



# HOLLOWAY FAMILY FOUNDATION

## SPRING 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. This includes seasonal goals and outreach, updates on our partners, and an overall pulse on research and philanthropy.



This has been a common theme within the philanthropy community over the last few months, so it seems fitting to highlight in our spring newsletter! From our [focus on equity](#) to following policy updates for the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session (read more about key priorities [here](#) and [here](#)), much of the work is about maintaining a steady, consistent focus on the end goal. For most foundations, this goal is at the heart of its mission statement; realizing that this vision may not be reached within our

lifetime but is nonetheless the privilege and priority of any philanthropic agenda. This includes adapting to new challenges or confronting the latest data and trying to create even the smallest shift to reimagining how philanthropy serves its community and in what ways it can do more or do better. These seemingly small steps, incremental shifts, and individual conversations are the seeds that we can plant to reveal and support new growth and opportunity for positive impact on the lives and communities around us.

### 2023 HFF Annual Board Meeting

April 28-29<sup>th</sup>

Dallas, Texas

[The W Dallas - Victory Hotel](#)





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## Relationships at the Root of Trust-Based Philanthropy

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This season at the Foundation is filled with reconnecting with partners new and old via site visits, Zoom meetings, and applicant support as we prepare for our annual grant cycle. Valerie has always steered the foundation to maintain contact with its nonprofit partners— whether in person, virtually, or by phone—throughout the grant process, creating a relationship with each organization over the years. This concept is now recognized as an integral part of [trust-based philanthropy](#) and a critical component of equitable grantmaking.

We are grateful for the time and preparation that each nonprofit shares with us during these scheduled encounters, and equally grateful for Valerie’s ongoing commitment to uphold these relationships. We look forward to sharing this experience with the Board of Directors by continuing the tradition of incorporating site visits into the agenda at our annual board meeting every spring.

*“At its core, trust-based philanthropy is about addressing power imbalances and shifting our culture and practices so that nonprofits have the time, space, and support they need in order to advance their work.”*

– National Center for Family  
Philanthropy



### Meet, Yazmyn!

We are so excited to have Yazmyn Carter as part of the team as HFF’s 2023 Spring Intern.

Our part-time, paid internship is in partnership with the [Light Up the World Mentorship Program](#) at the Werthing Foundation. We asked Yazmyn to introduce herself and share a little bit about her interest in the internship and her experience thus far:

*When I first started my internship with the Holloway Family Foundation, I had just wiggled my feet into the world of non-profit organizations. Before I was accepted into my current position, I was granted the opportunity to intern with the Light Up the World Werthing Foundation. I have been a member of the organization for two years and have had many professional development opportunities thanks to them. The foundation offered me a chance to apply for a nonprofit internship for the upcoming Fall semester, and that is how I was introduced to the Holloway Family Foundation.*

*While I did not get the Fall position, the foundation was generous enough to extend an opportunity for me to work with them in the Spring. I loved the work the foundation was doing, and I was excited to read that they were interested in funding underprivileged communities and cultivating the youth's creative expression. Even though I couldn't get the initial position, I was able to intern with Light Up the World for the Fall, which made me more comfortable with transitioning into my new role at the Holloway Family Foundation.*

*I chose to apply to this non-profit internship to gain valuable professional work experience and to expand my network, while also deepening my understanding of the issues faced by different communities. Through this internship, I hoped to make a positive impact on the world and contribute to the mission of the organization, while also developing my skills and knowledge in the non-profit sector. By working closely with other professionals in the field, I aimed to gain a broader perspective on the challenges non-profit organizations are facing and develop new strategies for addressing them. Ultimately, I hope to use this experience to further my career goals and make a meaningful difference in the world, especially for today's youth. I look forward to connecting with everyone, I am so grateful for this opportunity and will be sure to make the most of it for the rest of my time here! -Yazmyn Carter*



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## A LOOK AHEAD: 2023 FALL CONVENINGS

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- October 17- 20 Philanthropy Southwest Annual Meeting  
[Lost Pines Resort, TX](#)
- October 17 -20 Exponent Philanthropy Annual Conference  
[Baltimore, MD](#)
- October 25-27 Philanthropy Roundtable Annual Meeting  
[Terranea Resort, CA](#)

If you are interested in attending or would like more information about any of the events listed above, please email [jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:jenny@hollowayfamilyfoundation.org).

## HFF Book Club

The Shape of Sound

By Fiona Murphy