



HOLLOWAY FAMILY FOUNDATION

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Welcome to our inaugural foundation newsletter! We hope to engage you, as trustees, in the foundation's latest efforts, news, and accomplishments including seasonal goals and outreach, updates on our partners, and an overall pulse on research and philanthropy. Enjoy!

Board Meeting 2019 Recap

Thank you to all the trustees who were able to attend the annual board retreat in April. We were able to spend a day traveling to site visits to learn more about some of our nonprofit partners. The board meeting was productive, **approving 48 total grants, including 5 brand new partnerships**, for a total of **\$463,800** to support organizations who are committed to providing programs for workforce development towards financial security, creative arts for low-income children, and mentorship opportunities.

The trustees also created a new initiative at this year's meeting to recognize community leaders in the non-profit sector with an **individual award of \$5,000** each! All present board members submitted two nominations and the winners were randomly drawn. **The 2019 recipients are (1) Chad Houser, Founder, CEO and Executive Chef of Café Momentum, and (2) HaeSung Han & Jennifer Tinker, co-founders and co-CEOs of POETIC.** Scroll to the last page of the newsletter to learn more & help us name this award!

Grantee SPOTLIGHT:

On April 16th, POETIC, a Dallas nonprofit focused on providing aftercare for girls who have been sexually exploited and trafficked, won "The Pitch" of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas for the title of **Social Innovator of the Year** as well as \$75,000!

Learn more at iampoetic.org

Conferences & Convenings



[Pictured: AFN member Jennyfer Lee & AFN Director, Joe Antolin, at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, Texas]

Valerie and Jenny attended the **Asset Funders Network (AFN)** conference in San Antonio, TX, in May. The conference theme, “Accelerating Ideas into Action,” focused speakers and discussions around racial and gender equity among the current economic climate. Plan of action for funders included seeking organizations that are supporting these efforts, convening with other funders to create larger impact, and advocating for policy change.

Over the last few years, AFN has published several reports focused on the current economic reality and its impact on society, the most recent of which explores the wealth gap for millennial women. These series of briefs offer “unique opportunity for philanthropy to support and pioneer groundbreaking work that can lead to a more economically just and inclusive society.”

To read more, click below:

[Clipped Wings: Closing the Wealth Gap for Millennial Women](#)

On June 26th & 27th, Valerie and Jenny attended the **National Fund for Workforce Solutions** at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, TX. “The Time is Now” was a unique convening included workforce development professionals, employers, frontline workers, and funders. Some of the highlighted topics of discussion around critical workforce issues included racial equity, transportation barriers, and the role of employers as active players for change. A common catchphrase throughout the event was: “A tight job market is a terrible thing to waste,” derived from a recent essay in response to the unprecedented economic growth and income inequality.

The innovative idea of supporting early childhood programs as investments in workforce development was reiterated throughout the conference, with equal emphasis placed on improving adult education for career pathways. To learn more, visit <https://nationalfund.org>.



ON JUNE 6TH, THE UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS RECOGNIZED **VALERIE H. SKINNER** WITH THE 2019 INDIVIDUAL INCOME AWARD.

The Income Award is presented to an organization or individual that is passionate about providing North Texans pathways out of poverty. Read below for their remarks from the day:

“Our individual recipient has served as a member of the Pathways to Work Advisory Group and has unwavering determination to promote economic stability for all North Texans. Her family foundation recognizes that having a living wage job not only provides economic stability to individuals and their families, but also gives people a sense of personal worth that comes from contributing to the greater good of society as a whole.”

Valerie was nominated unanimously by United Way staff for her outstanding work to promote economic stability for North Texans.

Congratulations, Valerie!



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Philanthropy Roundtable 2019 Annual Meeting

October 23-25 / Carlsbad, CA

Interested in attending? Contact Jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org for registration information.

HFF Book Club

In an effort to stay in touch with the latest narrative regarding philanthropy, the workforce, socioeconomic issues and other relevant topics pertaining to our work, we created this—completely informal—space to share what we have found enlightening and welcome any and all to engage. A couple of favorites for this season:

The Alternative: Most of what you believe about poverty is Wrong by Mauricio L. Miller

Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World by Anand Giridharadas

We would also love to hear from other trustees and highlight any recommendations here! Feel free to send any titles/authors you would like to share with the board to Jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org to be included in the subsequent newsletter.

ACTION ITEMS for the Board

LOOK HERE FOR ITEMS THAT REQUIRE YOUR FEEDBACK AND/OR INPUT REGARDING UPCOMING FOUNDATION DECISIONS... AND THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE!

- ❖ As mentioned above, two **Individual Awards** were created and approved by the trustees at the board meeting in April to be a new annual grant initiative. The awards will recognize persons in our non-profit community that exemplify extraordinary leadership with the idea that the amount may be spent per the discretion of the recipient (i.e. continuing education, travel, etc). We would love to hear from you regarding the following details of this new initiative:

What should we call the award and its purpose?

For example: "HFF Leadership Recognition Award: Recognizing leaders that have demonstrated excellence, innovation, and dedication in the non-profit community"

When should we distribute them?

- ASAP/summer?
- December/holidays?

Please send your thoughts and feedback to
jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org

- ❖ There have been some updates to our grant software aimed at improving the **Evaluator experience**. Hooray!

If you feel so inclined to check it out and learn more [click HERE](#). If not, don't worry— you will have more reminders about this prior to the 2020 grant cycle!

- ❖ Last, but certainly not least, Valerie and Jenny have recently learned more about the **Texas Education Grantmakers Advocacy Consortium (TEGAC)**, a state-wide collaboration focused on unifying grantmakers "to change public education policy in Texas and, maybe even more importantly, changing how philanthropy more broadly approaches public policy." With such a positive response from the trustees regarding the foundation getting more involved in policy at the board meeting, we are interested in this collaborative to stay apprised of current legislation and get more involved. TEGAC focuses on "cradle to career," aligning with our focus in workforce development. We encourage you to learn more at www.tegac.org and let us know your thoughts on this topic!