

# *This is My Hometown*



2010 ANNUAL  
REPORT

  
Arlington**Tomorrow**  
FOUNDATION

## A Shared Vision: Partnering with Arlington Tomorrow Foundation

Most foundations start with generous donations from a handful of wealthy benefactors or corporate contributions. The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, though, isn't just any foundation. Royalties from natural gas on City-owned property created the principal for the Foundation, and proceeds from that initial investment now fund grants that help create a better quality of life for our residents.

So in reality, the Foundation starts and ends with the people of Arlington – fitting for a city fuelled by a traditional sense of hometown community, where people naturally partner for the better good.

This passion for partnership drives the Foundation's policies and practices.



## Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Values

We place great value on what's important to the residents of Arlington. Our financial grants mirror the broad and varied interests of our neighbors.

We believe local non-profit organizations are creating a more livable, vibrant community. We support these organizations through financial grants.

**Partnership**

**Vitality**

We operate through public and private partnerships to provide opportunities for creative and flexible responses to community needs.

**Ingenuity**

We are stewards of the future. We ensure resources acquired today will serve Arlington for generations to come.

**Foresight**

Arlington is a city where neighbors get to know neighbors and businesses are more than businesses they are a part of our ever growing circle of friends. To me, ours is a wonderfully complex city that defies stereotypes. As the 49th largest city in the nation, we are the sweet spot in the metroplex. Values like partnership, vitality, ingenuity and foresight are the hallmarks of Arlington community pride.

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation is another outgrowth of Arlington ingenuity created from funds received from gas leases and revenues on city property. In 2007 the foundation was created to assist neighborhoods, nonprofits, civic clubs and city departments in solving community problems and addressing community needs.

In this annual report we are proud to bring you another year of success stories that are as diverse as our community. It is through the efforts of many that the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation remains a catalyst for fostering partnerships to ensure our hometown remains a source of pride and goodwill for years to come.



**A place where neighbors  
help neighbors**

Sheri Capehart  
President, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation



Thinking back to her childhood, Melanie McGee recalls her mother's cheerful outlook. "She was always so upbeat, so positive, and I loved that about her," says Melanie. "But she didn't like to smile ... her teeth were in bad shape."

She pauses from her dusting – one of many chores squeezed in while the youngest McGee naps – to reflect, "It would break my heart to have one of my children feel that way."



a household emergency.

"Thank goodness for the nurse at Wimbish Elementary School," Melanie continues the story. "She recommended Dental Health Arlington to us and we were so happy we qualified for care."

Melanie echoes the sentiment of more than 11,124 grateful families who have benefited from Dental Health Arlington since the organization's founding year in 1993. DHA provides pain relief and preventive dental care free or at low cost to qualifying Arlington residents. With more families in need of assistance than in previous years, DHA in 2010 applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.

Where the dollars came from to fix Billy's teeth is not so important. What's important, as Melanie knows all too well, is that a big toothy grin today means a happier, healthier life for her son.

Now that's something to smile about.

## Smile and Say, "Cheese!"



And so it was that Melanie jumped at the opportunity to take nine-year-old Billy McGee to Dental Health Arlington (DHA), a nonprofit organization that provides dental care to lower income residents of Arlington.

Like most little boys, Billy would rather ride his bike than brush his teeth, and would do anything to avoid the ritual. So as night follows day, cavities predictably emerged. For weeks Melanie and her husband saved for Billy's crucial dental work. They reluctantly had to raid the tooth fund, though, to cover

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The ABC's. So simple. So powerful. And to hundreds of adults in Arlington, so veesliu.

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Elusive no more to one Arlington grandma. "By the time she turned the fifth page and was still able to find meaning in the words, you could see the realization hit her face," says Bob Griffin. "Pure joy. She was reading!"

Bob is recounting the moment an 52-year-old grandmother of 13 read several pages in a first-grade level reader unassisted.

"She came to us for two reasons," Bob recalls. "She wanted to be able to read the Bible and she wanted to be able to read stories to her grandchildren."

Thinking back to the day the Arlington grandmother first read, he reflects, "Boy, we knew then we were changing lives. That's big."

Big, indeed.

Griffin is point man for a program the Rotary Club developed in 2009 to attack the little known and less addressed issue of adult literacy. Read With Rotary is aimed at adults who speak English, but can't read or write in the language.

"If you can't read or write English, you have a limited life," says Griffin, a 26-year resident of Arlington. "You're limited in your job. You're limited in education. You're limited in the small things that the rest of us take for granted everyday, things as small but as important as reading instructions for your prescription."

At just a year old, Read With Rotary is still in its infancy. It operates out of First United Methodist Church in

central Arlington, Rotary's home since 1923. With ample sweat equity but limited budget, Griffin and other Rotary volunteers applied for a grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.

"We showed our commitment to this program by securing a permanent location and volunteer teachers," Griffin says. "But with the grant from the Foundation, we've been able to strengthen the program and extend its reach."



## Turning ABC's Into H-O-P-E

Reading With Rotary used a \$25,000 Foundation grant to purchase new curriculum, train teachers and expand the program to offer both day and evening classes. With room now for up to 70 students each week, the program is tackling adult literacy in Arlington head on.

"It takes courage for an adult to admit they can't read or write," Griffin says when asked what drives him to shepherd Reading With Rotary. "And the pain on their faces ... well, it's a hard thing to see. So what we offer is hope, and that's very fulfilling."

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Indeed.



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# Our hometown takes action

## today and plans for tomorrow

A spirit of community is a spirit of partnership, of coming along-side each other to lend a hand and to share a burden. A spirit of community ensures that no single person or family or group stands alone in their work, but is joined by neighbors in the common pursuit of the common good.

As members of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation's inaugural board of directors, we celebrate the spirit of community. It has been our guide for the last three years as we've created, shaped and nurtured a Foundation unlike any other in our region.

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation provides financial grants to hundreds of worthy organizations that are making our City a more vibrant, livable community. We come alongside organizations that make it possible for children to attend safe after-school programs, that restore sidewalks in historical neighborhoods, that improve our libraries ... and many more.

That's quite an impact for an organization still in its infancy.

As long-time residents of Arlington, we are proud that our hometown is not only taking action to make a difference today through the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, but is surely making a difference for generations to come.

Board of Directors  
Arlington Tomorrow Foundation



Front row, left to right:  
Kristin Vandergriff (Secretary),  
Kathryn Wilemon,  
Sheri Capehart (Board  
President)

Back row, left to right:  
Joe Way (Vice President),  
Mel LeBlanc (Treasurer)

# Mission Statement

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation supports organizations dedicated to making our City a more livable, vibrant community.

## Who Should Apply

Through financial grants, the Foundation supports organizations that enhance the quality of life in Arlington either through efforts to build safe and strong neighborhoods or by promoting quality leisure, learning and cultural programs (see “Grant Cycles” on next page).

Regardless of an organization’s specific mission, all recipients of Arlington Tomorrow Foundation grants have several things in common. They are 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt organizations that:

- Produce measurable results
- Create sustainable positive change that is replicable and serves as a model for other organizations.
- Secure support from the community. Existing support speaks to an organization’s ability to positively affect the community. Examples of support include financial, in-kind donations and volunteerism.



## How to Apply

**1** Organizations submit Letters of Inquiry\*

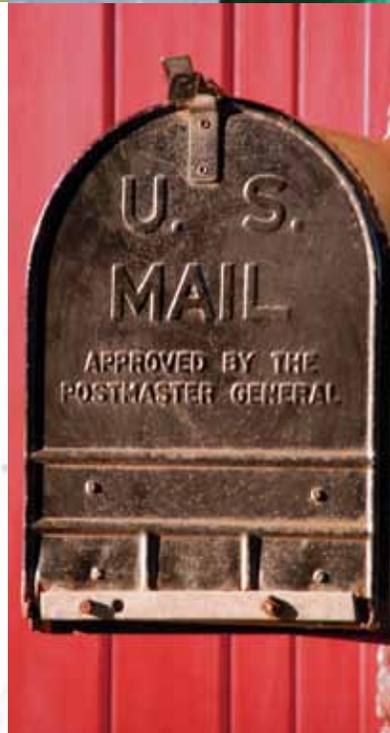
Foundation requests organizations to submit proposals **2**

**3** Organizations submit proposals

Foundation Executive Director meets with organizations and makes site visits **4**

**5** Foundation Board of Directors determine grant recipients

Foundation announces awards **6**



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## Grant Cycles

The Foundation awards grants twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall. The best time to apply for a grant depends on the mission of the organization. Here are the categories and project areas for the spring and fall grant schedules:

**Fall Grants:** Organizations that promote quality leisure, learning and culture\*

- Application process begins in September; awards announced in February
- Award categories
  - Strengthening youth and families
  - Parks and recreational activities
  - Libraries
  - Arts and culture
  - Beautification

**Spring Grants:** Organizations that build safe and strong neighborhoods\*

- Application process begins in March; awards announced in June
- Award categories
  - Safe neighborhoods
  - Strong neighborhoods
  - Animal services
  - Environmental and energy conservation
  - Historic preservation

### Details:

Visit the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation website at [www.arlingtonfoundation.org](http://www.arlingtonfoundation.org) for more information on grant timelines, award amounts and how to apply.

## Fall Cycle promoting quality leisure, learning and culture

### Arts & Culture

**Arlington Fourth of July Parade** ..... \$2,000  
Helped fund the City's 45th annual parade.

**Arlington Arts League** .. \$4,000  
Created materials for art docents to teach 5th and 6th grade

Arlington ISD students about European and American art.

**Arlington Professional Firefighters Association**... \$20,000  
Created the departments first-ever volunteer ceremonial bagpipe and drum corps.

**Arlington Community Band** ..... \$2,000  
Purchased sheet music and helping offset costs for rehearsal venues.

**Dance Theatre Arlington**..... \$15,000  
Supported the company's marketing efforts, including website upgrades and enhanced outreach and promotional materials.

**Salvation Army Arlington** ..... \$9,000  
Helped offset costs for after school and summer arts programs for youth from low-income families.

**Theatre Arlington**..... \$20,000  
Upgraded the organization's website and enhanced its season's advertising and promotional activities.

**Timeless Concerts** ..... \$3,000  
Supported two chamber music productions held in Arlington.

### Libraries & Books

**Arlington Historical Society** ..... \$15,000  
Created a historical library and reference room at the Fielder House Museum.

**City of Arlington Public Library** ..... \$25,000  
Supported the Lake Arlington Branch library building renovations and capital campaign.

**City of Arlington Public Library** ..... \$5,000  
Helped fund the LibraryLINK Bouncing Babies, the City's community library program offering interactive early childhood development sessions for local families.

**Gateway School**..... \$25,000  
Funded faculty training in READ RIGHT, a literacy education program for children with learning disorders.

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## Parks & Recreation

**Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$5,000  
Purchased specially designed audible eggs used in activities for visually impaired children.

**The Build-a-Dream Program - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$30,000  
Covered costs associated with enrolling 360 economically disadvantaged children in camps and recreational activities.

**Centralized Irrigation System - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$50,000  
Upgraded the irrigation systems citywide and provided a means to monitor water usage patterns throughout the City.

**Lightning Predication System - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$20,000  
Contributed to installation of advanced technology systems at Randol Mill and Stovall swimming pools to predict and warn staff and visitors of dangerous weather.

**Harold Patterson and Randol Mill Park Facilities - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$50,000  
Contributed to installation of shade structures at the park's softball venues that provide sun-protection to more than 15,000 sport spectators a year.

**Entertainment District Art Icon - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$75,000  
Helped fund new focal point of the City's Entertainment District: a soaring, 50-foot spire of gleaming metal set on a stone base.

**Light Up Arlington Fire Works - City Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$30,000  
Provided financial resources to host the city's annual festivities.

## Children, Youth & Family

**The Child Study Center** ..... \$18,000  
Supported ongoing programs that diagnose and treat children with developmental disabilities.

**Dental Health Arlington** ..... \$10,000  
Helped pay for preventive oral health procedures benefiting 1,200 low-income children.

**Knights of Columbus Council 6269** ..... \$17,000  
Redesigned and built playground facilities located on the Council's grounds.

**Leadership Arlington** ..... \$1,500  
Support for the organization's Youth Leadership Program.

**Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas** ..... \$7,000  
Made a wish possible for a severely ill child living in Arlington.

**Mayfield Road Baptist Church** ..... \$1,500  
Helped ensure the ongoing work of the church's ESL and literacy classes.

**Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex - Transportation Program** ..... \$30,000  
Paid for transportation for low-income residents to healthcare appointments, job-training services and after-school programs.

**Police Foundation - Arlington** ..... \$20,000  
Made it possible for 200 low-income youth to attend the Police Athletic League's four-week summer camps that offer a broad range of events, including cultural, educational and physical activities.

**River Legacy Foundation** ..... \$10,000  
Continued the legacy of offering educational activities at the organization's Living Science Center.

**SafeHaven of Tarrant County** ..... \$18,000  
Helped fund the Children Can Succeed Program, which provides recreational and educational services for young victims of domestic violence.

**Salvation Army of Arlington** ..... \$20,000  
Made it possible for the Army's Family Life Center Project Empowerment to provide transitional self-sufficiency programs to local homeless families.

**Senior Citizens Services of Greater Tarrant County** ..... \$12,000  
Contributed to the establishment of a second senior center in North Arlington serving 100 senior residents.

**Tarrant County Housing Partnership, Inc.** ..... \$10,000  
Supported Women's Homeownership Initiative, a program that helps low-income women and female-headed households secure home ownership.

**The WARM Place** ..... \$15,000  
Ensured ongoing support of the Sons & Daughters Grief Support Group, a program targeting children 5-18 who are mourning the death of a parent.

