center Care Free Medical Inc. Ephrata Community Hospital H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute Foundation Inc. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Lahey Clinic	Little Angels Parents Association Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois March of Dimes Birth Defects National Foundation Provena Mercy Center Foundation Pulmonary Hypertension Association Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County Sparrow Foundation Victory Junction Gang Virginia Mason Medical Center	Health
All Faiths Food Bank Anabaptist Foundation Bareville Fire Company No. 1 Bonnieville Volunteer Fire Department Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Capital Area United Way Children's Haven and Adult Community Services Inc. Christ's Home for Children City of Horse Cave, Kentucky Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. Cayman District Parks Edwards-Miller Foundation for Physical Disabilities, Inc. Ele's Place Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too Inc. Friends of the Cayman Islands Humane Society Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council Greater Lansing Food Bank Hart County Historical Society Highfields Inc. Ingham County 4-H Horse Committee International Reptile Conservation Foundation Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania Kids Hope USA Lafayette Fire Company	Lansing Area Parents' Respite Center LeGrande Elementary School Michigan State Bar Foundation Michigan State University Michigan State University (Community Music School for Music Therapy) Mutual Ground Inc. National Center for Victims of Crime National Fire Safety Council Inc. North Aurora Mothers Club Salvation Army - Sarasota Southside Community Kitchen Special Olympics Michigan Inc. St. Vincent Catholic Charities United Way of East Mississippi United Way of Lancaster County United Way of Sarasota County Inc. Upper Leacock Fire Company Upper Leacock Township War Memorial Association Water Street Rescue Mission WLOC Clothes for Kids, Inc. Young Caymanian Leaders Foundation Limited Youth Development Corporation YWCA of Lancaster	Community Services/ Programs
American Friends of the National Gallery of The Cayman Islands Foundation Inc. Arts Council of Greater Lansing East Lansing Film Festival	Fulton Opera House Foundation Kentucky Repertory Theatre Old Town Business & Art Development Association	Arts
Friends of Fenner Nature Center Keep America Beautiful	The Nature Conservancy	Environment
Michigan State University Museum Kresge Art Museum	National Plastics Center	Museums
Ayn Rand Institute Cato Institute Competitive Enterprise Institute Heritage Foundation	Manhattan Institute for Policy Research National Legal Center for the Public Interest Washington Legal Foundation	Public Policy