

THE REES-JONES FOUNDATION



2007 Summary of Grants

The Rees-Jones Foundation

2007 Summary of Grants

Table of Contents

Contents

Foundation in Summary	3
Message from the President	4
What Can a Philanthropic Foundation Accomplish?	6
Community Improvement	8
Education	10
Health Care	12
Human Services	14
Mental Health & Crisis Intervention	18
Recreation & Sports	20
Shelter & Housing	21
Youth Development	22
Summary of Grants	26
Distribution of Granted Dollars by Program Area	28
Distribution of the Number of Grants	29
References	30

Foundation in Summary

Inauguration of a Foundation

The Rees-Jones Foundation is a private foundation established in 2006 by Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones. The Foundation provides funding for programs that will help improve the quality of life for underserved people, principally in North Texas. In particular, the resources of the foundation are dedicated to relieving hunger, providing medical care for mentally and physically ill, providing education opportunities, promoting economic advancement, providing affordable housing, and promoting spiritual development.

2007 was the first full year of operation for the Foundation, and the founders and staff were encouraged to learn about the many charitable endeavors that are contributing positively to the lives of people in Dallas and beyond. There is a

pressing need for a caring hand to be extended out of hope, love, and faith to people, especially children. The Dallas community is blessed to have many individuals and organizations that have a vision of extending that needed hand that cares and uplifts.

In its inaugural year, it has been the pleasure of the Foundation to collaborate with many organizations that share the heart of the Rees-Jones family. The Foundation is indebted to their diligent work which makes the mission of the Foundation possible.

“The vision of the Foundation, however, comes from Jan and Trevor. Their hearts and generous spirits lead the way in all that we have done...”

T. Hardie
President

Mission & Vision of the Foundation

The mission of The Rees-Jones Foundation is one of compassion designed to serve God by serving others, sharing His work and His resources with those in need.

The vision of The Rees-Jones Foundation is that those who are

poor and disadvantaged or who are suffering spiritually or emotionally will experience the love of Christ in tangible ways, receiving relief from their suffering, encouragement in their growth, and improvement in their quality of life.

A Future to Look Forward To

The Rees-Jones Foundation is looking forward to a vibrant future of engagement in the Dallas community and beyond. The inaugural year has been exciting as the Rees-Jones family embarked on a mission of compassion through

the formation of a foundation. As the Foundation looks forward it will build on relationships made and lessons learned with renewed dedication to supporting agencies that are extending opportunity in the lives of individuals.

Message from the President

We are pleased to provide this report on the first full year of operation of The Rees-Jones Foundation. In 2007, the Foundation approved grants in excess of \$29 million, of which payments were made in excess of \$15 million to organizations principally in the Dallas area that are engaged in programs benefiting the people of our community, especially those whose life circumstances would otherwise deprive them of access to the services that most of us enjoy and often take for granted. This report will tell some of the stories we have heard and seen and share some of the joy that we have experienced in assisting these organizations.

We are making investments in our community. The returns we hope to see are tangible, measurable improvements in the quality of the lives of the people being served; young children will be properly prepared to enter school, older children will have access to quality education and will be able to perform at a high academic level, families will have access to safe and secure homes, children with physical or mental disabilities will receive treatment that will help them overcome those disabilities, people with mental illnesses will have access to treatment and needed therapy.

Some returns are not measurable but our mission is driven by compassion and it is served when we are able to solve immediate needs or bring relief to suffering. Often, it is enough that the urgent needs of our community are addressed even when the root causes of the problems remain unsolved.

You will notice a few themes by looking over the grants. One theme relates to community development in the West Dallas neighborhood. We have made a concerted effort to find and then support organizations operating in that community that offer educational, recreational and after school opportunities for children, child care opportunities for working families, and housing opportunities for families. This theme has continued into 2008 as we seek to enhance the overall quality of life in this part of our city.

Another theme is education. We have been privileged to participate in a wide variety of educational projects for the children of our community and we continue to look for innovative ways to stimulate a desire for learning.

Still another theme relates to the plight of the homeless and near homeless. The need for assistance at many levels in this area is acute; housing, therapy for mental illness, food for the hungry and care of the children of families who find themselves in crisis.

No doubt you will notice the larger grants we have made. For the most part, these were capital in nature and represented our response to certain important needs of our community. These larger projects come along from time to time and depend on the support of many contributors for their success. We have been pleased to take a leadership role on some of these projects and expect we will be asked to

do so on others as they come up from time to time.

We have been privileged to work with some of the most energetic and selfless people in our community. While it is certainly important to be able to provide funding for the projects brought before us, there would be no projects and no improvements in our community if it were not for the thousands of people who give their time and sacrifice other opportunities to help those in need. We applaud them all and look forward to many more years in partnership with them as we continue to learn more about issues of concern and invest more in our community.

I can not allow this opportunity pass without saying thanks to our founders. Those of us working on Foundation matters on a day-to-day basis have the honor and joy of seeing how funding provided by the Foundation can be used to bring positive changes in our community. The vision of the Foundation, however, comes from Jan and Trevor. Their hearts and generous spirits lead the way in all that we have done and the rest of us can not thank them enough for the opportunity. We look forward to more to come and invite you all to share in the joy of giving that we have gained through this effort.

“In 2007, the Foundation approved grants in excess of \$29 million, of which payments were made in excess of \$15 million to organizations principally in the Dallas area...”



T. Hardie
Foundation President

What Can a Philanthropic Foundation Accomplish?

by Curtis Meadows Jr.

When Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones decided to set up a foundation they followed a path that had been established by other families who had achieved success in business. They wanted to effectively and appropriately apply a substantial portion of their accumulated resources to improve the human conditions of others who have not been so blessed or fortunate.

But why set up a foundation to accomplish this purpose and what could they expect to accomplish with the millions they plan to disburse that billions and even trillions of dollars previously applied to such issues have not been able to achieve? There have rarely been quick “fixes” achieved by simply applying more funding as the experience of past government and business efforts demonstrates.

The reality is that effecting a substantial improvement in the human condition for everyone is complex, and a task that is very difficult to accomplish. Yet, in a society that aspires to be a fair and just one, the cry of those struggling for help, and the way those in a better situation respond is a test of the moral and ethical character of its people.


“Foundations are born out of the personal beliefs and insights of the founders and they create their missions.”

What then can a single philanthropic grant making foundation hope to accomplish?

The answer lies in the idea of building an organization that can investigate, probe, study and question where to effectively invest additional significant and individualized resources to enhance or expand the efforts of the other sectors mentioned. It does that by striving to place these financial resources into the right hands, doing the right things, at just the right place and time to leverage all of the other efforts already undertaken. Such carefully placed gifts can enable a charity to reach a new or more effective capacity of service.

Because the foundation is not overly bureaucratic, it can make decisions and deliver funding assistance in a short period of time. A foundation’s gifts call attention to the organizations supported and validate their work to others who might also help.

Foundations can promote and facilitate collaboration and encourage many community and government agencies to come together and combine resources to focus on a significant issue, such as the quality of public education, safe and affordable housing or health care for children. Money given by a foundation



can be flexibly tailored to do what others cannot or will not do and the funding can be given in amounts that individuals can rarely contribute.

Foundations can stay focused on the problems of a particular area over time and fund many different efforts to improve life in those areas. And, foundations can initiate and support programs to accomplish work they and others in the community believe are necessary, without the long process it would take to build the political agreement needed for government to act.

Foundations are born out of the personal beliefs and insights of the founders and they create their missions. The staff of a foundation works to develop facts and information about community and human difficulties of interest and concern to the founders and assist them in acting from both the impulses of their hearts and the discipline of the head. Staffs are dedicated to serving the interests of the founders but charged to be their extended eyes and ears in the community.

As applicants bring to the foundation the many and varied programs and projects agencies and citizens have created to address the concerns and opportunities of our time, the burden of selecting from so many worthy causes becomes a daunting task, and the ultimate challenge of the board of a foundation is to make wise and appropriate choices.

When the efforts of the community are then married to the careful selection, tailoring and delivering of critically needed resources, the ultimate value of a foundation is realized. A moment of opportunity is seized and hope is given as funds go out to relieve human suffering, enable opportunity and encourage those helping and those assisted.

The creation of The Rees-Jones Foundation is a substantial commitment of Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones and it will assist the work of the caregivers of our community and our world. They have dedicated significant resources of their own to this task because they are able to do so, yet all of us have the capacity to give something to others, no matter how meager our resources or our talents.

When we do that without hypocrisy, honoring those we serve and sharing in their burdens, we break down boundaries of distrust and division in our society and we are all changed in the process.

Curtis W. Meadows, Jr. is a Senior Advisor to The Rees-Jones Foundation

Community Improvement

Community Improvement - West Dallas Focus

Dallas is a city of communities – communities that have dynamics and opportunities that make each one unique. The Rees-Jones Foundation values leadership and bold ideas that can bring momentum to a community to reverse poverty and decay and instill a sense of ownership within its citizens.

On an individual level, community improvement and development is significant in restoring dignity and hope to people who have a vision to build healthy communities where families can grow and thrive.



Voice of Hope Ministries

Mission & Purpose Statement

"Voice of Hope Ministries exists to provide children living in the neighborhoods of West Dallas with strong character models, education support, life skills, and family support services needed to become productive Christian citizens. Inner-city families are equipped with resources and skills needed to overcome and break the poverty cycle. The ministry seeks to meet the needs by addressing the whole person - spiritual, physical, and mental - through training, mentoring, exposure, emergency assistance, affirmation, counseling, networking and partnerships with other community agencies."

One such community in which the Foundation has been particularly active is West Dallas. The Foundation has funded projects related to education, after-school care and youth development, recreation, and leadership training. The Foundation's engagement has helped facilitate the ongoing transformation of the West Dallas community into a healthy place for community residents to live and grow.

Community Improvement

Dallas Leadership Foundation

\$100,000

Funding for general operating support for DLF's programs, which include: *Treasures of Hope Christmas Store, City of Hope Day, Youth Leadership Movement, Church Prison Collaborative, and Secret Angel.*

Living Water

\$250,000

Funding to implement a program of supplying clean water and sanitation in selected communities in Liberia. The local community primary school will be the location and focal point for water and sanitation.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

\$100,000

Contribution to a capital campaign for the renovation of a building that will house a thrift store, and funding for operating the thrift store. The thrift store will contribute a shopping opportunity in a disadvantaged neighborhood.

SPCA of Texas

\$1,000,000

Contribution to a capital campaign for the renovation of a building which will house a state of the art animal welfare center to prevent animal suffering and abuse and to promote caring relationships between people and pets.

Union Gospel Mission

\$100,000

Contribution to a capital campaign for the purchase of a retail site for the new UGM Thrift Store which will serve the community by providing a dignified retail setting and facilitate job training for the men and women who are participating in a UGM discipleship program.

West Dallas Initiative

\$500,000

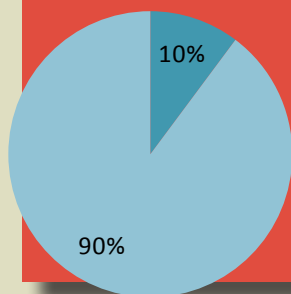
Contribution to a capital campaign to address community development, outreach programs and a worship center to be housed in the new West Dallas Community Church campus expansion.

Total Amount Granted

\$2,050,000

West Dallas Focus

10% of dollars granted by the Foundation were dedicated to organizations and programs facilitating the transformation of West Dallas. The Foundation has approached West Dallas with a holistic perspective that has motivated a strategy of making grants in that community across a spectrum of program areas.



■ West Dallas
\$3,015,036

■ Other
\$26,610,931

Dallas Dream Center

Human Services

Educational First Steps

Education

HPPC Transformation West Dallas

Youth Development

Just Say Yes

Youth Development

Mercy Street

Youth Development

Pine Cove Christian Camps

Recreation & Sports

Trinity River Mission

Education

Voice of Hope Ministries

Youth Development

West Dallas Community School

Education

West Dallas Initiative

Community Improvement

YMCA of Metroplitain Dallas

Recreation & Sports

Education

Education is essential to the development of people at every stage of life. The desire that children develop within themselves to be inquisitive and engaged in the world should be translated into lifelong efforts to be visionary and effective in their service to others.



Happy Hill Farm

Mission Statement:

"A fundamental belief - that each human being is created in the image of God - provides the strong spiritual underpinning for the mission of Happy Hill Farm Academy/Home to serve children in crisis and to strengthen families. Socially and academically disadvantaged boys and girls - regardless of their religion, race, national origin, or gender - are given the opportunity to live, work, and study in a year-round, residential school/farm setting. A balance is taught between the spiritual, academic, and practical in order for the students to prepare themselves effectively to assume their role in society as productive citizens while engaged in their chosen professions."

The Rees-Jones Foundation is dedicated to promoting learning opportunities for children from their earliest stages – and enabling parents to learn along with them. The Foundation desires to make quality education an opportunity that is available for children and youth regardless of their backgrounds, abilities, or financial situations.

While the Foundation focuses on preschool, primary, and secondary education, in the spirit of promoting a continuum of quality education that meets the needs of individuals at every point in life, a broad range of adult education needs are also within the education scope of the Foundation. These include higher education, parent education, and other educational programs that enable people to capture the promise of their lives.

Education

Avance	\$15,000
Funding to provide an Early Childcare teacher and supplies for the <i>Early Childhood Development Program</i> which prepares children for success in school.	
Bishop Dunne Catholic School	\$75,000
Funding for the <i>Tuition Assistance Program</i> , a program that provides opportunities for deserving students from financially struggling families to attend Bishop Dunne Catholic School.	
Communities in Schools	\$220,000
Funding to implement <i>Communities in School's Targeted Intervention Program</i> which seeks to serve the students at highest risk in six of Dallas ISD's lowest performing high schools and in two Irving ISD high schools.	
Dallas Museum of Nature & Science	\$10,000,000
Contribution to a capital campaign to construct a new museum facility in Victory Park which will contain dynamic education experiences.	
Educational First Steps	\$330,000
Funding to provide immediate services to a total of ten Affiliate Child Care Centers and funding for the expansion of services to new affiliates which will increase the availability of quality early education and child care to economically disadvantaged families.	
Frontiers of Flight Museum	\$60,000
Funding to expand the science, math, and technology educational platform resulting in increased programing available for charter schools.	
Happy Hill Farm	\$150,000
Funding to complete the capital campaign for the new Academic Complex which will facilitate the education of at-risk children.	
Highland Park Presbyterian Church Sudanese Education Fund	\$100,000
Funding to assist the Sudanese "Lost Boys" in their pursuit of higher education and vocational training.	
Notre Dame School	\$97,000
Funding for scholarships which support families of students with mental disabilities who need financial assistance to enroll their children for the 2007-2008 school year.	
Reading & Radio Resource	\$15,000
Funding for the <i>Digital Editor Project</i> which edits prerecorded books for hearing impaired students and adults.	
St. Anthony School & Community Center	\$100,000
Funding to support community center enrichment programs at the St. Anthony School & Community Center for the 2007-2008 school year.	
Trinity River Mission	\$105,000
Funding to support Trinity River Mission programs which include <i>Homework Help</i> , <i>Tutor Power Hour</i> , <i>Believe & Achieve</i> , <i>Adult and Family</i> , <i>Computer Lab</i> .	
West Dallas Community School	\$392,656
Funding for West Dallas Community School to improve its facilities and grounds and enhance programming for its students.	
Total Amount Granted	\$11,659,565

Health Care

One of the significant challenges to a productive and fulfilling life is poor health or inadequate access to health care facilities. The Rees-Jones Foundation recognizes the importance of reaching out on community, city, and regional levels to connect people to the services that they need.

Mercy Ships



Mission Statement:

"Mercy Ships, a global charity, has operated a fleet of hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Following the example of Jesus, Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the poor, mobilizing people and resources worldwide."

The funding efforts of the Foundation are directed specifically toward addressing the health care needs of underserved individuals through the support of local hospitals, clinics, and community initiatives. In addition to healthcare, some of the more exciting initiatives are providing training opportunities that will help alleviate the shortage of professionals in their communities - including international communities.

Health care will continue to be a point of emphasis as the Foundation invests in ways to maintain the health of people and meet the needs of those who find themselves unable to access care.

Health Care

Bridge Breast Network	\$20,000
Funding to support the delivery of diagnostic and treatment services for breast cancer to low income, uninsured North Texans through community outreach, case management, counseling, intake assistance, and breast health information.	
Grand Prairie Wellness Center	\$18,175
Funding to provide needed medical and dental services in a community which is designated by the federal government as a Medically Underserved Area.	
H.I.S. BridgeBuilders	\$126,500
Funding for expansion, equipment, supplies, and operating expenses of the Optical Clinic and Laboratory and Dental Clinic. The Optical Clinic supports resident training for optical professionals.	
Healing Hands Ministries	\$15,000
Funding for operating costs of a clinic which is providing primary health services to needy patients. The funding will also help recruit volunteer physicians to increase capacity and serve more clients.	
Hugworks	\$125,000
Funding for programs which provide healing experiences for the special needs of children of all ages through performing arts and media.	
Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center	\$500,000
Funding to increase the center's capacity to serve more patients and enhance the volume of research findings that the research center produces.	
Mercy Ships	\$1,000,000
Funding to contribute toward the retirement of construction debt for "Africa Mercy" ship. This ship will provide surgical capacity to meet the needs of Africans who do not have access to medical opportunities. (Total funding for Mercy Ships in 2006 and 2007 is \$2,000,000)	
Parkland Foundation	\$122,400
Funding to pay for a philanthropic feasibility study as a first step in creating a significant capital campaign that will enable Parkland to move towards the commencement of its <i>Master Capital Plan</i> .	
Richardson Regional Medical Center	\$1,000,000
Contribution to a capital campaign for a new cancer center at Richardson Regional Hospital that will serve the North Texas community. The center will provide community access to medical, surgical and radiology oncology services.	
Southern Methodist University	\$9,000
Funding for the <i>Music Therapy Program</i> at SMU which, in association with Hugworks, provides therapy for children who find themselves with serious medical conditions.	
Total Amount Granted	\$2,936,075

Human Services

Human Services

The scope of human need and lack of opportunity is overwhelming, and The Rees-Jones Foundation has responded in a number of ways to address that need and provide opportunity. The Dallas/Fort Worth area has proven to be rich in innovative and caring people who are compassionately reaching out to those who are underserved. The services that the Foundation supports are engaged in breaking harmful cycles in people's lives whether it be abuse and neglect, homelessness, or hunger.

The spectrum of services begins with those who have some of the severest needs: abused and neglected women and children. The funding that the Foundation has granted has helped heal some of the wounds that have been inflicted and restore some of the trust that has been lost.



Irving Cares

Mission Statement:

"Irving Cares, in partnership with the Irving community, is dedicated to providing its residents with temporary assistance and training to promote self-sufficiency."

The Foundation has also supported organizations that are assisting people through hard times including immediate relief for hunger and homelessness as well as long-term solutions that enable people to develop stability and wholeness in their lives.

Human Services

alley's house	\$15,000
Funding for operating expenses to provide education and support programs for pregnant teens and teen mothers. The program is designed to break the cycle of teen pregnancy.	
Battered Women's Foundation	\$15,000
Funding for the <i>Emergency Care Program</i> which provides direct services to help break the cycle of abuse for women and children who have been victimized by domestic violence.	
Boys & Girls Harbor, Inc.	\$75,000
Contribution to a capital campaign to facilitate services that help heal the emotional scars that come from child abuse and neglect.	
Bread of Life	\$75,000
Funding to support the <i>Pathway to Hope Meals that Heal Program</i> , <i>Daybreak Health Clinic</i> and <i>Hope for Kids After School Program</i> which serve homeless and very low income individuals.	
Brighter Tomorrows	\$40,000
Funding for the child care expenses of the <i>Transitional Housing Program</i> which enables qualified clients to establish financial independence and move into permanent housing.	
Child Abuse Prevention Center	\$100,000
Funding for operations to meet the increasing demand for preventative and educational services to families for whom child abuse and/or neglect is occurring or has a high risk of occurring.	
Collin County Committee on Aging	\$25,000
Funding for the <i>Meals on Wheels</i> program in Collin County which is experiencing increased demand for delivered meals to home-bound residents.	
Community Partners of Dallas	\$35,000
Funding for items to stock the Community Partners' Rainbow Room which distributes necessities to children who have just been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.	
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center	\$20,000
Funding for the <i>Therapy Program</i> which helps to reduce the trauma of child abuse and improve a victim's emotional, social, and psychological functioning.	
Dallas Dream Center	\$54,400
Funding to support the summer camp and after-school programs that are offered for inner-city youth.	
Dallas Furniture Bank	\$25,000
Funding to operate DFB which works with over 40 agencies in the Dallas area to provide furniture for clients in need.	
Exodus Ministries	\$25,000
Funding for operations of facilities and programs which are designed to help individuals who are just being released from prison.	
Grand Prairie United Charities	\$10,000
Funding to assist in stocking the shelves of the on-site food pantry, which serves needy families that are experiencing increasing pressure on their limited resources.	
The HOPE Center	\$35,000
Funding to increase the capacity of the Food Pantry and Resource Center which serves families in need.	

Human Services

Irving Cares, Inc.	\$20,000
Funding to help Irving's working poor residents who are in need of crisis relief services through the <i>Emergency Assistance Program</i> , with directed support to the food pantry.	
Joy Fellowship Outreach	\$50,000
Funding for food and supply assistance for victims of hurricane Katrina.	
Memorial Assistance Ministries	\$75,000
Contribution to The <i>Growing to Serve Capital Campaign</i> for a new building to facilitate the organization's mission of assisting families through difficult times and helping them achieve self-sufficiency.	
Mendenhall Ministries	\$240,000
Funding for operational support for the ministries and educational programs that provide support to disadvantaged people.	
Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance	\$1,000,000
Funding for programs delivered at the Dallas Homeless Assistance Center which serves homeless men, women and children, with the primary focus being the chronically homeless.	
North Texas Food Bank	\$36,000
Funding to purchase protein-based foods to fill year-end needs of the food bank to meet the demand from clients who are in need of assistance.	
Operation Care Dallas, Inc.	\$5,000
Funding to support the annual <i>Christmas Celebration</i> for the homeless, a daylong event at the Dallas Convention Center for homeless families and children.	
Operation Oasis	\$100,000
Funding for information technology improvements and operational costs for a new collaborative project, <i>Community Resource One Stop System</i> , which will provide services to at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated persons.	
Salvation Army	\$100,000
Funding for general support of the work of the Salvation Army throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.	
The Senior Source	\$250,000
Contribution to a capital campaign to purchase a building and increase the capacity of the organization to provide services to senior citizens.	
The Stewpot	\$62,700
Funding to support the expansion and restructuring of the children and youth programs which serve youth by providing vocational experiences and college opportunities.	
Visiting Nurse Association of Dallas – Meals on Wheels	\$500,000
Contribution toward the capital campaign for construction of a new Meals on Wheels facility that will house the Meals on Wheels kitchen and staff offices with training and community rooms on site.	
Vogel Alcove Childcare Center for the Homeless	\$10,000
Funding for the <i>Early Education and Child Development</i> program which provides comprehensive childcare services to homeless children living in affiliated homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and housing programs.	

Human Services

Volunteers in Service to Others**\$40,000**

Funding for the *Backpack Buddy* food program benefiting children in Cooke County/Gainesville ISD low-income families by providing them with meals during the day.

Wednesday's Child**\$25,000**

Funding for education supplements including tutoring and college scholarships for children who have been abused and/or neglected and are in foster care.

Total Amount Granted**\$3,063,100**

Mental Health & Crisis Intervention

Mental Health & Crisis Intervention

Mental health is an issue that is increasing in public awareness. There is a real need to address the comfort level people have to seek assistance for mental health issues that they may be experiencing. Related to this challenge is the availability of mental health outlets that can reach people where they are in need.



University of
Texas at Dallas
Center for Brain
Health

Mission Statement:

"Understanding, Protecting and Healing the Brain

- Understanding the brain's ability to restore or protect healthy brain function
- Protecting the brain from unnecessary mental decline
- Healing the brain through treatments that regenerate brain function"

The Rees-Jones Foundation is interested in supporting organizations that provide quality mental health services. Projects have included mental health awareness initiatives as well as programs that provide research and therapy services and preventative care. These efforts are directly related to the understanding that a healthy mental outlook is important to living a whole life.

Mental Health & Crisis Intervention

Avenues Counseling Center	\$35,000
Funding to support and expand the children's and adolescents' services including play therapy, <i>ECLYPSE Supportive Outpatient Program</i> , individual counseling, family counseling, and aftercare.	
Child & Family Guidance Center	\$50,000
Funding to provide clinical services to children with serious mental illness in order to enable them to successfully function in their home and school environments, and to effectively transition to adulthood.	
DFW Center for Autism	\$35,000
Funding for staffing of the Texas Star Academy, a fully inclusive preschool program which specializes in the educational development of autistic children.	
Galaxy Counseling Center	\$30,000
Funding for <i>Youth Mental Wellness</i> sessions which include <i>Child and Family Counseling</i> , <i>Teen Anger Management</i> , <i>Truancy Intervention and Prevention</i> , and psychological testing.	
LifeNet Community Behavioral Healthcare	\$30,000
Funding for the <i>Mental Health Services for Children</i> program which diagnoses and treats children with ADHD/ADD, emotional disturbance, conduct disorders, major depression, Asperger's, oppositional defiance, and adjustments disorder.	
Mental Health America of Greater Dallas	\$40,000
Funding for the <i>We Help Ourselves</i> curriculum which helps children and teenagers learn how to avoid victimization, including child abuse, neglect, violent assault, kidnapping, peer pressure, domestic violence, and emotional battery.	
Pastoral Counseling & Education Center	\$5,000
Funding for the <i>2007 Second Mile Fund</i> which underwrites adjusted/sliding scale fees for therapy services for indigent and working poor clients.	
Planned Living Assistance Network	\$6,085
Funding for the <i>Beautiful Minds Project</i> which addresses the needs of adults with serious mental illnesses by contributing to the overall value of their daily life through projects, field trips, and interaction.	
The Suicide & Crisis Center	\$30,000
Funding for the 24 hour Crisis Line and volunteer training program.	
University of Texas at Dallas Center for BrainHealth	\$250,000
Funding to establish The Rees-Jones BrainHope Suite. The Center's goal is to understand social cognition and address the problems that arise from a lack of social cognition development.	
Total Amount Granted	\$511,085

Recreation & Sports

Recreation & Sports

Summer camps offer children the opportunity to mature in an environment that encourages self-esteem, responsibility, recreation, respect for others, and a love for nature. The Rees-Jones Foundation believes that as many children as possible should have the opportunity to attend summer camps and benefit from the experience of learning, camaraderie, and being in an environment that allows youth respite from their daily environment.



Pine Cove Christian Camps

Motto

"Pine Cove exists to be used by God to transform the lives of people for His purposes and His glory."

Camp Fire USA

\$10,375

Funding for camperships for 25 underprivileged campers at Camp El Tesoro de la Vida. El Tesoro de la Vida is a week long, overnight camp for children who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Freedom Classic

\$35,000

Funding to support the Freedom Classic which is an All-Arabian Horse Show that is open to youth participation and offers college scholarship money to the participants

Pine Cove Christian Camps

\$100,000

Funding for camperships for low-income, urban children who would not otherwise have an opportunity to experience the Pine Cove camp experience.

Sky Ranch

\$250,000

Contribution to a capital campaign for the addition of two new duplex cabins, two new lodge buildings, and a new activity and recreation complex.

YMCA Dallas

\$514,000

Contribution to a capital campaign for renovations at two locations which host programs for teaching values to youth, strengthening families, and helping teenagers make the transition to adulthood.

Total Amount Granted

\$909,375

Shelter & Housing

Shelter & Housing

Housing is a critical element to enable people to achieve healthy, whole lives. The Rees-Jones Foundation has found that home ownership is one of the most significant indicators of future success for children and youth, mainly because of the stability that it provides. The Foundation is interested in helping people wherever they are on the continuum of housing needs and has been excited to support programs that are preventing homelessness, helping the homeless, addressing the critical need for affordable housing in North Texas, and re-establishing people in safe and stable homes.

Central Dallas Ministries

Mission Statement:

"Central Dallas Ministries' mission is to share the love of God in word, action and attitude while building genuine community in the neighborhoods where we live and work."



Central Dallas Ministries

\$5,000,000

Funding for a housing and human services project, citywalk@akard, which will be strategic and catalytic in changing the face of homelessness in Dallas and at the same time addressing the need for supported housing and affordable housing for the working poor.

Forest Heights Neighborhood Development Corporation

\$250,000

Funding to address the operational needs of the organization which provides affordable housing.

Interfaith Housing Coalition

\$300,000

Funding for the "Every night, every child, a home and hope for the future" program which targets intervention toward families at risk of homelessness and prevent, if possible, the family from being displaced from their home.

Shared Housing Center, Incorporated

\$40,000

Funding for the *Building Blocks for Success* program that provides life skills services to homeless, school-age children in hopes of breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Total Amount Granted

\$5,590,000

Youth Development

Youth Development

The Rees-Jones Foundation recognizes the potential and promise in the children and youth of today. A mission focus for the Foundation is nurturing children and youth so that they mature into adults and achieve our highest hopes and aspirations for them.



Mercy Street

Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to instill values, worth, and a sense of purpose into the youth of West Dallas."

The Foundation recognizes the importance of the development that goes on in each stage of childhood and has looked to address the developmental needs of children and youth at each stage. The areas of funding range from effective pre-school programs to after school programs to in-school enrichment programs.

The Foundation also cares about children who require special accommodation for their particular needs. It has been rewarding to contribute to efforts that enrich the lives of children who would otherwise miss out on opportunities to share in the experiences that all children should have.

Youth Development

Bea's Kids

\$16,750

Funding for the opening and operating of two new locations which will provide after-school services for children which emphasize educational achievement and personal development.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas

\$150,000

Funding to implement a new initiative called *Big Churches* which will enlist 50 churches to provide two Big Brothers and two Big Sisters each to mentor and morally support two Little Brothers and two Little Sisters who have an incarcerated parent.

Big Thought

\$128,921

Funding for the *Strike a Cord* program which provides semi-private and private guitar, piano and violin lessons for economically disadvantaged youth.

Challenge Air

\$25,000

Funding for operations of the *Fly Day* events which provide the opportunity for disabled children to be introduced to the basics of aviation and experience the thrill of flying.

Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas

\$10,000

Funding for tuition assistance and tour assistance for disadvantaged youth to participate in *Summer Singing Camp*, DISD In-school concerts, *St. Paul's Concerts*, *DISD Learning Partnership*, and *Diversity Initiative Assessment*.

Dallas Children's Theatre

\$50,000

Funding for the *After School Drama Class* program.

Daniel Galorenzo Foundation

\$5,000

Funding to support for the *Danny "G" Golf Classic* which benefits children who are suffering from a disability.

Highland Park Presbyterian Church West Dallas Transformation

\$40,000

Funding for the construction costs of the playground at Voice of Hope which will serve underserved children who attend the programs of Voice of Hope.

Junior Players

\$10,000

Funding for instructors' fees and class supplies for the after-school programs that benefit children who are disadvantaged and in need of educational support.

Just Say YES

\$66,530

Funding for the *Impact Plan* which will further risk-avoidance programs (addressing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, youth violence and teen sex) for at-risk, low-income students.

Love For Kids

\$87,025

Funding for the development of the *Dallas Best Practices Program* for out-of-school time providers which will increase academic achievement and positively influence inner-city students.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas

\$60,000

Funding for the *"Passport to a Summer of Wishes"* program which granted travel wishes for children who are battling life-threatening conditions.

Mercy Street

\$162,450

Funding to meet the need and opportunity for providing organized recreational sports programs for underserved youth by supporting the construction of a soccer field and supporting soccer programs.

Youth Development

Project Turn Around**\$250,000**

Funding to support the organization's programs: public school outreach, an athletic league, a technology institute, human needs assistance and a family care pregnancy center.

Scripture Union**\$25,000**

Funding to support a start-up phase of the *PrimeTime Initiative*, an evangelical after school and summer outreach program for at-risk children.

Services of Hope**\$25,000**

Funding to support a *Summer Day Camp* collaborative facilitated by Services of Hope at five partner locations which instructs youth in life skills and provides recreation opportunities.

Voice of Hope**\$750,000**

Funding for a building renovation project at the organization's main campus which will increase efficiency and safety for children attending Voice of Hope programs.

The Wilkinson Center**\$250,000**

Funding to help with the expansion of the existing Changing Lives, Improving Minds and Bodies after-school and summer camp program that is conducted in DISD schools.

Youth Achievement Foundation**\$20,000**

Funding to expand mentoring and educational support programs. These programs are directed to underserved youth with the goal of helping them become leaders in the community.

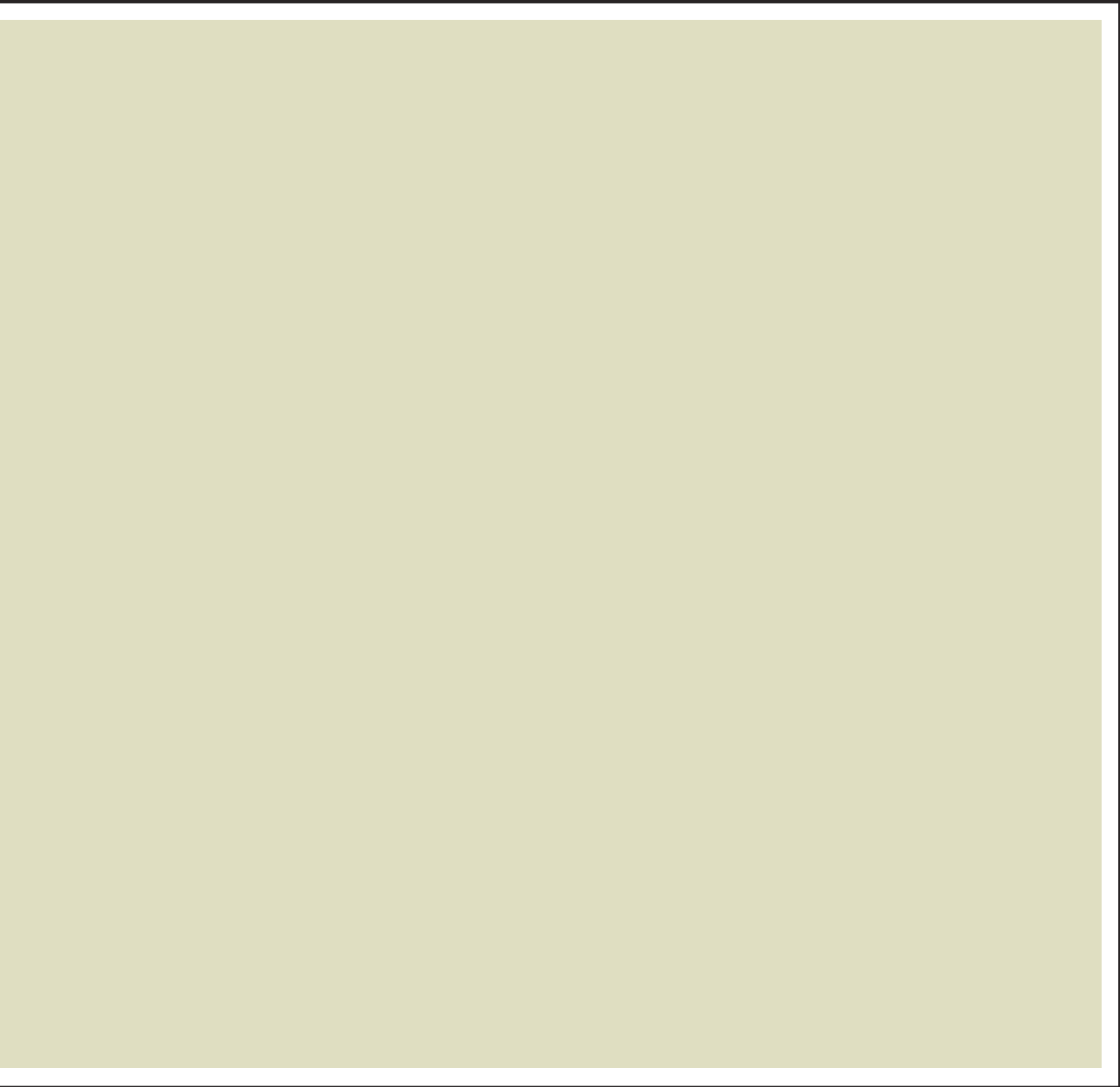
Youth Believing in Change**\$750,000**

Funding to assist in the purchase of and renovation of a new facility to house the Youth Believing in Change organization which serves underserved youth with programs that instill spiritual, educational, and entrepreneurial values.

Zero to Five Funders Collaborative**\$25,000**

Funding for a collaboration concerned about the issues surrounding children in the 0-5 age group. It has the goal of exploring the measurable influences that impact a child's future educational and social success and then facilitating effective programs.

Total Amount Granted**\$2,906,676**



Summary of Grants



In 2007, The Rees-Jones Foundation approved grants in the amount of \$29,626,967 through 101 grants to the agencies who are making a difference in the lives of people with the resources that are available to them.

Summary of Grants



Value of Grants Approved

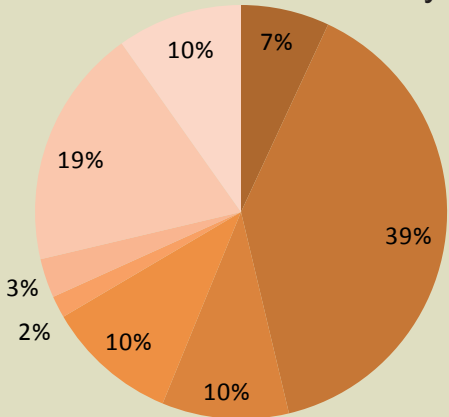
\$29,626,967

Number of Grants Approved

101

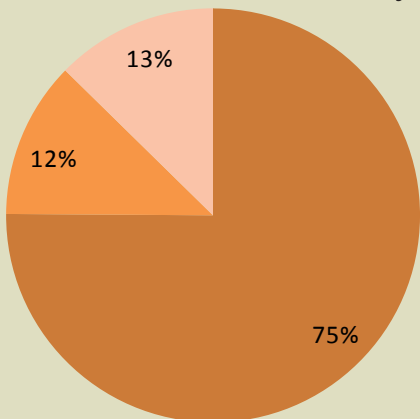
Distribution of Granted Dollars

Distribution of Granted Dollars by Program Area



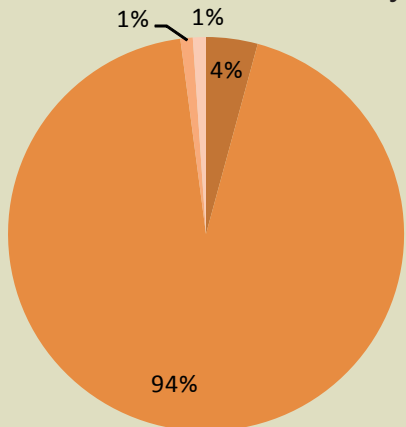
Community Improvement	\$2,050,000
Education	\$11,659,656
Health Care	\$2,936,075
Human Services	\$3,063,100
Mental Health & Crisis Intervention	\$511,085
Recreation & Sports	\$909,375
Shelter & Housing	\$5,590,000
Youth Development	\$2,906,676

Distribution of Granted Dollars by Support Type



Capital	\$22,252,950
Operating	\$3,623,581
Project	\$29,625,967

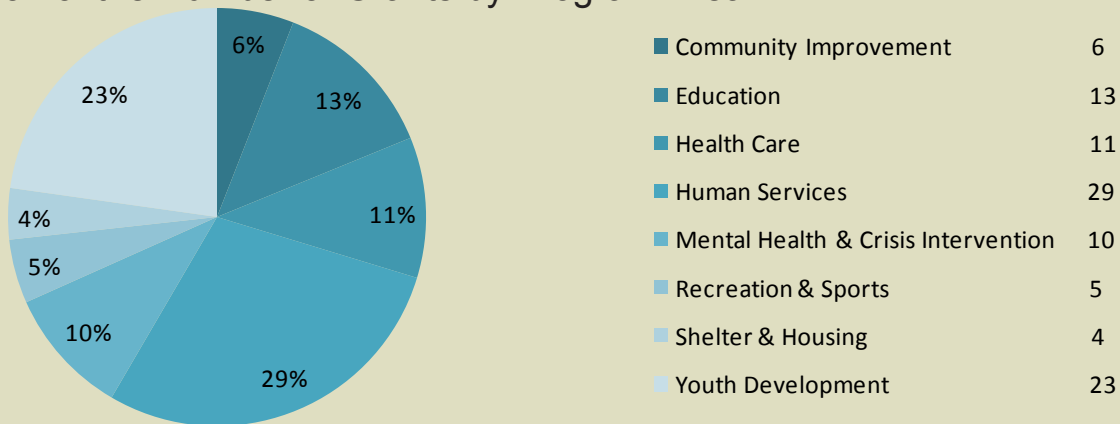
Distribution of Granted Dollars by Location



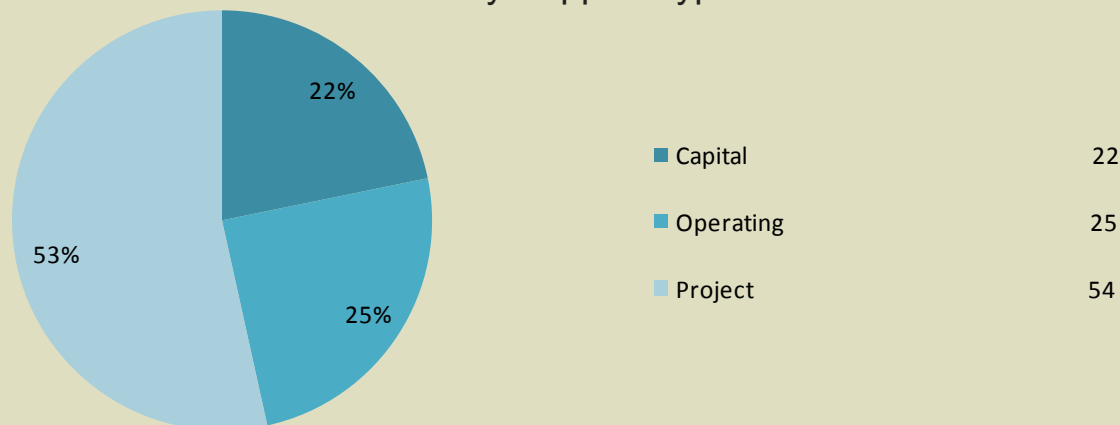
Africa	\$1,250,000
DFW	\$27,755,967
Texas	\$300,000
United States	\$300,000

Distribution of the Number of Grants

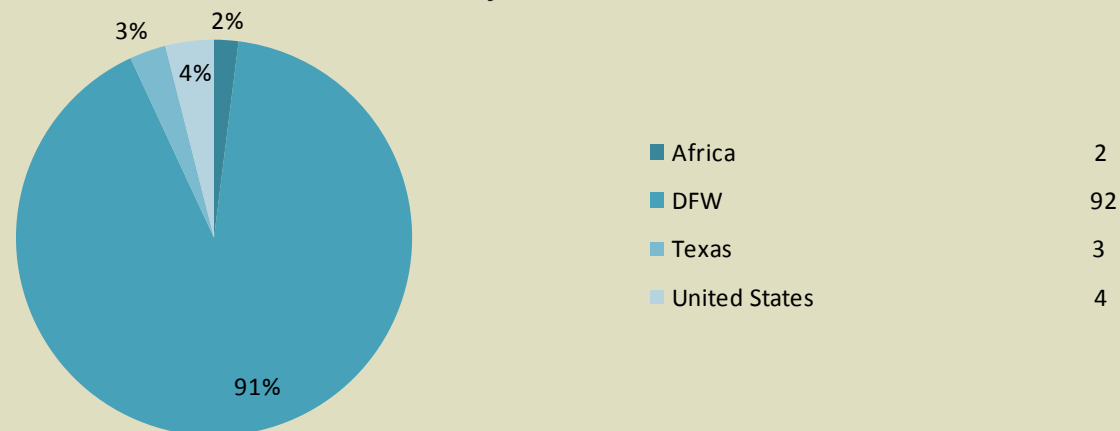
Distribution of the Number of Grants by Program Area



Distribution of the Number of Grants by Support Type



Distribution of the Number of Grants by Location



References

Photo Sources

Central Dallas Ministries

Cook, Adrian

Educational First Steps

Happy Hill Farm

Irving Cares

Mercy Ships

Mercy Street

Pine Cove Christian Camps

University of Texas at Dallas Center for BrainHealth

Voice of Hope

Mission Statement Sources

Central Dallas Ministries

Happy Hill Farm

Irving Cares

Mercy Ships

Mercy Street

Pine Cove Christian Camps

University of Texas at Dallas Center for Brain Health

Voice of Hope



The Rees-Jones Foundation
5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 1603
Dallas, Texas 75225