ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Newsletter 2022

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From Our Board Chair

Now that 2021 is in our rear-view mirror, I would like to thank all of our board members and our Executive Director, Louisa Kessel, for their work and dedication to the St. Joseph's Community Foundation. This group worked hard to overcome the challenges that the pandemic threw our way, but we had a very strong year! SJCF gave away $43,000 in Educational Grants that were used to assist local students through nursing school and other medical programs. The SJCF donated an additional $60,500 to other community-based organizations in Lamar County. I would also like to thank all of our donors who helped make this possible. Going into 2022, I believe the SJCF is in a great position to continue serving our community's needs. I would like to thank Shane Crisp, our outgoing Chairman, for leaving the foundation in a position of strength. I would like to thank Jill Cobb for accepting the position of Vice-Chair for 2022 – her insight is invaluable! I want to again thank Louisa Kessel for her hard work behind the scenes – she is very dedicated to the foundation and provides positive energy in all our meetings together.

I wish everyone a very happy & prosperous 2022!

Sincerely, Chase Coleman

(From left) St. Joseph's Community Foundation Executive Director Louisa Kessel, PJC radiology technology student Desiree McPeters, vocational nursing student Alicia Richardson, radiology technology students Courtney McNeal, Jacee Proffer, and Chloe Blount, and Dr. Pam Anglin, PJC President.

SJCF Participates in Paris Junior College Health Occupations Pinning Ceremonies, sharing a white rose with every student to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Welcome New Board Members

Judith Baxley, Dr. Mark Gibbons & Denise Dority

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Since the Foundation began in 2004, Over 2.3 Million Dollars has been put back into this community in the form of Educational and Community Grants.

Children's Advocacy Center

The CAC employs a SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Nurse who assists with trauma and helps insure the well-being of their clients.

$9,500

CitySquare Paris, TX

Dinner meals are prepared by staff every weekday for Teen Center attendees. Additionally, take home food bags are provided for hungry youth.

$10,000

Crockett Care Closet

The Crockett Care Closet is stocked with necessities to address students' basic health needs on a weekly and as-needed basis.

$4,500

King's Daughters

Patients who lack resources to purchase their medications have received assistance with prescription vouchers.

$5,000

Rotary Club of Paris United

In its 11th year of service, the Healthy Smiles Community Service Dental Project has been provided funds for crucial supplies and equipment to foster children's preventative dental health.

$3,000

Safe-T

Medical and mental health expenses, counseling services with an LPC, eye glasses and prescribed medications for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault along with support of the Crisis Center's Safe House was provided through these funds.

$10,000

Tailored Rides

Funds restocked first aid supplies and assisted with the health care and maintenance of therapy horses.

$6,000

Texas Ramp Project

The Kiwanis Club of Paris continues to acquire materials used in their longstanding ramp building project for those in need.

$10,000

United Way of Lamar County Foundation

Funds have helped support the "Getting Ahead" Program which focuses on teaching financial literacy for those living in poverty.

$2,500

Other Educational Grants

Funds have assisted students to pay for their educations in various Health Occupations fields.

$8,000

PJC

PJC students received Educational Grants to help with their educations.

$35,000

TOTAL DONATIONS

2021

$103,500

Memories ...SNOW DAY 2022

(Actually, according to my friend from Canada, Texas only knows how to have ICE DAYS) ... So, let me start again ... ICE DAY 2022. The long and the short of ICE DAY means that my boys, Carsten and Landon, are home from school. In order to provide both necessary activity and accomplish a much needed task, I decide it is time for a closet clean out. And so it begins. Bags of trash were collected, book shelves cleaned out, and clothes outgrown by older brother Carsten were moved to the younger Landon's closet. In the midst of all the excitement, Carsten found my high school yearbook. He was adamant that we look at every page I was listed on, and to be completely honest, it was a nice break from the closet work that still lay ahead. As we sat on the floor, reviewing scenes from my past and even articles I had written within the yearbook, I was disappointed with myself. Somehow so many of those high school memories have dissipated.

A couple of things, however, about high school still stick with me. First, it is hard growing up. Second, I have been surrounded by the love and support of family and friends my entire life. Third, all my needs were met and exceeded. And, lastly, I was then and to this day remain blessed in more ways than I can voice.

So, what does this have to do with the St. Joseph's Community Foundation? The people the Foundation helps may not know exactly where the funds are coming from that directly help them, but they do (not unlike high school) understand that first, growing up is hard. Some times in life are more challenging than others. Secondly, they understand that they are surrounded by the support of community agencies that can assist them in that moment of need. Third, that their needs are being better met by Foundation funds that have been provided. And lastly, that for even just a moment, they are blessed.

The Foundation holds a key role in this community by assisting with the medical needs of those most in need:

- When a person gets help for diabetes or blood pressure from the Paris-Lamar County Health District...
- When a child shows up at the Children's Advocacy Center because they must visit the SANE Nurse...
- When a prescription voucher is handed to a King's Daughters client...
- When a youth can get a meal and not go home hungry from CitySquare Paris ...
- When a student can cut back on work hours because the Foundation is helping to fund her Nursing Degree, or help pay his electricity bill or cover books...

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Joseph's Community Foundation and for helping us make a difference in our community. It is my Joy and Honor to serve as the Executive Director.

Blessings, *Louisa L. Kessel*

2021 Texas Ball Underwriters

ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Extends A Sincere Thank You To Our Generous Donors!

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"We Appreciate All You Do For Our Community"

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Paris Regional Medical Center

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Download Photos Of The Event @ **tonycorsoimages.com**

Kiwanis Club of Paris continues their hard work on ramp projects to help those in need.

Paris Junior College received **The Gerald Bawcum Award for Community Service** for their work offering Covid shots and free testing to our community.

Two $1,500 Scholarships were awarded in memory of Patricia Cochran, supporter of the Foundation and especially of the PJC Nursing Program. Scholarships awarded to Bobbi Jo Munson & Hannah Hodnet.

*Not Pictured **The Raymond Armstrong & Felix Hoot Gibson Award for Outstanding Promotion to Community Health** was awarded to the Puckett Family Clinic.

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Your gift through the ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION will help change our community!

All funds collected will be put back into the Red River Valley in the form of Community and Educational Grants supporting medical care.

I am pleased to support St. Joseph's Community Foundation in the amount of:

_____ $25 _____ $50 _____ $100 _____ $250

_____ $ Other (please specify amount)

Please make checks payable to the St. Joseph's Community Foundation & return this form to:

Louisa L. Kessel, Executive Director

St. Joseph's Community Foundation
PO BOX 6427
Paris, Texas 75461

Prefer to make an online donation?
Please visit www.sjcfparis.org

Mission Statement

"The Mission of the Foundation is to perpetuate the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and their over 90-year tradition of improving the availability and effectiveness of medical care in the Red River Valley with a special emphasis on persons who are under-served or in financial need."

Another Way to Give

EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY

Make History, Give Local

St. Joseph's Community Foundation will be participating in **East Texas Giving Day.** Make a gift to the Foundation between 6:00 am -11:59 pm

On April 26th **GIVING NOW OPEN**

www.easttexasgivingday.org

Save the Date!

TEXAS UNDER WRITERS BALL

SEPT 24th 2022