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OUR MISSION

The National Recreation Foundation is a nonprofit charitable foundation administered by a Board of Trustees composed of citizen members. The Foundation supports the development of recreation programs and facilities that promote and advance the Foundation's mission. On November 6, 2010, the Board of Trustees adopted the following mission statement:

NRF is dedicated to enhancing the role of recreation as a positive force in improving the quality of life of youth. It does this by investing in recreation programs directed at those who are economically, physically or mentally disadvantaged.



INTRODUCTION

LOOKING BACK A DECADE

The National Recreation Foundation has grown dramatically in the past decade and is now helping many thousands of children all across the United States in accordance with our mission. For example:

- The dollar amount of our annual grants has doubled in this period. In 2014 we granted about \$1.9 million to 47 grantees.
- The total number of grantees each year has almost doubled over the decade.
- Several programs we have funded have grown from regional to national efforts and are now serving countless more children.
- The main grant growth has been in our larger Special Grants, where the individual grant size is much larger than Trustee Grants.
- The average grant per Trustee has grown by almost 50% in the decade.
- Certain themes have been reduced in our granting while others have grown considerably. For example, grants directed toward "pure" recreation have increased while those with environmental, educational development, or cultural development themes have declined somewhat. However, we continue to seek opportunities to fulfill our mission in all of these fields.

LOOKING FORWARD A DECADE

Early this year we asked ourselves this question: "We know we have changed and things around us have changed. What methods of doing business should we consider modifying, if any, so that we may operate most effectively in this changed environment to achieve our mission?"

One of the most unique things about our Foundation is the fact that the Trustees themselves seek out and develop funding opportunities rather than relying on grant request submissions. The Trustees are able to recommend two types of grants each year, the first of which is a "Trustee Grant" of \$30,000 awarded to a program typically in the area where they live. The second type of grant is a "Special Grant" that may be as large as \$100,000. While the smaller Trustee Grants in some ways can be considered venture capital that allow an organization to try something new, the larger Special Grants are typically given to more mature programs with real growth potential. Both of these types of grants will remain in place as we move forward but, we will also look at new ways of achieving our mission, such as:

- Employing new philanthropic strategies and models that focus Foundation resources in certain areas including childhood obesity, and other issues thereby increasing impact.
- Forming new partnerships with other foundations and organizations that share NRF's mission and values.
- Developing clear performance measures that validate the return on our investments and inform future grant giving.
- Documenting and publicizing, via the Foundation's website and other printed materials, effective and creative models funded by the Foundation that capitalize on the transformative nature of recreation.
- Facilitating national replication of effective models that we fund.
- Creating a learning community with Foundation grantees and partners that will enhance the field and build collaboration and collective problem solving.
- Creating a nimble and opportunistic culture within the Foundation that identifies and capitalizes on opportunities that can help advance the Foundation's mission and strategic priorities.

There are a number of new areas here that excite us a great deal. However, a careful examination of and investment in new areas will take time and we are focused on making the very best use of our grants. Thus we see the next several years as a period of evolution and growth, all focused on creating greater mission impact.

Perhaps the single most important change we have decided to make in answer to the question above and to enable the time consuming and thoughtful investigation of new opportunities is to engage our first full-time Executive Director. This new person will follow in the footsteps of our



current Executive Director, Dr. Tony Mobley, who served the Foundation with distinction since starting with us in 2002. Now he has decided to spend more time with his wife Betty, and pursuing his passion of golf. When you review the numbers that characterize our last decade, a great deal of the credit for that growth — and all the good that it has done — belongs to Tony. Tony has helped usher in new Trustees, he has worked extensively with Trustees to select outstanding funding opportunities, and he has worked with many grantees to improve the impact of our funding and their efforts.

Dr. Tony Mobley Executive Director

Our new Executive Director is Sophie Twichell who will operate out of our new office in Chicago beginning in the fall of 2014.

After receiving her BA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania, Sophie began her career at The Field Museum in Chicago as a Research Associate and the Coordinator of the Spring Systematics Symposium. She joined the staff of the Lake Michigan Federation (known today as Alliance for the Great Lakes) as Development Associate and moved up to Assistant Director. After graduating with a JD and a certificate in Environmental and Energy Law from Chicago-Kent College of Law, Sophie returned to Field Museum to manage its international conservation programs. She then joined Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods where she has served as executive director for ten years.

Sophie has an authentic appreciation for our mission. She sees a direct connection between her work preserving, protecting and celebrating natural assets and recreation. Furthermore, her work at Brushwood Center has emphasized outreach to communities of color that have not historically



enjoyed nature, the outdoors and recreational spaces. Her creativity and culturally sensitive outreach significantly increased the diversity of people who enjoyed programming at Brushwood Center and area nature preserves.

We all welcome Sophie to the National Recreation Foundation.

Francis P. Pandolfi President



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2014 ANNUAL REVIEW



A FOUNDATION SUPPORTING YOUTH AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The NRF adopted the emphasis "At-Risk Youth" and "Healthy Lifestyles" over 20 years ago, yet they continue to be issues that our society faces. Young Americans across the country face neglect from their parents, schools, communities and government, which severely constrain their opportunity for leading healthy and productive lives.

Recently the discourse surrounding the overhaul of the U.S. healthcare system has brought greater awareness to the role parks and recreation organizations can play as a tool for preventative healthcare, particularly in regard to the obesity epidemic. Obesity is one of the fastest rising issues related to public health and according to the 2009 Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System (PedNSS), one of three children are obese or overweight by their fifth birthday. It has also been noted that low-income families are more affected because of limited opportunities for physical activity and healthy food choices. Finding mechanisms through which opportunities for physical activity and healthy lifestyles can be increased, especially for children in low-income households, is at the heart of what the NRF and the numerous non-profit organizations the Foundation works with strive to achieve. Central to this is the idea that recreation participation can lead to reduced rates of obesity and overall healthier lifestyles.

