



# HOLLOWAY FAMILY FOUNDATION

## SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Foundation newsletter! We hope to engage you, as members of the Board, 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!

### Great Times in Grapevine

The 2022 Annual Board Meeting took place earlier this month in Grapevine, Texas. The weekend began with a funders' convening in Fort Worth on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, for the Funders Roundtable on Education. Valerie serves as the Co-Chair for the Roundtable this year and was able to share the experience of this quarterly meeting with the HFF Board of Directors. Valerie was the moderator for an engaging conversation with local leaders around accelerating the city's economic and



*[Above: Holloway Family Foundation Board of Directors]*

*attending the Funders Roundtable on Education in Fort Worth, TX]*

education goals since Covid. The guest panel included [Mayor Mattie Parker](#) of the City of Fort Worth, Lyn Lucas and Lauren Richard with [Camp Fire First Texas](#), [Dr. Bill Coppola](#) representing Tarrant County College, and Natalie Williams, Executive Director at [T3 Partnership](#).



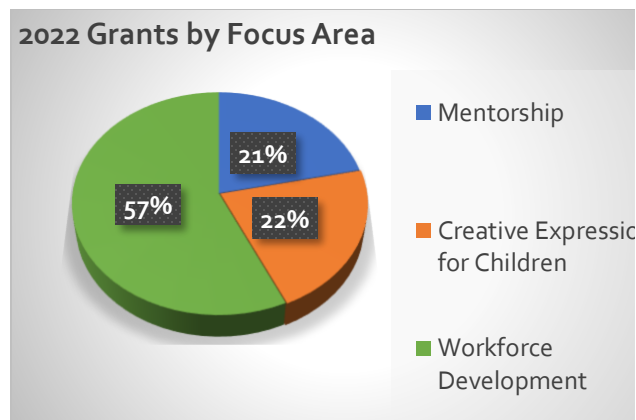
*[Left to Right: Valerie Skinner, Natalie Williams, Bill Coppola, Lauren Richard, Lyn Lucas, & Mayor Mattie Parker at The Fort Worth Club on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022]*

The experts discussed the current landscape of workforce and education, including ongoing challenges such as childcare and innovative models such as apprenticeships. Mayor Parker shared the importance of private-public partnerships to achieve goals such as increased employer engagement for career pathways and development, and the need for all parent and

community voices to be present at public (city, school board/district) meetings in order to hear the needs that the majority of families are facing during these times. It was a robust conversation that highlighted the impactful work that strong partnerships can make, while encouraging more action from philanthropy and local government to tackle the ongoing challenges of quality childcare, alternative pathways to career, and improving key metrics in the local education system. We are so grateful to have been able to share this network and learn alongside our members of the HFF Board!

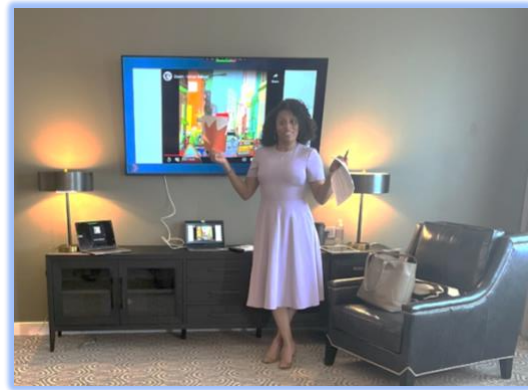
### 2022 Grantmaking Summary

This year the board approved **\$654,000** to **51 grantees**, including 15 new applicants and 36 returning applicants, 5 of which were awarded multi-year funding. This is *in addition to* the 20 multi-year grants from 2021 that are now in their second year of funding (totaling \$219,500), for a total annual grant distribution of \$873,500.



Thank you, all, for your patience and dedication to forward the foundation’s mission through intentional partnerships. All applicants will be notified of these decisions by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### Equity & Impact



The HFF Annual Board Meeting weekend also included an opportunity to learn from Enisha Shropshire, Founder & Chief Impact Officer of Vector Strategies based in Dallas, Texas. Enisha led HFF Board members and staff through a training focused on the intersection of equity and impact in philanthropy, and how to be aware of (and avoid) unintended consequences while doing this work. She utilized a group activity to highlight the significance of perspective and the influence it has on everything from communication and decision-making to strategy and outcomes.

A huge thanks to Enisha for sharing her time and expertise with us!



[Left: HFF Board Members work on a group activity]

## GRANTEE HIGHLIGHTS: ANOTHER MEMORABLE NIGHT AT "THE PITCH"...

JUST AS POETIC DID IN 2019, TWO ADDITIONAL HFF PARTNERS PARTICIPATED IN THE FINAL ROUND OF UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS' COMPETITION FOR THE TITLE OF SOCIAL INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR ON APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022



### Wesley-Rankin Aspiring Professionals

"Kids in West Dallas aren't getting the skills they need to make a higher income beyond their minimum wage jobs."

Wesley-Rankin Aspiring Professionals is a pre-apprenticeship program for high school students that seeks to improve workplace readiness while addressing low living wages.



### The Artist Outreach

"Music and dance can have an incredible impact on children's learning."

The Artist Outreach partners with schools to teach academic concepts to early elementary students using creative arts-based activities, including music and dance.

Valerie was able to attend The Pitch and cheer on our nonprofit partners during their live pitch to the judges. Although neither won the top prize, Wesley-Rankin walked away with the Audience Choice Award and we could not be more proud of both leaders for the incredible job they did in sharing their organization's mission, impact, and dreams for the future. CONGRATS!

## HFF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

### SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> -29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

We are trying something new! Please mark your calendars for next year's annual meeting, location TBD. Per usual, *the Thursday before (4/27) and the Sunday after (4/30) will be reserved for travel.*

If you already have a conflict with these dates, or if you encounter one along the way, please email [jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org) at your convenience to let her know. THANK YOU!



[Above: the beautiful spread created by [Chef Derricka](#) at our 2022 Board Meeting]

# 2022 CONFERENCES

## DATES

SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Oakland, CA

[Asset Funders Network Biennial Grantmakers Conference](#)

OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Minneapolis, MN

[Exponent Philanthropy Annual Conference](#)

OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Palm Beach, FL

[Philanthropy Roundtable Annual Meeting](#)

NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Washington, DC

[Workforce Matters Fall Convening](#)

If you have an interest in attending any of these in-person convenings, please email [jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org) for details.



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## HFF BOOK CLUB

*The Accommodation: The Politics of Race in an American City*

By Jim Schutze

*Dirty Work: Essential Jobs and the Hidden Toll of Inequality in America*

By Eyal Press

[Brookings'](#) Recommended Reading:

*The Black Agenda: Bold Solutions for a Broken System*

By Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman