2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Contributing to a better Arlington

Arlington Tomorrow FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

Committed to a vision of Arlington as an exemplary environment in which to live, learn, work and play, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community today and for generations to come.

Planting seeds for today and tomorrow

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation was established to benefit the people of Arlington. Whether it's addressing the needs of at-risk youth and families, ensuring quality parks and leisure programming, supporting local arts venues or caring for the city's animal residents, we know the people of Arlington have varying needs and interests.

Last year alone, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation contributed more than $2.2 million to causes and projects throughout the community. In the future, we plan to continue our work by providing support and funding for programs that will help make our neighborhoods better places to call home.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row left to right: Mel LeBlanc (Treasurer), Sheri Capehart (President), Kristin Vandergriff (Secretary)

Back Row: Kathryn Wilemon, Joe Way (Vice President) Not Pictured: Jim Holgersson (E x-Officio Board Member)

"Through a thoughtful grant process, we invest Foundation funds in ways that demonstrate broad community support."

Carolyn Mentesana
Executive Director

Sowing seeds in our community

Superior parks, recreation, leisure and learning activities enhance our quality of life. By matching our grants with grass roots efforts of local charitable organizations and municipal partnerships, we're spreading seeds that will support a better, healthier tomorrow.

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation is dedicated to enriching causes that touch all who call Arlington their home. From building playgrounds and community amphitheaters to conserving natural resources and supporting the arts, the Foundation supports purposes that benefit us all.

Addressing the needs of our citizens is at the heart of our mission. Whether we're offering a grant to purchase reference materials for city libraries or providing funding for sports programming for children with special needs, we have a commitment to Arlington.

As stewards of the Foundation, our board of directors help to ensure that the resources entrusted to us are put to work building a better Arlington today and for generations to come.

Welcome to our first annual report -- our first year was a great success and thanks to your support and the community's dedicated efforts, 2009 is looking even brighter!

Sheri Capehart
President, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

"Ensuring that resources, which are acquired today, will serve our community for generations to come."

Cultivating growth and quality of life

In 2007, it became clear to us that royalties from natural gas revenues realized on City-owned property could be distributed through community grants to help enhance the quality of life in Arlington.

With that in mind, we worked to establish the means for us to translate the City's new revenue stream into an investment for the good of Arlington - and not just for today, but for future generations.

We created the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation because we have a responsibility to use these funds for the health and well-being of Arlington families. By responding to the causes and concerns of our citizens, the Foundation is investing in local organizations and programs which help make our community a more livable and attractive place to call home.

Focused on community giving, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation is committed to a broad range of community causes. From helping to build stronger and safer neighborhoods to enriching local arts, promoting preservation and conservation, improving our library services and addressing the needs of our animal population, the Foundation is supporting what's important to you and your neighbors. The result is a vehicle that benefits Arlington in perpetuity.

We look forward to our continued investments in what's good for Arlington today and tomorrow.

Mayor Robert Cluck, MD
City of Arlington

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Arlington tomorrow Foundation awarded dozens of grants in 2008. All were worthy projects, these are but a few.

Public Safety Athletic League (PAL)

The first summer camp started in 2007 after Texas Rangers first baseman Mark Teixeira donated $10,000 to fund the Police Athletic League program. Since then, it has become a cooperative effort of the Arlington Police and Fire departments, Arlington Boys and Girls Club, and the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department. Free camps target at-risk youth ages 12 to 13 with programs and activities designed to help curb incidences of drug, gun and gang violence.

During the summer camp of 2008, 100 youth participated in activities such as a ropes course, horseback riding, baseball and basketball. From mentors, the youth received daily encouragement to remain gang free and make positive choices with an emphasis on self esteem, respect, leadership and good sportsmanship.

"Because of the Tomorrow Foundation, this program continues to be an investment in Arlington's future leaders. The skills these PAL participates gain will help them make better choices, deal with conflict, and succeed in the future."

Arlington Police Officer Dace Clifton
Arlington Public Safety Athletic League

Arlington Veterans Park Memorial

Great Southwest Rotary established the Arlington Veterans Park Foundation to facilitate the development of a memorial to honor those who served in the armed forces of the United States. The memorial is located in the city's Veterans Park and features as its centerpiece a bronze casting of a World War II soldier. The memorial is fully accessible and scaled to allow for individual meditation and as a gathering space for special events to reflect on the contributions of those who made the supreme sacrifice in combat.

"For those of us who served to protect the freedoms of this country, I just can't think of a better way to do it than this. It's not something you put up and take down until the next time. It's here to stay."

Bob Stroud, Arlington resident and World War II veteran

Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts

It's the only one in Texas: One of only five in the entire country. The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts opened in 2008 as the new crowning jewel in the heart of downtown Arlington. It's a community gathering place for the celebration of the arts and culture. In its first season alone, more than 15,000 people have enjoyed free concerts under the stars featuring everything from world music and jazz to country and Latin rhythms.

"With the help of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, the Levitt Pavilion has become an experience in community building, bringing people of all ages and ethnicities together to enjoy live music and culture."

Patti Diou
Executive Director, Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts

Build a Dream Scholarships

Good health builds good nutritional habits, self esteem, and a balanced life that promotes happiness and well being. Since 2003, CDBG funds have supported the Build a Dream Scholarship program, which provides financial assistance to low income Arlington youth up to age 17 who want to participate in recreational activities such as after-school programs, music, art classes, martial arts, swimming classes and summer day camps.

"Parks and recreational programs contribute to America's Promise, which gives children the opportunity to be in safe places with caring adults offering physical and mental activities to improve health and mind. Children in these types of activities are less likely to stray into negative elements."

Pete Jaimeson, Director
Arlington Parks and Recreation Department

Promoting Quality Leisure, Learning and Culture

Arts & Culture	Project	Amount
Arlington Quilter's Guild	Annual Show	$1,000
COA Public Works & Trans. Dept.	Monuments	$20,000
Friends of the Levitt Pavilion	Levitt Pavilion at Founders Plaza	$20,000
Arlington Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	Kids Notes	$8,000
Arlington Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	High Five Concerts	$4,000
Libraries & Books		
COA Public Library	On-line Tutoring	$25,000
COA Public Library	NE Library Teen Zone	$25,000
Parks & Recreation		
Arlington Veterans Park Foundation	Sculpture & Columns	$50,000
COA Parks & Recreation	Fitness Equipment	$30,000
Junior League Of Arlington	Water Feature in Founders Plaza	$50,000
Friends of the Levitt Pavilion	Levitt Pavilion at Founders Plaza	$75,000
River Legacy Foundation	Wetlands	$37,500
River Legacy Foundation	River Access	$23,000
Children, Youth & Family		
Boys and Girls Club of Arlington	Bright Star Dropout Reduction Program	$15,000
Camp Fire USA	Kith and Kin Program	$5,000
City of Arlington Parks & Recreation	Build-a-Dream	$21,000
Clarence Clay Junior Golf Foundation, COA Parks & Recreation Dept.	Youth Development Through Golf	$21,000
Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County	Center Renovation	$15,000
Grace Presbyterian Church of Arlington	Storage Facility	$3,500
HOPE Tutoring Center, Inc.	Reading Rocks Summer Program	$5,000
The Police Foundation – Arlington Texas	PAL Program Expansion - At Risk Teens	$6,095
Recovery Resource Council	Sunshine Club	$20,000
YMCA of Arlington	Miracle League	$20,000
Beautification		
COA Environmental Services	Litter-Hotline	$1,500
Friends of the Levitt Pavilion	Levitt Pavilion at Founders Plaza	$5,000
Green Arlington Foundation, Arlington Conservation Council, Mission Arlington / Mission Metroplex	Curb & Lot Improvements	$15,000
A Wish With Wings, Inc.	Wish House Smartscape	$5,000

Building Safe & Strong Neighborhoods

Safe Neighborhoods	**Project**	**Amount**
Arlington Professional Fire Fighters Assoc	Vial of Life Program	$10,000
Boys and Girls Club	Building Expansion	$50,000
COA Animal Services	First Strike- Animal Services	$50,000
COA Parks & Recreation Department	Neighborhood Park	$50,000
Lamar Baptist Church	Family Life Park	$50,000
Strong Neighborhoods		
Arlington Life Shelter	Reaching Out Program	$50,000
COA Libraries	Expand Literacy Programs	$50,000
COA Parks & Recreation Department	Naturally Fun on Wheels- No Child Left Inside	$15,000
COA Planning Department	Oak Hill Improvements	$50,000
Family Pathfinders	Family Self-Sufficiency Program	$25,000
Animal Services		
City of Arlington Animal Services	First Strike Program	$50,000
Environment and Energy Conservation		
COA Parks & Recreation Department	Interpretive Signage	$16,900
COA Parks & Recreation Department	Recycling at HPSC	$70,000
Green Arlington Foundation	Energy Home Repair Fair	$58,000
Historic Preservation		
COA Parks & Recreation Department	Historical Signage	$20,000

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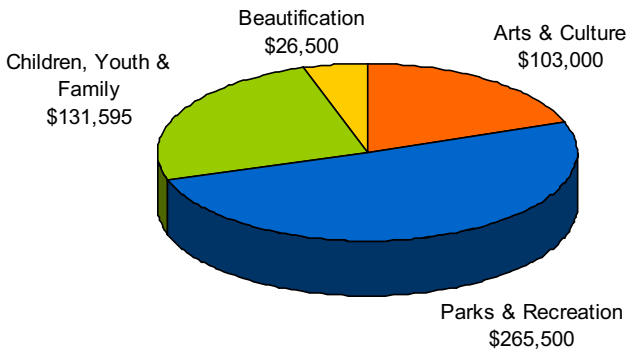

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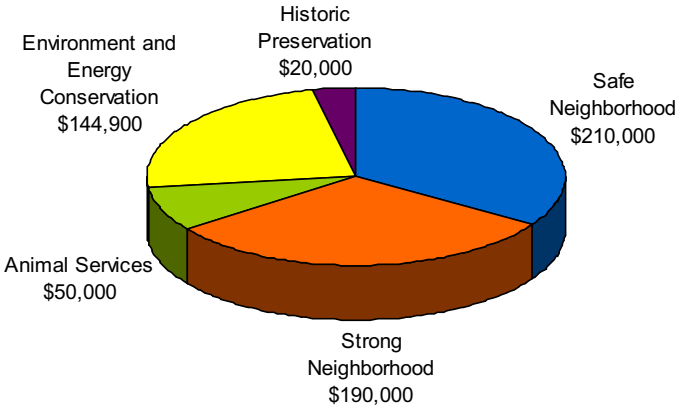

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