The NRF supports organizations by providing guidance and resources that are critical for changing outcomes, whether related to reducing anti-social behavior and developing a strong citizenship, or increasing activity levels and promoting proper nutrition in youth and young adults. Funding priority is given to those organizations that are working to coordinate efforts among local, state, and national agencies that address these issues, as well as to those programs that focus on outcomes that lead to significant social change.

HISTORY OF FOUNDATION

The history of the foundation began in 1919 with the establishment of the War Camp Community Services, Inc. (WCCS), which was created in response to a need for recreation and other services on the homefront during World War I. By the end of the war, the WCCS fund contained nearly \$1.5 million. These funds were subsequently invested in an endowment portfolio that has grown to over \$40 million supporting the organization now known as the National Recreation Foundation (NRF). Today, the NRF operates as a private foundation dedicated to working with organizations to increase access to recreational opportunities that use recreation as a tool for improving mental, physical, social and spiritual health.

The NRF Board of Trustees has historically represented diverse geographic areas of the U.S. in order to represent the diverse population of America. Members of the Board have always shared three common bonds: a love of recreation, a deep respect for its value in all our lives, and the belief that high quality recreation programs are vital in fostering social stability and healthy lifestyles in our communities.





GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Since its inception in 1965, the NRF has actively reviewed and funded grants in two ways: as a Trustee or Special Grant. Every year, each Trustee selects a project they believe fulfills the goals of the NRF. The sponsoring Trustee must propose the project to the Board, and recommendations are made for funding the grant. Trustee Grants are limited to \$30,000. The Foundation also accepts proposals from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and other pre-selected organizations. It does not accept unsolicited proposals. These grants are not subject to a monetary limit, but may be subject to stricter granting criteria. The Special Grants may be applied for each year, up to three years.

The NRF generally uses the following criteria for evaluating proposals for projects:

- 1. Grants must be consistent with the NRF Mission statement.
- Grants are made only to organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code or to governmental agencies. Grants are not made to individuals.
- 3. Grants are normally not made for (1) capital expenses; (2) overhead costs beyond those needed for effective and efficient administration of the grant programs; or (3) research.
- 4. Programs that are supported should be innovative within the context in which the recipient organization operates, and should have the potential to contribute to life transformation for disadvantaged youth.
- Programs must have leverage potential, such as matching funds or the development of partnerships or collaborations, that will enhance a grant's effectiveness.

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- Programs should be capable of being replicated in other communities or agencies. Grants can be made to facilitate such replication.
- 7. Grant proposals should show how a program will be sustained at the end of the grant period when it becomes the exclusive responsibility of the grantee.
- 8. Evaluation measures are required. Outcome rather than output measures are preferred and are expected for larger, special grants. However, the NRF recognizes that the costs associated with measuring outcomes (i.e. what happens to participants as a result of the program) can be constraining and not as feasible for smaller grants.

Typical *output* measures might include: (i) Number of participants (ii) Cost per participant served (iii) User perceptions of service quality (iv) User satisfaction levels (v) Exportability of the innovative program to other contexts

Typical *outcome* measures might include changes in:
(i) Physical well-being, mental health, or stress levels
(ii) Emotional and social well-being such as self-esteem, social interaction, empathy for others, and self-confidence
(iii) Deviant behaviors
(iv) Life or leisure skills such as educational attainment, acquisition of knowledge, problem solving ability, and cognitive processing

THE ROBERT W. CRAWFORD PRIZE



For 60 years, Robert W. Crawford served others through his role as Commissioner of Recreation in Philadelphia and as Executive Director of the National Recreation Foundation. As the Commissioner of Recreation, Mr. Crawford established a national model for local government's provision of recreational services for all citizens. His creativity and innovative ideas won him international recognition. He also played an important role in the development and growth of the National Recreation Foundation during his time as Executive Director. Mr. Crawford personified those qualities of leadership and commitment that the Foundation seeks to foster, which is why this Achievement Prize was named in his honor.

The purpose of the prize is to recognize a living person who has dedicated him or herself to enhancing recreation opportunities for youth, making it possible for more young Americans to live healthy, participatory lives, thus reinforcing the work of the Foundation. Each year, the prize is awarded to that person, whether professional or volunteer, who has made an extraordinary contribution in advancing recreation programs for at-risk youth.

The prize consists of a \$50,000 cash award, \$40,000 of which will support the recreation-related work or project of the recipient's choice. The individual members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees may make nominations; the award is presented at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.



PREVIOUS ROBERT W. CRAWFORD AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR	NAME	CITY
2013	Harrison I. Steans	Chicago, IL
2012	Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway	Bethany Beach, DE
2011	Eleanor M. Josaitis	Detroit, MI
2010	Melissa T. Harper	Boston, MA
2009	Robert Kohel	Marquette County, WI
2008	Sidney Epstein	Chicago, IL
2007	J. Kent Hutcheson, Ph.D.	Denver, CO
2006	Margaret C. Daley	Chicago, IL
2005	Ronnie Lott	Redwood City, CA
2004	Peter A. Witt, Ph.D.	College Station, TX
2003	Jane G. Pepper	Philadelphia, PA
2002	Dr. David McLone	Chicago, IL

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2014 ROBERT W. CRAWFORD ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE RECIPIENT Jacqueline Joyner-Kersee The National Recreation Foundation is proud to present the 2014 Robert W. Crawford Achievement Prize to Jacqueline Joyner-Kersee. Ms. Joyner-Kersee has made extraordinary contributions to the St. Louis area, and specifically to the community of East St. Louis through the opening of the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Center, a safe haven for young people to learn, play and contribute to their community.

Ms. Joyner-Kersee is celebrated for her natural talent, athletic ability, desire, dedication, and determination and known throughout the world as the Greatest Female Athlete ever. She is ranked among the all-time greatest athletes in the women's heptathlon as well as in the women's long jump. Sports Illustrated for Women voted Jackie Joyner-Kersee Female Athlete of the 20th Century and ESPN named her one of the 50 Greatest Athletes. Ms. Joyner-Kersee has been a significant role model for women, as she is the winner of six Olympic Medals (three Gold, one Silver and two Bronze) in four consecutive Olympics.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee's compassion and commitment to helping others remains unwavering as she states, "Giving is a kind of grace." The mission of the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation is to provide youth, adults, and families with the resources to improve their quality of life and to enhance communities worldwide, with special attention directed to East St. Louis, Illinois. The 41,000 square-foot Center sits on a 37-acre site served by the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Metro Link Station. The Center includes a wellness center, technology center, game room, 1,200-seat gymnasium, full service kitchen, multi-purpose areas, dance studio, basketball courts, science lab, music room and learning resource center. Additionally, there are two football fields, two softball fields and two baseball fields.

Ms. Joyner-Kersee is the author of two books, *A Woman's Place is Everywhere*, and her autobiography, *A Kind of Grace*. Jackie Joyner-Kersee is committed to bringing awareness to causes and initiatives she is passionate about and working to involve more corporations, sponsors and community groups in advancing her Foundation's program and initiatives worldwide.

The seven pages to follow this paragraph give us all a short glimpse back over images from years past. The faces remind of us why we are involved. Let us remain steadfast in pursuing our mission for the future of our youth, and know that collectively we have all been a part of their past — shaping something that is immeasurable and of great benefit to us all bringing dignity and purpose to lives which *all* matter.





















































































































































































































TRUSTEE SPONSORED GRANTS





CLIMB: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | \$15,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, DAVID H. CARLETON

In collaboration with the Boys and Girls Clubs, CLIMB Community Development Corporation's (CDC) Café Climb conducted a series of programs that included exercise, nutrition education and cooking demonstrations which engaged approximately 150-200 youth at local clubs. Students that participated learned by doing, and received recipes and nutrition information that they could bring home to benefit their entire family. *Contact Stephanie Mathes at (228) 864-6677.*

ORCHARDS CHILDREN'S SERVICE | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JOSEPH B. ANDERSON,

From foster care and adoption to family preservation and mentoring, Orchards Children's Services considers the welfare of children paramount. NRF funding has supported The Game Changers project and allowed Orchards to target 40-50 middle school youth to receive intensive coaching and camp activities over the span of two summers. Orchards Children's Services provided focused exposure to areas in which the youth were highly interested or talented with academic and sporting abilities that will serve them for a lifetime. Targeted youth were exposed to specific fields of interest such as art camp, athletic camp and science camp to further their growth and development in their particular area of skill or interest. The addition of the Game Changers component to the already successful Summer Adventures program engaged middle school-aged youth in unique summer camp experiences and community involvement they may otherwise never had the opportunity to experience. *Contact Michael Williams at (248) 258-0440. www.*







NATIONAL PARKS OF NEW YORK HARBOR CONSERVANCY \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ELSIE CRUM MCCABE-THOMPSON

The National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy's mission is to preserve the environment of New York Harbor, promote economic development along the harbor, and create on the waterfront the finest urban recreation and educational national park system in the world. This Grant allowed the expansion of the kayaking and swim program, "Community Kayaks and Swim at Jamaica Bay," around Jamaica Bay in Brooklyn and Queens, and highlighted nearby Gateway National Recreation Area. This area serves as a resource for outdoor recreation with a knowledgeable and friendly staff. The programs final year of funding

continued teaching underserved youth kayaking skills on Jamaica Bay, swimming skills in local pools and also invited attendees to participate in ranger led kayak excursions. NPNYHC was also able to expand the number of classes offered as well as locations each year. The program is a broad community engagement effort that will offer active recreation programs to a new audience. After a previous NRF grant funded the Community Kayaks pilot program in 2012, this year's NRF funding allowed the Harbor Conservancy to scale up the program. Contact Lillian Piro-Romano at (212) 668-2369. www.nyharborparks.org

BYERSCHOOL FOUNDATION: OURS FOR LIFE COLLEGE COACH \$30,000' GRANT TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JONATHAN D. SCOTT

National Recreation Foundation funding of the innovative Ours For Life program provided students critical support to ensure they make the best transition possible and continue on a path to college. The Russell



Byers Charter School is one of the most important transitional resources for providing the best education possible to Philadelphia youth. Contact Laurada Byers at (215) 772-1777. www.byerschool.org





TXPOST: TEXAS PARTNERSHIP FOR OUT OF SCHOOL TIME | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JOHN L. CROMPTON

The mission of the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST) is to increase the quality and availability of out-of-school time programs in the State of Texas. This funding initiative leveraged essential existing local resources and ensured increased investments in out-of-school time programs that serve hundreds of thousands of Texas youth each year. Contact Molly Wofford at (512) 605-0105. www.txpost.org

SQUASHBUSTERS, INC. \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, FRANCIS P. PANDOLFI

SquashBusters expanded their after-school program in Boston to 140 students during 2013. With funding support of the NRF, 28 new 7th grade student participants were recruited from the Timilty and O'Bryant Schools and seven 9th grade student participants from the Fenway High and Boston Green Academy schools. Each new student was able to utilize the center three times a week for 33 weeks and was provided opportunities with squash instruction and competition against private school teams, as well as in local and national tournaments

against other urban squash programs. Participants also experienced the Academic Enrichment program which focused on literacy and received homework-tutoring. That, along with health and nutrition sessions and weekly meetings throughout the school year educated students about physical fitness, nutrition, and emotional health and, through partnerships with other programs, allowed students to participate in many community service opportunities. Contact Greg Zaff at (617) 373-7375 or g.zaff@squashbusters.org. www.squashbusters.org







JUBILEE CONSORTIUM | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, LYNNE M.O. BRICKNER

The Jubilee Consortium received NRF funding to expand their Health Advocate Certification Program to the Highland Park neighborhood of North East Los Angeles. This program encouraged physical activity and healthy lifestyles by providing specific training to residents to become certified fitness instructors and health advocates in their own neighborhoods. This program is a leadership and capacity-building initiative that creates a network of skilled neighborhood instructors and advocates that increase opportunities for safe, affordable, and culturally competent physical activity in underserved communities. *Contact Jaime Edwards-Acton at (323) 469-3993. www. jubileeconsortium.org*

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER CINCINNATI | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, J. JAMES PEARCE JR.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati received NRF funding for the creation of a multi-purpose field, running track, playground, and food garden to enhance the current Fit for Life program. The funding allowed the BGCGC opportunities to provide diverse activities, new incentives, and hands-on nutrition education for their members as well as the local community, helping improve childhood health. In alignment with the mission and primary emphasis outlined by the NRF, funding allowed for the development of the multi-purpose field at the Marge Schott-Unnewehr Boys and Girls Club. This project enhanced current Fit for Life programming and provided the Covington, KY community with the only playground and running track in that area. *Contact Brent Seelmeyer at (513) 421-8909. www.bgcgc.org*





MORE THAN WORDS | \$15,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, DAVID H. CARLETON

More Than Words (MTW) is a non-profit social enterprise that empowers youth in the foster care system, court-involved, homeless, or out of school, to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. NRF funding supported MTW efforts to empower youth through the Transitions Program and provided enrichment and exposure opportunities for youth at both the Boston and Waltham social enterprise sites. This program supported youth in attending at least monthly site visits to local businesses, colleges and trade schools in order to gain insight into the opportunities available to them beyond More Than Words. *Contact Sarah Hoen at (781) 314-9332. www.mtwyouth.org*

YMCA OF PIKES PEAK REGION | \$20,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, R. THAYER TUTT, JR.

The YMCA believes that broad positive effects are felt everyday with social change and lasting personal growth when we all work together to invest in our children, our health, and our neighbors. To support this ideal, the YMCA collaborated with schools, health and human service agencies and other non-profit organizations to serve youth, adults and families in the Pikes Peak region. The youth sports and fitness programs are designed to create positive physical, behavioral, and emotional changes in program participants. The YMCA/District 11 Youth Sports Collaborative project focused directly on 1,000 lowincome District 11 youth in grades K-5 who needed support, guidance, and resources to achieve greater health and well-being in their lives. *Contact Becky Byrnes at (719) 329-7226. www.ppymca.org*









THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND CHICAGO | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ROBERT W. CRAWFORD JR.

The Trust for Public Land requested funding from NRF to support innovative education and recreation programming for at-risk youth. This initiative consisted of a 15-acre park and trail system which connected four "park poor" neighborhoods on Chicago's northwest side. This extraordinary urban recreation initiative, called "*The 606*," provides much needed green space for children and their families. The National Recreation Foundation grant helped with recreation program development and furthered other pilot programs in those disadvantaged areas while encouraging youth-centric activities that promoted improvement in health, fitness, and emotional wellbeing. *Contact Beth White, Chicago State Director at (312) 564-8171. www.tpl.org*

CHICAGO YOUTH CENTERS | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JAMES R. DONNELLEY

The Chicago Youth Centers requested an NRF grant to allow the implementation of the Violence Prevention programming at the Rebecca K. Crown Youth Center in Chicago's South Shore community as well as expand the reach of the existing Violence Prevention programming at ABC Polk Bros. Youth Center in North Lawndale, Elliot Donnelley Youth Center in Bronzeville, and Fellowship House in Bridgeport. These centers provided support for development of positive self-esteem and created networks for helping youth make productive decisions and choices for themselves and their communities. During Program Year 2013, CYC served more than 5,400 individuals in the Chicago and surrounding areas. *Contact Alyssa Skon at (312) 913-1700. www.chicagoyouthcenters.org*



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YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JOHN W. MCCARTER, JR.

Home of "Louder Than A Bomb," Young Chicago Authors (YCA) received NRF funding to establish Performance Poetry Residencies in Chicago high schools that serve at-risk youth. YCA teaching artists piloted after-school poetry clubs and coached teams that participated in the YCA's annual youth poetry festival, among other in-class and out-of-school activities. YCA directly serves 3,000 students aged 13-23 each year from all over the Chicago area. The organization uses performance poetry as a vehicle through which young people can voice their anger, joy, fears, and hopes. *Contact Alissa Goldwasser at (773) 486-4331. www.youngchicagoauthors.org*

ELEVATE ORLANDO | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JON J. SEAL

Elevate Orlando received funding from the NRF to continue to expand its life-changing program for urban youth. It first launched classes in January 2009 after being modeled after the Colorado UpLift Program in Denver. Funding assisted with the expansion of the Oak Ridge High School Pipeline in teaching classes at Wineguard Elementary School in the community of Holden Heights. Funding will also be used to open

a new elementary school and middle school to expanding this life-changing program to urban youth. Elevate Orlando's mission is to equip urban youth to graduate with a plan for the future through life-changing relationships. National Recreation Foundation funding provided the salaries for 2 additional Teacher Mentors and 1 additional support staff. *Contact Jack McGill at (407) 360-9965. www.elevateorlando.org*







BALTIMORE TREE TRUST | \$29,750 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, NICHOLAS G. PENNIMAN IV

The summer Green Team program employed young people living in Baltimore City to care for the green infrastructure of the city's neighborhood by weeding, mulching and pruning young trees along city streets. The care of the city's trees is a critical component of the Baltimore Tree Trust's mission to transform Baltimore with trees. Through this program, young people directly served communities in which they lived. They learned leadership and project management skills as well as the importance of protecting trees and pocket-park gardens in maintaining the health and character of a neighborhood. *Contact Amanda Cunningham at (443) 827-4201. www.baltimoretreetrust.org*

FRIENDS OF CITY PARK: LOUISIANA OUTDOORS OUTREACH PROGRAM | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ROBERT A. STUART, JR.

Many children in New Orleans spend their days in dangerous neighborhoods, hanging out on the street or stuck inside their houses, with eyes glued to the screen. The Louisiana Outdoors Outreach Program (LOOP) was designed to take elementary, middle and high school students out of the city and provide them with unforgettable outdoor educational excursions. The target population of LOOP is underserved, minority and low-income children in the city. Each child experienced 8 to 12 classroom sessions within the year, followed up with academically-linked, developmentally-appropriate outdoor curriculum and adventure-based activities. The NRF funding assisted in expanding the outreach of LOOP, offering this unique experience to the children that so desperately need it. *Contact John Hopper at (504) 259-1509. www.friendsofcitypark.com*



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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, EDITH R. PEREZ

Junior Achievement of Southern California requested NRF funds to continue building on the work started through a previous NRF grant. This year's grant was used for a unique phase of the JASoCal Graduation Pathways program. Recent middle school students' data and performance measures, as related to changes in behavior and relative to attitudes toward school and high school graduation, have been tracked. Revised programming provided in-class, and after school financial literacy, as well as workforce readiness and entrepreneurship programs to students in grades K-12. *Contact Kat Delgado Kirkwood at (323) 785-3510. www.jasocal.org*

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ANDRA RUSH

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan (B&GCSM) requested funding to implement the Triple Play program at three of its clubs. Triple Play is a dynamic wellness program that demonstrates how eating right, being fit and maintaining positive relationships promotes good health. Geared towards kids age 6 to 18, the program seeks to improve knowledge of healthy habits, promote physical activity on a daily basis, learn how to interact with others, and develop

positive relationships with family and friends. The Program components include: Healthy Habits Nutrition Curriculum, Daily Challenges, Sports Clubs, Triple Play Games, and Social Recreation. The Triple Play program is unique, as it strategically strengthens connections between Health & Life Skills and Sports, Fitness, & Recreation, and helps promote fitness as a lifelong pursuit and way of life. *Contact Nicholas R. Papadas at (248) 522-4423. www.bgcsm.org*







COACHING CORPS | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ROBERT JAUNICH II

Coaching Corps seeks to improve the physical, emotional, and academic development of underserved children through sports. NRF funding for this organization provided nearly 250 children a season of sports with motivated college students and community members who serve as volunteer coaches, mentors and role models. Coaching Corps provides comprehensive training in-person and on-line that is based on youth development principles that promote physical and emotional fitness. The impact of the NRF funding support was magnified by a matching challenge grant from the Evelyn & Walter Hass, Jr. Fund. *Contact Barbara Kimport at* (510) 496-5125. www.coachingcorps.org

HAVEN FOR HOPE: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION \$30,000 GRANT TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ALFRED A. VALENZUELA

A place for hope and new beginnings — Haven For Hope strives to achieve this by providing, coordinating, and delivering an efficient system of care for people experiencing homelessness in Bexar County. Funding from the National Recreation Foundation has allowed Haven for Hope to provide scholarships to the Early Childhood Education Program at the YMCA Harvey E. Najim Childcare Center. Haven for Hope is dedicated to transforming the lives of homeless men, women, and children in the San Antonio/Bexar County area by addressing the root causes of homelessness through job training, education, and behavioral health care. The Early Childhood Education Program is an integral component in combating homelessness and other overlapping issues such as mental illness, substance abuse and/or traumatic stress. *Contact Jaclyn Lawson at* (210) 220-2193. www.havenforhope.org



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GULF COAST SCIENCE CENTER | \$20,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, TIMOTHY L. RICHARDSON

The Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center exists to inspire curiosity and ingenuity through active exploration of the sciences. The vision of the program is to create an ever changing environment that provokes imaginative and critical thinking that leads to the discovery of what could be. With funds received from the NRF and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, the Gulf Coast Exploreum hosted Aviation Week and a Flight Academy camp. The one week camp introduces campers to the principles of flight. During the first three days, campers complete three engineering design challenges, with day four bringing a visit to the AIRBUS campus where they have an opportunity to meet and speak with employees regarding careers in aeronautics. *Contact Gretchen F. Jaspering at (251) 208-6884. www.exploreum.com*

LAW & GOVERNMENT EXPLORERS LAW CAMP | \$10,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, TIMOTHY L. RICHARDSON

The Law & Government Explorers' Program Law Camp began in March 2010. To date, Law Camphas served over 100 underprivileged students in the District of Columbia. Thanks to their participation in the program Law Camp youth gain access to local and national professionals from a variety of disciplines and are exposed to career opportunities outside their day-to-day environment. NRF funding allows the Law Camp to expand and

reach more potential candidates — participants in the DC area, beyond the six high schools currently involved in the Program. Funds covered the cost of transportation to and from the courthouse, purchase of educational supplies for the students, gifts to graduating seniors, scholarships for mentoring students and creating incentives by giving recognition for accomplishments. *Contact Hanh Lee at (202) 879-4347.*







BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PIKES PEAK REGION | \$10,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, R. THAYER TUTT, JR.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region requested NRF funds that supported the Triple Play Program. This comprehensive approach taught kids the importance of taking care of their whole selves: mind, body and soul. This program demonstrated how eating smart, keeping fit and forming positive relationships add up to a healthy lifestyle. With childhood obesity remaining at the forefront of wellness issues, BGCPPR with help from the NRF's generous funding initiative, and the Boys and Girls Club Triple Play Program they will continue to challenge society in bringing about more positive outcomes for our youth. Through the Triple Play Program the participants learn about good nutrition, receive coaching in athletic leagues, participate in fun activities, and help develop their coordination and leadership skills. *Contact Marli Fitzgerald at (719) 570-7077. www.bgcppr.org*

BOOTHBAY REGION LAND TRUST | \$30,000 GRANT | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, ENDICOTT P. DAVISON, JR.

This collaborative endeavor was designed to educate youth about the environment and stewardship through recreation in the Boothbay Region. The requested NRF funds allowed the Boothbay Region Land Trust's mission "to conserve for the public benefit the natural habitat, scenic beauty and working land of the Boothbay region" through the Osprey Program. This program is a yearround effort led by the BBRLT in collaboration with the region's YMCA, local schools, and other non-profits, which seek through recreational activities to educate local and visiting youth about the environment and natural resource stewardship. *Contact Nicholas Ullo at (207) 633-4818. www.bbrlt.org*



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AMERICAN TRAUMA SOCIETY, PA: YOUNG LIVES, YOUNG LOSSES | GRANT \$30,000 | TRUSTEE SPONSOR, JOHN M. TEMPLETON, JR., M.D.

ATSPA is a non-profit trauma prevention education organization dedicated to the reduction of suffering, disability and death due to trauma. Through its Young Lives, Young Losses: Rampant, Accelerating Substance Abuse, Ages 10-12 Program, recreation personnel work with children ages 10 to 12, and their parents about the dangers of abuse of illegal drugs, prescription drugs and alcohol. American Trauma Society, facilitates prevention through education. *Contact Judy May-Bennett at (717) 766-1616. www.atspa.org*



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BIG BROTHER BIG SISTERS OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT: SPORTS BUDDIES 2.0 | \$60,000 GRANT

NRF funding was provided for the expansion of a highly impactful mentoring program with new components to reach and engage girls, and provided pathways for career and higher education opportunities associated with professional and collegiate sports. Sports Buddies 2.0 built off the success of a previously NRF supported program model by launching a new approach to provide athletic offerings to at-risk females in Detroit as well as structured exposure and linkages to sports careers. Participants have the opportunity to attend and participate in a variety of sports such as: flag football, soccer, fencing, volleyball, racquet ball or basketball. *Contact Nancy A. Maier at* (313) 309-9222. www.bbbsdetroit.org

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA MILITARY OUTREACH | \$60,000 GRANT

The BGCA is dedicated to providing high quality out-of-school time programming for military families and personnel who reside on military bases and institutions. NRF funding deepened and expanded an innovative, dynamic recreational opportunity piloted in 2013. The tennis pilot program provided new activities at 20 facilities domestically and abroad and received great interest, and so the BGCA retained the initial 20 Clubs and added 40 additional Clubs in order to provide two separate seasons of tennis for youth ages 6-18. Tennis demands focus, concentration, discipline and honest character, as well as encouraging healthy lifestyles and physical conditioning. *Contact Terrill Wicks, at (404) 487-5725. www.bgca.org/military/ Pages/default.aspx*





A SPECIAL GRANTS



BYERSCHOOL FOUNDATION: OURS FOR LIFE PROGRAM | \$50,000 GRANT

Research is very overwhelming that youth, especially adolescents, need recreation to be healthy and experience success academically and personally. The Russell Byers Charter School is committed to providing these opportunities for their students and utilized NRF funds to build a larger facility and a gym to accommodate these life-changing activities. *Contact Laurada Byers at (215) 772-1777. www.byerschool.org/ours*

LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES: EDIBLE TEACHING GARDEN AND CULINARY ARTS | \$60,000 GRANT

LA Plaza requested funding to implement a unique program on "mindfulness," a form of self-regulation and multi-sensory awareness employed within the Edible Teaching Garden and Culinary Art program. Mindfulness training provided opportunities to work with participants to slow them down, use all of their senses to experience activities, and use the knowledge gained to make informed choices about the food they consume and activities they participate in. The goal of the integrated program increased self-regulation and multi-sensory awareness among students and their families, and enabled them to make better choices toward a healthy lifestyle. This program emphasized the importance of physical activity and healthy food choices with an understanding of Mexican and Mexican-American cultural history and cuisine. This interdisciplinary approach is specifically tied to California state curriculum standards and was designed to engage and excite students. *Contact Gustavo Herrera at (213) 542-6244. www.lapca.org*



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SOS OUTREACH | \$60,000 GRANT

SOS Outreach received National Recreation Foundation funding to double the number of youth served in the program in order to sustainably replicate the program in four new locations. SOS Outreach inspired youth to make positive decisions for healthy and successful lives by using outdoor adventure sports for the engagement of youth in a progressive, long-term curriculum that focused on leadership training, goal setting, character development and service-learning projects. The program targeted participants who lived in low-income households, come from single parent families, or have demonstrated poor academic achievement, among other risk factors identified through partnered school districts. *Contact Seth Ehrlich at (970) 926-9292 ext. 102. www.sosoutreach.org*

YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS | \$60,000 GRANT

Young Chicago Authors (YCA) sought funding to establish Performance Poetry Residencies in Chicago high schools that served at-risk youth, and expand its powerful "Louder Than A Bomb" Chicago Youth Poetry Festival. YCA Teaching Artists piloted after school poetry clubs and coached teams that participated in YCA's annual youth poetry festival, among other in-class and out-of-school activities. YCA directly serves 3,000 students aged 13-23 each year from all over the Chicago area. The organization uses performance poetry as a vehicle through which young people can voice their anger, joy, fears, and hopes. *Contact Alissa Goldwasser at (773) 486-4331. www.youngchicagoauthors.org/blog*







MYSTIC SEAPORT: SHIP TO SHORE AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS | \$15,000 GRANT

Mystic Seaport provided the opportunity for 550 underserved students to participate in the Ship to Shore and Outreach programs (40 are in the Ship to Shore and 510 in Outreach programs). This request aligned well with the NRF's priorities to support at-risk youth while encouraging the development of citizenship and social skills, stemming anti-social behavior and emphasizing proactive community lifestyles and values. *Contact Sarah Cahill at (860) 572-5349. www.mysticseaport.org*

STONINGTON HARBOR YACHT CLUB SAILING FOUNDATION | \$100,000 GRANT

The SHYC has sought continued support for the third year of its scholarship program that has allowed economically, physically, or mentally disadvantaged or at-risk children to participate in annual summer sailing and marine biology programs. The SHYC has expanded services to these disadvantaged populations with the help of the SHYC scholarship program. SHYC facilitates programs such as sailing, focusing on developing the life skills of dependability, independence, selfreliance, confidence, concentration, respect and how to become an effective team member. Furthermore, the program integrated the concepts of "sailing and science" to provide an educational experience teaching children teamwork, self-confidence and respect for the environment that will serve them for a lifetime. Funds were also used to create a manual that can be leveraged to help other recreational non-profits establish themselves and create performance measures to maximize their effectiveness. *Contact Michael 'Spike' Lobdell at (203) 984-8804. www.nessf.org*





FROST VALLEY YMCA: HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVES | \$50,000 GRANT

tion and offered the program to others at no cost. Our location on 6,000 acres in the heart of the Catskill Forest Preserve is unmatched by any educational learning center in the country. For over 50 years, our enthusiastic educators have come to Frost Valley from all over the U.S. and the world to create a truly memorable experience for the participants. *Contact Kathryn Dobbs at (845) 985-2291. www.frostvalley.org*

the quality and quantity of physical activity

and nutrition education, NRPA provided agen-

cies with CATCH Kids Club (CKC), a physical

activity and nutrition education program that

was designed for elementary and middle

school aged children in an after-school or

summer setting. Contact Kellie May at (703)

858-2176. www.nrpa.org/committohealth

Healthy Living Initiatives help bridge the gap between healthy lifestyle practices at Frost Valley and choices campers make upon returning home. Through the development of the Teaching Kitchen, the take-home materials with expanded lesson plans include information linking rationales for healthy eating with physical activities. The program also connected children to diabetes awareness and obesity preven-

NATIONAL RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION: COMMIT TO HEALTH | \$100,000 GRANT

In the last three years, with the help of NRF funding, the NRPA proposed to fund 30 local park and recreation agencies to implement the "Healthy Eating, Physical Activity" (HEPA) standards. This program positively impacted 3,000 children by providing increased opportunities for physical activity and improved nutrition. To assist agencies with improving









CAMP JOY | \$60,000 GRANT

Camp Joy has been providing outdoor experiential programs for inner-city children from the southwest region of Ohio since 1938. Camp Joy's mission is "helping people grow and succeed through life-long, experiencebased learning." It currently offers five distinct programs that specialize in programming for children from low-income homes and schools, children with medical challenges, foster youth, children with at-risk behavior and children with developmental challenges. NRF funding allowed Camp Joy to significantly increase its capacity to help more of the region's economically disadvantaged youth live healthier lives and improve their overall well being. With these funds, Camp Joy subsidized the cost for partner agencies that serve youth from low-income backgrounds, including children in foster care. *Contact Gunner Blackmore at* (937) 289-2031 ext. 241. www.camp-joy.org

CHICAGO PROJECT FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION/ UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: CEASEFIRE \$90,000 GRANT

CeaseFire, an initiative of the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention, is a national public health strategy that has been found to reduce shootings and killings. The mission of this organization is to work with community and government partners to reduce violence in all forms, to reduce the rate of killing in the City of Chicago to equal or less than the national rate, and to provide support and guidance to individuals at high risk of involvement in shootings. NRF funding supported a Model Site in Chicago's West Humboldt Park and helped work towards CeaseFire's goals of changing the thinking about violence and how to approach it, and reducing shootings and killings within the target population of low-income, at-risk youth and young adults in the city of Chicago. *Contact Karen DuVall at (312)413-3369. www.cureviolence.org/ partners/illinois-partners*





CRISTO REY JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL NETWORK: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES | \$100,000 GRANT

The Cristo Rey Network finished the third year of implementing the comprehensive "Healthy Lifestyles" program to combat the health and wellness challenges facing its students. Cristo Rey consists of 25 college preparatory high schools that serve 7,500 low-income urban youth located across 17 states and the District of Columbia. NRF funding helped pilot the Healthy Lifestyles program in previous years and has helped to strengthen the institutional approach to health as well as the schools' capacity to provide health and wellness education during their students' critical years of growth, development and learning. Cristo Rey students were equipped with the knowledge and resources to initiate healthy habits to model for their families and carry with them throughout life. *Contact Brenda Schulze at* (312) 784-7202. www.cristoreynetwork.org

NORTH TEXAS PUBLIC BROADCASTING: KERA - HEALTHY FAMILIES INITIATIVE | \$100,000 GRANT

NRF funding allowed KERA to strive to engage 1,200 low-income families with young children in impoverished areas of Dallas in year-around fitness and nutrition activities through the expansion of the Healthy Families Initiative. Through training, events, and regular exercise activities, this project empowered families to use the resources available in their own neighborhood through all seasons. Six television messages – Fit for Fun – will be produced and broadcast in the nation's fourth most populous area (North Texas). This major project built upon an established partnership with AVANCE-Dallas tapping into the fitness expertise of local experts. KERA is structured as a replicable model and will be shared online, along with a trainer's guide, for use in other cities. *Contact Deanna Collingwood at (214) 740-9281. www. kera.org.*





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NATIONAL PARKS OF NEW YORK HARBOR CONSERVANCY: COMMUNITY KAYAKS AND SWIM AT JAMAICA BAY | \$90,000 GRANT

This grant expanded the kayaking and swim program, "Community Kayaks and Swim at Jamaica Bay," around Jamaica Bay in Brooklyn and Queens, highlighting nearby Gateway National Recreation Area as a resource for outdoor recreation with a knowledgeable and friendly staff. The program taught underserved, diverse youth kayaking and swimming skills in local pools, invited the participants to go on ranger-led kayak excursions, and expanded the number of classes offered and locations each year. The program is a broad community engagement effort that offers active recreation programs to a new audience. In a borough that lost many of its outdoor recreation opportunities to Hurricane Sandy, this program stands to greatly benefit the community. *Contact Marie Salerno at (212) 668-2322. www. nyharborparks.org*

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION: TEXAS OUTDOOR FAMILY \$85,000 GRANT

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation requested funding for the Texas Outdoor Family program, and held workshops that encouraged children and their families to enjoy the great outdoors, specifically parks. The program developed new users, teaches skills, builds confidence, promotes healthy lifestyles and has built growing support for the future of outdoor recreation and parks in Texas. It has also supported the national "children in nature" movement by providing a way for families to introduce their children to healthy, nature-centered activities. Funds from the NRF have increased minority visitation in Houston area state parks and trained organizations that have served disadvantaged youth and families by providing healthy outdoor recreation programming. *Contact Julie Piccirillo at* (214) 720-1478. www.tpwf.org



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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION: YOUTH ON COURSE | \$40,000 GRANT

The NCGA Foundation, whose mission is to provide youth the opportunity to develop life skills and values through golf, requested continued funding for the support of the expansion of its "Youth on Course" program. This program focused on at-risk youth from underserved communities in Northern California, and included teaching youth the importance of goal setting, healthy lifestyles, nutrition and etiquette. There are seven clinic sites where at-risk youth learn life skills and values, the importance of nutrition and leading a healthy lifestyle as well as goal setting and development of golf skills. Funds were utilized to further invest in equipment, healthy lifestyle materials, professional education and instruction for participants as well as transportation. The NCGA Foundation also added an additional clinic site in Oakland, California to provide better service coverage to the northern part of the state. *Contact Adam Heieck at (831) 622-8231. www.ncgafoundation.org/youth-on-course*

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND | \$100,000 GRANT

The Trust for Public Land requested NRF funding for a renewed grant to support the Parks for People program in the development of green outdoor recreational spaces in Philadelphia. Renewed support built upon the successful launch of a new pilot program that engaged underserved Philadelphia communities in the design and development of green schoolyards and recreation centers, increased public access to outdoor recreation and improved storm water management citywide. This grant allowed the TPL to collaborate with community partners and develop outdoor play spaces, create and implement stewardship plans for the site and create the framework for future initiatives. *Contact Anthony Cucchi at (973) 292-1100 ext. 16. www.tpl.org/philadelphia*





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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF LAKE COUNTY: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES | \$100,000 GRANT

The Boys and Girls Club of Lake County is committed to creating a cross-cultural and safe environment that promotes self-esteem, teamwork and responsible community commitment for young people ages 6-18. In the third year of this continuing grant, funding supported the Community Engagement Initiative for Healthy Lifestyle for At Risk Youth. The comprehensive program supported academic improvement through the intentional collaboration and integration of the broader community, with the help of volunteers and parents in the community, emphasizing family unity, wellness and physical fitness. The program also strived to improve academic success by creating high expectations that encourage participants to become respectful, thoughtful and independent leaders. The NRF's commitment to providing children with "productive and healthy futures" is well aligned with the B&GCLC promotion of the academic, social, emotional and physical well-being of children. *Contact Cesilie Price at (847) 235-6971. www.bgclc.com*

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ASSOCIATION: HEALTH AND PHYSICAL FITNESS | \$25,000 GRANT

The Neighborhood Youth Association's (NYA) Health and Physical Fitness received funding to tailor a Health and Physical fitness program to the specific needs of the students and families at each of its satellite sites. This program educates and empowers low-income, at-risk youth living in affordable housing developments to make healthy lifestyle choices by engaging them in fun nutrition and fitness activities. The NYA has expanded satellite sites for program replication across Los Angeles, increased the capacity of at-risk youth served, and designed into its program martial arts and dance instruction, which were specifically requested by students at each site. *Contact Viva Krasinkski at (710) 664-8893. www.nyayouth.wordpress.com*



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