**YMCA of Arlington** ..... \$20,000  
Helped fund outreach activities to residents of Rush Creek and Artisan at Rush Creek apartment complexes through programs designed to reduce crime, improve community spirit, enhance student performance and provide a positive environment for children and family living in these complexes.



## Beautification

**Parkview Addition Community** .... \$15,000  
Built wrought iron fencing along the neighborhood perimeter to provide security and revive the neighborhood's appearance.

**Randol Mill Park West Citizens on Patrol** ..... \$15,000  
Redesigned and renovated neighborhood entry signs.

Fall Awards  
Total \$640,000

# Spring Cycle *building safe and strong neighborhoods*

Spring Awards  
Total \$648,150

## Safe Neighborhoods

**First United Methodist Church** ..... \$20,000  
Improved landscaping and sidewalks along Division, Mesquite, Center and North streets in the Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Area.

**Junior League of Arlington** ..... \$40,000  
Made building improvements to the Center for Community Service.

**Randol Mill Park West Citizens on Patrol** ..... \$20,000  
Built ADA compliant ramps and safe access sidewalks at Randol Mill and Oakwood Lane.



**SafeHaven of Tarrant County** ..... \$40,000  
Supported the organization's Safety First programming designed to increase safety for domestic violence victims and

their families from the onset of abuse to the successful re-assimilation into their homes and communities.

**United Way - Arlington** ..... \$40,000  
Helped fund Our Kids Our Community, a targeted effort that gives Arlington's at-risk youth alternatives to gang affiliation, violence and criminal behavior.

**Trinity Habitat for Humanity** ..... \$50,000  
Ensured the ongoing work of Preserve a Home, a program that revitalizes Arlington's older neighborhoods through exterior rehabilitation of homes owned by low-income residents.

**City of Arlington Parks & Recreation Department** ..... \$40,000  
Beautify the City with quarterly clean-ups along Lake Arlington shorelines and ongoing programs that deter illegal garbage dumping across the City.

**City of Arlington Public Works Department** ..... \$30,000  
Replacement of outmoded underground fuel storage tanks with environmentally sound alternatives.

## Strong Neighborhoods

**Arlington Rotary Foundation** ..... \$25,000  
Continue the efforts of the Club's Central Arlington Neighborhood Literacy Center to offer low income residents with courses that develop reading, computer, job search and financial management skills.



**Arlington Urban Ministries** ..... \$30,000  
Contribute to the Occupied Neighborhoods Thrive program, which provides financial assistance to residents who are unable to make rent and/or utility payments.

**City of Arlington Community Development & Planning Department** ..... \$45,000  
Support the mission of the City's Urban Design Center to promote the City's revitalization efforts through environmentally sustainable architectural, landscape and urban design methods.

**First United Methodist Church** ..... \$35,000  
Improved landscaping and sidewalks along Division, Mesquite, Center and North streets in the Central Arlington Neighborhood Revitalization Area.

**Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County** ..... \$25,000  
Ensured delivery of more than 5,000 meals to the organization's Arlington clients.

**Theatre Arlington** ..... \$20,000  
Helped the Theatre provide character development and life skills training for more than 1,500 at-risk youth through performing arts skills training.

## Animal Services

**City of Arlington Community Services** ..... \$5,000  
Provided funding to operate a mobile adoption unit to increase the City's rate of successful pet adoptions.



## Environment and Energy Conservation

**City of Arlington Community Development & Planning Department**..... \$65,500  
Maintained the City's commuter bus service that offers transportation from Arlington to Fort Worth each weekday, improving the community's air quality and reducing highway traffic.

**City of Arlington Community Development & Planning Department**..... \$29,000  
Installation of an irrigation system near a newly built sidewalk system around the schools and throughout the neighborhoods in the City's Town North community.

**City of Arlington Community Services Department** ..... \$6,000  
Helped protect the city's River Legacy Park from the invasion and destruction of feral hogs.

**Trinity Habitat for Humanity**..... \$45,000  
Supported the organization's efforts to expand its ReStore operations locally and throughout the DFW area.

## Historic Preservation

**Arlington Historical Society** ..... \$10,000  
Commissioned a study to identify and prioritize rehabilitation and revitalization efforts benefiting the Fielder House Museum.

**City of Arlington Financial & Management Resources Department** ..... \$9,650  
Helped protect and secure documents recording the City's earliest history, including papers dating to the early 1800's.

**City of Arlington Library Services Department** ..... \$18,000  
Catalogued and digitized Arlington Police Department's Harold K. Elliott Police Museum collection.



**Grants  
awarded: 152**

**Total funds  
awarded: \$4.5 million**



  
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